



# AUVGC Newsletter

Association of Ukrainians in  
Victoria Golf Club



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## Editor's Corner

Hi everyone,  
We had 31 players compete in the Match Play qualifying round and 29 players attend the AGM after the game.

Firstly, thanks to Wally Kolody for putting on the BBQ. I know it was difficult to feed everyone given the time constraints with the impending AGM. Much appreciated Wally!

Thanks also to both Michael Charenko and Roman Zachariak for stepping up into the roles of Chairman and Secretary respectively to assist in the official proceedings of the AGM. You both did a great job.

The new committee members are:

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|-----------------------------|---|
| President                   | Slawko Kohut  |
| Captain                     | Roman Popowycz  |
| Bookings Officer            | George Makohon  |
| Handicapper                 | Michael Masendycz   |
| Treasurer                   | Tony Kastropil  |
| Newsletter & Website editor | Marijka Kohut   |
| Fundraiser                  | <i>(to be a shared responsibility amongst members at the games)</i> |
| Match Play com              | Wally Orfini, John Semaniuk, Michael Kwas                           |
| Secretary                   | tba   |

Our thanks to both Leon Charuckyj and Roman Galas for their work in the roles of Match Committee and Fund-raiser.

It is very unfortunate that no-one volunteered for the role of Secretary. Tony Kastropil kindly offered to 'caretake' the position for one month, but I feel this is totally unfair for him to have to do this as he will be busy stepping up to the role of Treasurer. Is there anyone out there that would be willing to take this role on? I am particularly referring to those members that weren't at the AGM. The role isn't difficult. It involves minute taking at the committee meetings and general correspondence. The only criteria is that you must be computer literate.

Marijka Kohut

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## Next Monthly Game—Gisborne

Date	28 October 2012
Where	Gisborne golf course
Meeting	8.00am - 1 tee
Cost	\$35.00
Game	Match Play Rd 1 & Stableford

## Orion Wenhrynowycz

22/7/1922—5/10/2012

It is with deep regret that I share with you the sad news of the death of one of our eldest members of the golf club,

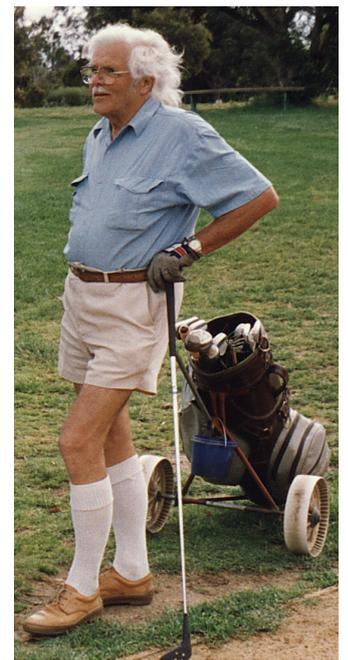
Orion was an active member of Plast, our Hromada, a Director of Dnister and our golf club.

Osija, his daughter mentioned that he was still playing golf right up to his 90th birthday.

I hope that all our members will be able to live up to this milestone.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Osija, Greg and family.

Вічна пам'ять!



## Top 10 handicaps      Best Aggregate Score

At 3 October the ten best handicaps were:

1. Steven Kohut Jnr	7.0
2. Ihor Radywyl	8.3
3. Alex Mazur	9.5
4. Greg Horoch	10.7
5. Greg Anolak	13.0
6. Lou Karfut	14.1
7. Wally Kolody	14.4
8. Tony Kastropil	14.7
9. George Makohon	15.1
10. John Sadowy	16.2

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 September game:

6 points:- Tony Kastropil (2)(4)  
 5 points:- John Sadowy (5), Steve Kowalczyk (5), Paul Lesiw (5)  
 4 points:- Michael Lesiw (4),  
 3 points:- Steve Podolczak (3),  
 2 points:- George Makohon (2), Stan Niemczyk (2), Slawko Kohut (2)  
 1 point:- Jerry Cymbalak (1),

## Subsidies to Members

At this year's AGM, some members were concerned that the committee was hell bent on raising money via raffles etc, but giving nothing back. Unfortunately my poor explanation didn't help, so I thought I would review the actual numbers and report back to you.

