



AUVGC Newsletter

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Victoria Golf Club



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Editor's Corner

Hi everyone,

Well, it's been a really busy month for our club, and particularly the committee, with both the Sydney/Melbourne challenge and the Kilmore game to organise.

We had a ball at Wagga Wagga. The freezing morning weather didn't dampen our enthusiasm. Once the sun came out, it was magic!

We started our weekend off with a 9-hole social game on the Saturday and the official comp was on Sunday.

We had 29 players and 2 visitors, in what turned out to be a very close competition.

We just pipped Sydney by a fraction. But, a win is a win!

They'll be out to get us next year—mark my words!

Check out the results on page 4/5.

I would like to thank the Melbourne players that contributed in making the weekend such a success.

Hopefully next year, we can encourage more of you to attend with your partners.

This is the last newsletter until September, as Slawko and I are heading off to Europe & Norway for a break. The trip is particularly special as we will be attending the 100-year Plast celebration in Lviv.

Hope to see you all at the September game and the AGM.

PS—If anyone would like to give some thought to putting their name up for a committee role, please don't be shy!

It would be great to see some new blood in the committee. One of the vacant roles we have is Secretary. Could someone please consider taking on this role? It is not fair to turn a blind eye and let someone else take on the responsibility!

A special thank you must go to Ross Merunovich and his son Mark who kindly donated some items that were given out at Wagga Wagga to all the participants, in memory of Kon Medway.

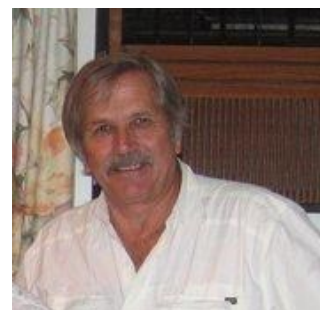
It was a lovely thought and it was appreciated by all recipients, especially the Sydney players. Thanks George for organising it.

Ross and Mark also donated some prizes, which we will be handing out at our monthly games.

Marijka Kohut



Condolences



Our condolences to the family and friends of Brian Lucas, who passed away on 12 June.

He was a member of the Ukrainian Golf Club Geelong since its formation and has played in excess of 200 games. He also joined the AUVGC over the last few years and played with us.

Our thoughts are also with both the Furyk family and the Podolczak family on the recent passing of their mothers.

We wish Roman Zachariak a speedy recovery after recently taking ill on holiday in Ukraine.


I am sure he is grateful to be back in Australia with his family and friends, for his recuperation.

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July game—Melton

Date	29 July 2012
Where	Melton Golf Course
Meeting	8.15am - 2 tees
Cost	\$30
Game	Stableford



**Annual presentations & BBQ
after the game**

August game—Goonawarra

Date	26 August 2012
Where	Goonawarra Golf Course
Meeting	7.30am
Cost	\$25
Game	2-ball Ambrose



Is this you?

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level.

I described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7km through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles.

I got sand in my shoes, eyes and hair.

I avoided standing on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills.

I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees.

The mental stress of it all left me shattered.

At the end of it all I drank eight beers"

Inspired by the story, the doctor said,

"You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied,

"I'm just a shitty golfer".

Captain's Report — Melbourne/Sydney Challenge

The Queen's birthday weekend has come around again and yes it is the annual Melbourne Sydney challenge in Wagga Wagga.

Sydney arrived with 13 players and Melbourne with 18 to the wonderful Wagga Wagga Country Club. The morning was very cold, more like frozen -- yes the ice was thick on the car -2° overnight to be more specific, but the sun was out and it had burned the frost off by 9 am and left a glorious day - not a cloud in the sky and not a breath of wind; perfect golfing conditions. The Wagga Wagga Country Club presented in fantastic condition to play and quite testing to the average golfer.

The rivalry between the Melbourne and Sydney players was as always at its highest level first up in the morning but we all settled down to a wonderful day of golfing. To say the best in the end Melbourne was victorious and defeated Sydney by a narrow margin to retain the shield and one of our late inclusions Steve Opar was triumphant by top scoring and winning the Myron Shymko trophy.

I believe that everyone who attended enjoyed the weekend, the company and the camaraderie and we are all looking forward to the next Melbourne / Sydney challenge.

Roman Popowycz

Captain's Report — Kilmore

Kilmore golf course was in very good condition - very surprising for the amount of rain that we had over the past few weeks in Melbourne this course soaked it up well. It was good to see 21 brave players ready to take on the course.

Some of our players were worried about the weather before the day, but the weather god loves us as and was very kind to turn on such a nice day.

Playing conditions were very good as can be seen in some of the scores, the company was great and the laughs kept rolling in thanks to Steve Opar and Gerry Romanyk and that bloke that we met on the 15th tee wearing camel coloured shorts with long white socks and gray long johns that we couldn't stop talking about at the 19th hole which was open and well appreciated by all.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next game which includes our annual presentations.

Roman Popowycz

Results — Melbourne/Sydney Challenge

29 players + 2 visitors braved the cold mornings at Wagga Wagga Country Club on 9/10 June 2012.

Melbourne beat Sydney by 0.367 pts.

Interstate Champion—(Ron Shymko trophy)

Steve Opar 37 pts 33 hcp

Melbourne runner-up Michael Kwas (36) 27 hcp
Sydney runner-up George Bulyk (35) 27 hcp

Grade Winners

A Grade

Mike Brecko 33 pts 16 hcp

Runner-up Lou Karfut

B Grade

Jake Stawiski 34 pts 18 hcp

Runner-up John Semaniuk

C Grade

Jerry Cymbalak 31 pts 25 hcp

Runner-up Roman Popowycz

Feature holes

NTP (2)	Wally Kolody
NTP (7)	Jake Stawiski
NTP (10)	John Semaniuk
NTP (14)	Wally Kolody
NTP (18)	Phil Wallace
D&C (9)	Todd Farmer)
Longest drive (17)	Jake Stawiski

Scratch Winner (best score off the stick)



Results —Kilmore—24 June 2012

Total of 21 players

Feature hole winners

NTP	7	Tony Kastropil
NTP	10	Eugene Michaelson
NTP	12	George Makohon
NTP	17	Roman Popowycz
D&C	8	Roman Popowycz
L/Drive	3	Lou Karfut

Winner A Grade

(0—22)

Paul Teres	36 pts	- hcp 22
Runner-up	John Semaniuk—count-back from Slawko Kohut	

Winner B Grade

(23—40)

Roman Popowycz	40 pts—hcp 26
Runner up	Steve Opar

Ball Comp— Steve Opar, John Semaniuk, Slawko Kohut, Tony Kastropil, George Makohon, Michael Kwas, Greg Anolak, Michael Lesiw, Michael Charenko, Richard Lyszcza.

2013 Club Championship—Tocumwal

Details for **Club Championship** are as follows:

Saturday 23 March: Tee off at 10.52 am on Captain's course
Sunday 24 March: Tee off at 11.00 am on President's course

Accommodation:

Although the Championships are a fair way off, **we strongly advise you to book as early as possible if you wish to stay with the main Club grouping.**

We have organised accommodation in a number of places, with an exclusive booking for the Uki Golf Club for a short period of time.

A. Kingswood Motel & Apartments:-

A mix of motel and one/two bedroom apartment styles of accommodation with various bed type configurations (some with full kitchens). There are 21 motel/bedroom units available, all of which will be set aside exclusively for the golf club for a period of 3 months (from October the rooms will be available to the general public). This venue is large enough to accommodate most of our group. A BBQ area and 2 BBQs will be available to us. Cost is \$55 per person, with breakfast, on twin/multiple share basis.

Contact: - Yvonne Bray on 03 5874 2444, mention that you are from the Ukrainian Golf Club.—Maybe booked under Michael Masendycz's name.

Address: - Cnr Barooga Rd & Kelly Sts
The location is a 10 minute walk from the Tocumwal Golf Club

B. Greenways Holiday Units:-

A mix of one/two bedroom fully self contained apartments (9 in total).
Cost is \$90 per couple plus \$20 per extra person in 2 bedroom, \$90 per couple in one bedroom.

Again, exclusively held for the Uki Golf Club until October.

Contact: Bevis McCarthy on 03 5874 2882, mention that you are from the Ukrainian Golf Club

Address: - Cnr Cobram & Kelly St, a 7-minute walk from the golf club, 3 minutes from Kingswood Motel.

C. Other accommodation available:

Eliza's on the Murray, 9 units, \$100 upward, tel: 5874 2699

Various motel & pubs in town



Handicaps—July 2012

Golf Link handicaps indicative only. Golf Link members must check their handicap immediately prior to AUVGC game.

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GL HCP July 2nd	AUVGC exact	AUVG HCP
1	ANDRUS Michael	3		17.6	18
2	ANOLAK Greg	236	11.3		
3	CHARENKO Mykola	229	18.1		
4	CHARUCKYJ Leon	147		19.6	20
5	CIACH Stan	45	17.7		
6	CYMBALAK Jerry	242		24.7	25
7	CYMBALAK Ray	217		30.7	31
8	FELNIAK Steve	54		18.6	19
9	FLUNT Myron	11		35.6	36
10	GALAS Ray	219		23.1	23
11	GALAS Steve	246	20.8		
12	GEMBAROVSKI Michael	134		17.4	17
13	HLUCHANIC Andrij	226		19.7	20
14	HORBAN Richard	154		27.4	27
15	HOROCH Greg	139	10.5		
16	HUBIK Steve	72		26.9	27
17	KALENJUK Slawko	31			--
18	KARFUT Lou	209	13.7		
19	KASTROPIL Tony	245		15.3	15
20	KINASH Steve	46		22.3	22
21	KOHUT Marijka	95		26.1	26
22	KOHUT Slawko	103		20.9	21
23	KOHUT Steven Jnr	75	6.2		
24	KOHUT Steven Snr	107		20.2	20
25	KOLODY Wally	236	13.6		
26	KOWALCZUK Steve	38	30.3		
27	KWAS Matt	51		30.6	31
28	KWAS Michael	239		26.5	27
29	LESIW Lydia	20	23.5		
30	LESIW Michael	24	23.4		
31	LESIW Paul	17	25.2		
32	LYSZCZARZ Richard	225	14.2		
33	MAKOHON George	312	13.8		
34	MASENDYCZ Michael	108	16.9		
35	MASENDYCZ Peter	95	18.6		
36	MAZUR Alex	155	9.4		
37	MELNYCHUK Alex	3		24.4	24
38	MERUNOVICH Myroslaw	26		32.6	33
39	MICHAELSEN Liz	3		45.4	45
40	MICHAELSEN Eugene	3	20.4		
41	MYRONIUK Bohdan	5		36.4	45*