Last fixture year 2011/12, the committee decided to start spending some of the money (\$10,000), previously tied up in a long-term interest account, by subsidizing more games and BBQs. As this was the first year for such a blanket subsidy, we had to proceed cautiously.

**The total subsidy for 2011/12 was \$1,345 or approx. \$44.00 per player.**

Pretty good compared to our annual fee of \$35 per member. (\$15 Jul to Dec and \$20 Jan to Jun)

Given some **unexpected income** of almost \$2000 in that period we were in a very good position to increase this year's (2012/13) subsidy.

**The estimate of subsidy for the 2012/13 year is \$3,720 or \$124 per player.**

**Well worth the Annual membership fee of \$40**  
*(Based on an average of 30 players/game)*

This is our planned estimate, but obviously the committee will be monitoring this throughout the year and much will depend on this year's sponsorship

and raffle results. This level of subsidy will soon disappear if we don't have sponsors and don't support raffles.

Our objective in running the raffles based on the fantastic prizes that Golfword provided, is to make us **(the AUVGC – your club)** some money so that we can continue to provide a good level of subsidies into the future. We do not do it because we love to run raffles. Believe me, Marijka has a lot of things she could spend her time on rather than working the raffles (I am talking about the sponsor's gift raffles) to try and keep the money rolling in so that the club members can enjoy cheaper games.

Please remember that our profit last year was purely due to unexpected income of around \$2,000. This came mainly from sponsors and the bag raffle. Without that income we could not sponsor this year's games to the same extent.

I hope this explanation gives you a better understanding of how your committee manages the club's money.

If you have any further queries, or feedback, please feel free to contact me.

Slawko Kohut  
 President

# Acting Captain's Report — Werribee—30/9/2012

Have you ever noticed how busy and hectic the September month can be? I certainly have. What a full-on month this one has been, with so much on the go.

The Royal Melbourne Show was coming to an end and yet I still did not have the opportunity to buy a show bag. The AFL grand final was to be played, and I still could not obtain those elusive grand final tickets.

Our Ukrainian golf club AGM was scheduled after our Sunday game, and our committee positions were all on the line, and in jeopardy. On top of all this, we were subjected to the extra stress of having to play a stroke round in order to qualify for our Match Play. However, as Roman Popowycz would say, against all adversity, 31 brave players fronted up for the challenge.

We were fortunate that the weather was kind to us, and surprisingly, the course was in very good condition. The fairways were a luscious green, and the greens were slick and true. Members agreed unanimously that Werribee should be used again.

As always, all games require a character (or is it a clown?), and Wally Kolody certainly filled that role perfectly with his rainbow coloured pants. Did it help his game? I personally would not rush to buy a pair. (Unless of course I wanted to give the members something to laugh about). Wally in fact found it convenient to NCR his card with 3 holes to go with the excuse that he should get started with the BBQ.

Fortunately, on the day, Wally certainly cooked better than he played, and for this, we are very grateful.

It was unfortunate however, that we had quite a few members who chose to attend weddings rather than our golf game and AGM. Although I am not one who wishes to name and shame, we all know perfectly well that our club captain was one of them. I guess that's why their game suffers.

After the conclusion of our golf and tasteful BBQ, we all gathered in the clubhouse for our match presentation followed by our AGM.

So, until our next game (1<sup>st</sup> round Match Play) at Gisborne Oct 28.

Good health & good golfing.