Handicaps—July 2012

42	NIEMCZYK Stan	37	33.3	
43	OPAR Steve	126	30.6	31
44	ORFINI Wally	244	32.8	33
45	PODOLCZAK Nick	193	31.6	32
46	PODOLCZAK Steve	211	29.9	30
47	POPERECHNY Bob	162	36.4	40**
48	POPOWYCZ Roman	103	25.2	25
49	RADYWYL Ihor	157	8.7	
50	ROMANYK Gerry	251	21.5	
51	RUDEWYCH Victor	113		--
52	SADOWY John	115	16.1	
53	SARTORI Robert	161	31.6	32
54	SEMANIUK John	269	17.7	
55	SENIW Pawlo	181	30.0	30
56	SLYWKA Roman	95	33.2	
57	TERES Paul	15	21.0	
58	WHITTINGTON John	16		--
59	WITYK Mick	108	20.9	21
60	WOLOSHENKO Sasha	12	36.4	45*
61	ZACHARIAK Roman	124	26.3	26

* Special development handicap

** Handicapper discretion

Top 10 handicaps

As at 2 July, the ten best handicaps were:

1. Steven Kohut Jnr 6.2
2. Ihor Radywyl 8.7
3. Alex Mazur 9.4
4. Greg Horoch 10.5
5. Greg Anolak 11.3
6. Wally Kolody 13.6
7. Lou Karfut 13.7
8. George Makohon 13.8
9. Richard Lyszcza 14.2
10. Tony Kastropil 15.3

Message from the Happy Handicapper

As it is the end of our 'playing year' (recently changed to a 'financial year' basis) it will be interesting to look at handicaps and results, particularly as we are now two full years into the new handicapping system. We converted to the new system in May 2010 and since then, in round figures, we have had 60 members.

Of these members:

- 50% have a Golf Link card
- 50% of the non-Golf Link players have played the system-required 20 rounds
- Consequently, 75% of the club members are experiencing the full implementation of the new handicapping system
- In terms of participation in club games over that period, 53% were Golf Link holders compared to 47% non-Golf Link
- In relation to monthly results, 60% of the winners were Golf Link holders compared to 40% non-Golf Link. This disproportionate win percentage is possibly explained by the fact that Golf Link holders are playing more frequently than the non-Golf Link.
- Of all the trophies won over that period there were 34 different winners out of 67 trophies awarded
- Multiple winners of trophies: 8 players were dominant with one player having 5 wins and two players having 4 wins.

Michael Masendycz

Best Aggregate score—after June game

This competition will be run on an annual basis, July to June, for singles handicap games. Points will be awarded for the top five place getters, irrespective of grade, at the rate of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The player with the highest number of points after the June game will be awarded the 'Best Aggregate Score' Trophy.

Best Aggregate Scores after June game:

- 21 points:** Lydia Lesiw (5)(5)(1)(2)(4)(4)
15 points: Slawko Kohut (1)(5)(1)(1)(4)(3)
10 points: Wally Orfini (5)(3)(2),
9 points: Ross Merunovich (1)(4)(4)
8 points: Steve Kowalczyk (3)(5), Michael Lesiw (2)(3)(3)
7 points: Michael Masendycz (2)(5)
6 points: Paul Lesiw (1)(5), Richaed Horban (5)(1), Andrew Hluchanic (1)(5), Tony Kastropil (4)(2), Jerry Cymbalak (3)(3)
5 points: Ray Cymbalak (5), S Kohut Snr (5), Roman Zachariak (2)(3), Gerry Romanyk (5), Michael Kwas (5), Paul Seniw (5), Roman Popowycz (5)
4 points: Peter Masendycz (4), Stan Niemczyk (4), Greg Anolak (3)(1), Michael Gembarovski (4), Steve Kohut Jnr (1)(1)(1)(1), Steve Opar (4)
3 points: Wally Kolody (2)(1), Alex Mazur (1)(2), Myron Flunt (3), Stan Ciach (2)(1), Mykola Charenko (2)(1), Paul Teres (3), John Semaniuk (3)
2 points: Leon Charuckyj (2), Marijka Kohut (2)
1 point: John Sadowy (1), Steve Galas (1), George Makohon (1)

The winner of the inaugural 'Best Aggregate Score' Trophy is Lydia Lesiw (21 points), with the runner-up being Slawko Kohut (15 points).

37 players managed to score at least one point. Leaderboard (top six scores) dominated by 20+ handicappers.

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Birthday Greetings—July

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