**George Makohon**

**Acting Captain**

## Results

Total 31 Players (1 no hcp)

### Feature Hole Winners

NTP	3	Mick Masendycz
NTP	8	
NTP	15	Wally Kolody
NTP	17	Stan Ciach
L/Drive		Mark Lyszczarz
D/Chip		Steve Kowalczyk

### Divisional Winners

#### Division 1

Winner	Tony Kastropil 15 Hcp	89/74 Net
Runner up	George Makohon 15 Hcp	90/75 Net

#### Division 2

Winner	Paul Lesiw 26 Hcp	92/66 Net
Runner up	Mick Lesiw 24 Hcp	98/74 Net



### Match Play Qualifiers (15 Players) + Last year's winner Mick Masendycz

Paul Lesiw	66	Richard Lyszczarz	77
Mick Lesiw	74	John Semaniuk	78
Tony Kastropil	74	Steve Kowalczyk	79
George Makohon	75	Stan Ciach	79
Stan Niemczyk	75	Leon Charuckyj	81
Slawko Kohut	75	Pawlo Seniw	83
Mick Charenko	76	Lydia Lesiw	83
Steve Kohut Jnr	77	Mick Masendycz	

# 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

This venue is  
 now totally  
 booked out!

# Handicaps—October 2012

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

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GL HCP Oct 3	AUVGC exact	AUVG HCP
1	ANDRUS Michael	3		17.6	18
2	ANOLAK Greg	236	13.0		
3	CHARENKO Mykola	231	18.8		
4	CHARUCKYJ Leon	150		20.3	20
5	CIACH Stan	47	17.7		
6	CYMBALAK Jerry	244		24.1	24
7	CYMBALAK Ray	220		30.9	31
8	FELNIAK Steve	54		18.6	19
9	FLUNT Myron	12		36.0	36
10	GALAS Ray	221		23.1	23
11	GALAS Steve	249	20.1		
12	GEMBAROVSKI Michael	134		17.4	17
13	HLUCHANIC Andrij	228		20.6	21
14	HORBAN Richard	154		27.4	27
15	HOROCH Greg	141	10.7		
16	HUBIK Steve	72		26.9	27
17	KALENJUK Slawko	31			--
18	KARFUT Lou	212	14.1		
19	KASTROPIL Tony	248		14.7	15
20	KINASH Steve	46		22.3	22
21	KOHUT Marijka	96		27.1	27
22	KOHUT Slawko	104		18.6	19
23	KOHUT Steven Jnr	76	7.0		
24	KOHUT Steven Snr	110		20.2	20
25	KOLODY Wally	238	14.4		
26	KOWALCZUK Steve	40	30.3		
27	KWAS Matt	51		30.6	31
28	KWAS Michael	241		26.2	26
29	LESIW Lydia	22	23.5		
30	LESIW Michael	26	23.5		
31	LESIW Paul	19	25.6		
32	LYSZCZARZ Mark	3		36.4	36
33	LYSZCZARZ Richard	228	16.9		
34	MAKOHON George	315	15.1		
35	MASENDYCZ Michael	110	17.4		
36	MASENDYCZ Peter	97	18.4		
37	MAZUR Alex	155	9.5		
38	MELNYCHUK Alex	3		24.4	24
39	MERUNOVICH Myroslaw	26		32.6	33
40	MICHAELSEN Liz	4		50.4	50*
41	MICHAELSEN Eugene	4	21.1		

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ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GL HCP Oct 3	AUVGC exact	AUVG HCP
42	MYRONIUK Bohdan	5		36.4	45*
43	NIEMCZYK Stan	40	35.5		
44	OPAR Steve	126		30.6	31
45	ORFINI Wally	246		32.8	33
46	PODOLCZAK Nick	194		32.5	33
47	PODOLCZAK Steve	214		29.5	30
48	POPERECHNY Bob	162		36.4	40**
49	POPOWYCZ Roman	105		25.2	25
50	RADYWYL Ihor	159	8.3		
51	ROMANYK Gerry	254	22.5		
52	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			--
53	SADOWY John	117	16.2		
54	SARTORI Robert	161		31.6	32
55	SEMANIUK John	272	16.3		
56	SENIW Pawlo	183		30.0	30
57	SLYWKA Roman	95	33.3		
58	TERES Paul	18	20.1		
59	WHITTINGTON John	16			--
60	WITYK Mick	110		20.9	21
61	WOLOSHENKO Sasha	12		36.4	45*
62	ZACHARIAK Roman	126		26.3	26

Whilst balls were being given/thrown to the best 15 players, Michael Masendycz managed to catch his with his beer! Probably as close to a hole-in-one as he'll ever get!



# High Handicapper's Help Line

By George  
the Bookings Officer

Has it ever occurred to our members that most of our club golfers are what I consider high handicappers? (ie those who have a handicap higher than mine).

I have been aware of this tragedy for some time, and I have also noticed that very few low handicappers in our club (other than myself) have been willing to share their golfing success by passing on voluntary tips which could no doubt help the struggling player.

Last week after again qualifying for our Match Play, and hearing complaints at our AGM on how many of our players are not good enough to qualify and thus experience the joys of Match Play, I decided that I would do my bit in changing this selfish culture. By setting up a Help Line, I will hopefully encourage all members to participate, and by doing so, help each other in passing on their 'what really works' tips.

Whilst I have won many trophies over the years, all members know, (and I must admit) that my game has always fluctuated from very good to good only. However, to the surprise of many jealous members, I have always managed to pull the rabbit out of the hat when least expected. How do I do it? It's actually very simple, and this is what I wish to share with you all.

Whenever my game goes off the boil, I not only look for, but also always find a solution. Throughout the years, I have in fact found many solutions. If you wish to improve, please read on.

The most valuable quick fix tip that I can offer our member today, is to change his/her grip. I did. It helped me. Now I want it to help you. My grip change was based solely on my belief in simplicity. I was truly inspired in the KISS principle. You know. "Keep it simple stupid" and this principle alone helped me find the grip that is so versatile and seldom fails. I call it the "**Cross Your Fingers Grip**".

Don't laugh!!! You haven't tried it yet have you? The beauty of this grip is that we have been using it ever since we were teenyboppers, so crossing your fingers should be natural to all of us. How simple is that? All that you are required to do is to apply the cross your fingers grip to the club.

Now please be serious and read on. I do want to help you.

My suggestion is this:

All hackers should immediately forget about the Vardon grip. It's complicated, out-dated, and obviously does not work for you. Try the Cross Your Fingers Grip today. You have nothing to lose yet so much to gain. I did say that this grip is simple and versatile, and this is why. Simply, take your normal stance (forget about your alignment, with the cross your fingers grip it isn't that important.) and now place your new cross your fingers grip on the club. Here comes the versatility bit.

Whether you are left or right handed, you can use the cross your fingers grip on either your left hand, right hand or even both. (Desperate golfers could even consider adding cross your toes for added assurance)

After the grip is applied to the club all that is required is a selection from 3 simple choices prior to striking of ball which are as follows:

Hit and Hope, Hit and Pray, or Hit and Wish.

Members that have an extremely fast swing might have time to select all 3 choices. I personally found that the Hit and Pray choice gave me a slightly higher success rate, but each to his own.

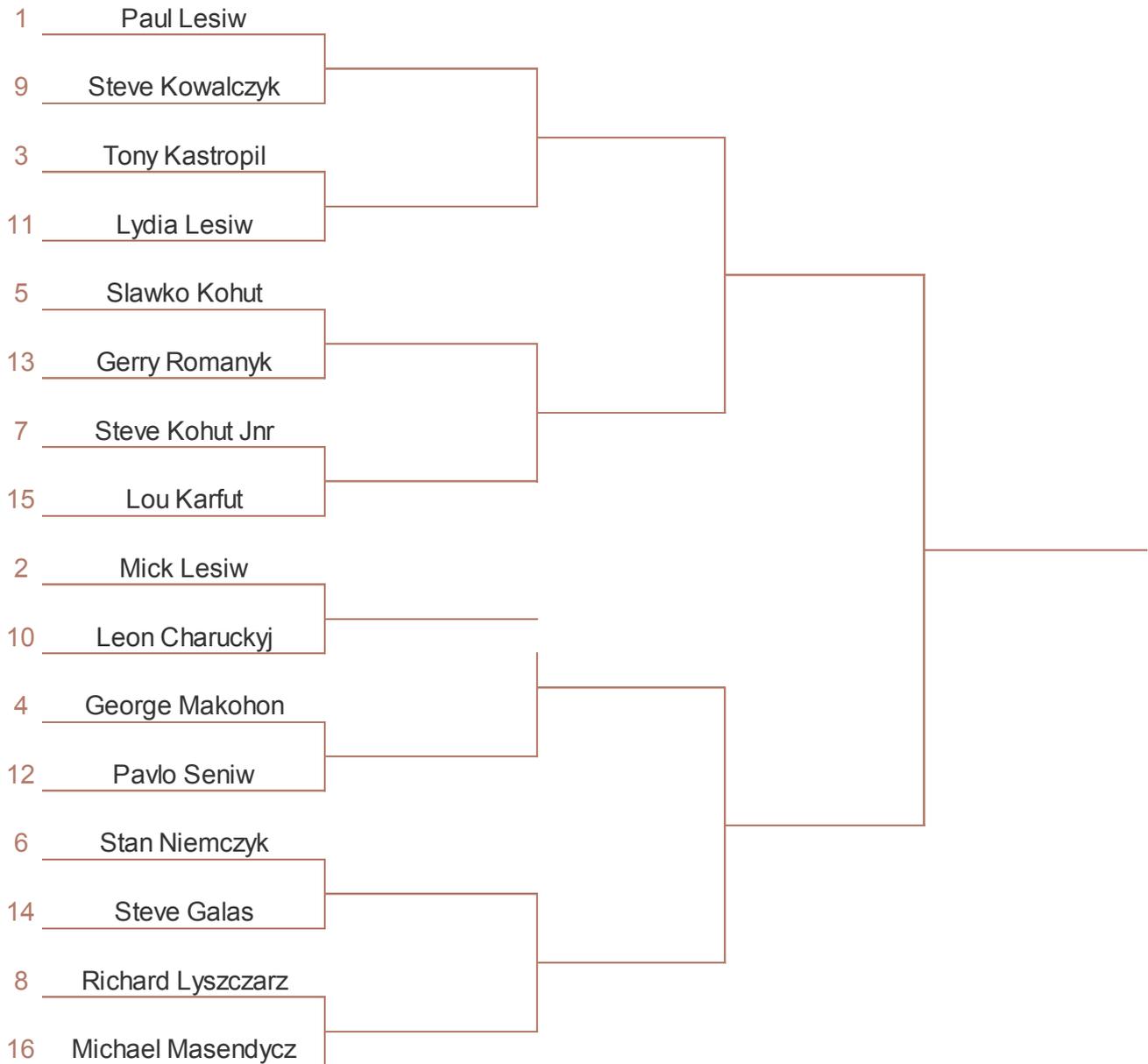
Members who are daring (and desperate enough) to try this quick fix tip will be astonished at their sudden improvement, and I am certain be forever grateful to me. So please give it a try and let us know how you go. I trust that soon we will have a major shift of players back into A grade

Members that discover their own quick fixes are urged not to forget their golfing buddies, but to share their new found secret with them, so please advise the editor of your good news. We're all ears!

Good health & good luck!

# Match Play draw—2012/13

AUVGC MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012/13				
1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	WINNER
28-Oct-12	18-Nov-12	24-Feb-13	28-Apr-13	



# Annual Raffle—2012



Our sponsor, Golf Mart (Golf World) has given us some great prizes for our raffle.

The prizes are as follows:

1. Cleveland XL270 10.5° driver, valued at \$349
2. Odyssey Metal X Putter, valued at \$179
3. Bushnell neo GPS range-finder, valued at \$169

Tickets will be sold at \$5 each and sales will commence at the Werribee game. Winners will be drawn at our December game.

Our thanks go to Roman Popowycz who has been instrumental in establishing a great relationship with Golf Mart.

# Our Sponsors



# Birthday Greetings—October



Michael	Andrus
Ray	Fedoruk
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Steven	Kalenjuk
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