



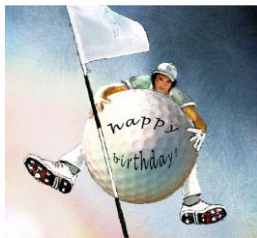
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NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

- Lydia Crombie
- Andrew Hluchanic
- Yuri Karbanenko
- Slawko Kohut

OUR CLUB DEMOGRAPHIC

Age Group	Members	
Under 20	0	0%
21 – 30	6	10%
31 – 40	8	13%
41 – 50	9	15%
51 – 60	5	8%
61 – 70	12	19%
71 – 80	21	34%
81 – 90	1	2%
Total	62	100%

Our average age is now 58, but before the newer members, 62.

Editor’s Corner

Pryvit vsim! / Greetings!

This is “technically” the Ukrainian Christmas edition, unless you celebrate the traditional 6th – 7th January. Slava Isusu Khrystos!



If there are any articles / recipes that you’d like to share, then please email the editor...Peter Casey.

Apologies

I omitted Jerry Cymbalak’s awesome birdie with a monster putt at Gisborne on the Par 5 6th, 460m. I can picture Tony saying “@#\$% off Jerry!”, and Jerry grinning from ear to ear. This might have been the catalyst for Tony Kastropil’s dramatic drop in form after his 13 points for the first four holes, as he scratched this hole and the next. 😊

Unless I know you had a birdie, then how can I publish it!

New Zealand Trip 2025 Update

Maybe Easter is not the best time, maybe September school holidays? Let us know your thoughts if you are interested in going. What time would suit you?



Portarlington Golf Club

24th November, 2024: Players generally travelled for over an hour through the rain to Portarlington, from as far away places as Sunbury, Travencore, Greensborough and Plenty, while others a leisurely drive from Ocean Grove or Clifton Springs. 18 all up. Stefan arrived about an hour early, so he went down to the main street, bought some fishing tackle and then something to eat.

We were all standing around discussing the weather, and were too busy to take photos. Thankfully by the time we were ready to tee-off, it was starting to clear, but it was very muggy, and the pesky flies arrived in dive-bomber formations.

I was privileged to be in the first group, along with Marijka and Wally (cart sharing) and Nick Rudewych. Thankfully I wasn't first to play. Marijka stepped up and hit an okay drive, Wally creamed his down the middle, while Nick and I sliced ours. And then we were off. Needless to say, I got worse, Wally crumbled, Marijka was steady, but Nick...hits a bomb pin high, that he casually tapped in from a couple of metres for a birdie 3 for 4 points. Wow, what a first hole.

Wandering to the second, our first par 3, I hit a mongrel 5 iron and got a friendly bounce onto the green...managed a par. Nick found the bunker, two shots out and 3 putts...I had a 5 he says! Marijka says, "I don't think so!". Oh yeah, I had a 6.

I was explaining to Nick, that if he's got two shots on a par 4, he only needs to be on the green for 4, then two putt to get two points. On the green for less than 4, then you can get some great scores. He said, "I never looked at it that way". Steve Felniak reiterated this to me before the game. 😊

Off to the 3rd, a long par 4...and while there I see the second group have two balls on the green. Damn, who's the bugger playing the yellow ball pinching my NTP! Slawko Kohut!

Tony Kastropil got a birdie on the 3rd by chipping it in from off the fairway. Exceptional shot Tony.

On the par 5 6th...the longest drive! Nick slices his ball OOB. Marijka informed Nick, "You must say the word provisional, before hitting the ball". He hooked 🌀 his "provisional" ball so far left he couldn't find it. Plays another provisional ball for 6, puts his next on the green and one putt. WTF, he picks up one point after all that. Wally, barely makes it past the ladies' tee. I lob up, give mine some extra curry, and top it into the long grass before the ladies, an unplayable penalty and then smack my 3rd reasonably well. Marijka goes to the ladies' tee, and casually smokes a monster drive. The 2nd group saw us standing in the middle of the fairway, and they were thinking, shit, Pete's hit a monster. Both Mick Gembo and Slawko fall short, just. Mick walked over and looked at the marker and said "Bloody hell, Marijka's got the longest drive". Sitting in the club house we later heard that it took one of our players 6 shots to get past Marijka's impressive drive.

On the first drive 'n chip, 13th, I hit a monster, only to not hit my second well, but I get my name on the card. The 2nd group, Mick Gembo hits a great drive too, but his chip was soft! Steve Felniak eventually took out the prize.

Lobbing up to the 17th tee, our last NTP, we can see the ladies tee box, but where're the men's blue markers...around the corner near the dam, of course. Marijka had to play over the water, 💧 splash one. I landed on the green again. I said to Nick, "Where are you aiming? You're aiming at my ball". He double checks and says, no I'm not, and he hits his closer. He said, "You'd try anything to put me off". Well done, Nick.

Onto the 18th, our last Drive 'n Chip...maybe too difficult with the water near the green. While standing on the tee box, we hear a loud thump. Nick walks over and looks onto the 17th to see that bloody yellow ball of Slawko's a few inches from the hole, what a drive, easy birdie. Meanwhile back on the 18th, though there were some monster drives, only Stefan Moskaljuk was crowned the winner for that hole.

Mick Gembo took out Division 1 with 36 points, with a handicap on 17, while Slawko was runner up with 32 points, also on 17 points.

Nick Rudewych took out Division 2 with 42 points with a handicap of 29, while Stefan Moskaljuk was runner up with 34 points with a handicap of 27.


Nick finished on 25 points on the back 9, a wipe, 7 3-points and a 4 pointer. He also had 2 wipes on the front 9. His handicap is going to be much less next game.


Title		Date	Event		Golf LINK No.		Handicap	Result
Player Name		1 NICK RUDEWYCH		29		21	42	
2 PETER CASEY								
Blue		Player		Marker		Red Tees Women		
Meters	Par	Index	1	2	3	4	5	
260	4	15	3	4	1	2	3	
180	3	7	5	1	2	3	4	
357	4	3	6	3	3	4	5	
341	4	5	7	4	4	5	6	
192	3	10	8	2	5	6	7	
467	5	9	9	1	6	7	8	
331	4	8	10	2	7	8	9	
300	4	12	11	3	8	9	10	
433	5	16	12	4	9	10	11	
2801	36	52	17	OUT	12	13	14	
361	4	4	5	3	10	5	2	
473	5	13	6	4	11	6	3	
315	4	6	7	5	12	7	4	
231	4	18	8	6	13	8	5	
386	4	1	9	7	14	9	6	
339	4	2	10	8	15	10	7	
306	4	14	11	9	16	11	8	
90	3	17	12	10	17	12	9	
308	4	11	13	11	18	13	10	
2809	36	43	25	IN	18	14	11	
2801	36	52	17	OUT	12	15	12	
5610	72	95	42	TOTAL	30	16	13	
S/R	70.0			NETT HANDICAP		74	5368	
				NETT SCORE				
Player Signature				Marker Signature				

Birdies for the day:

- Nick Rudewych Par 4 1st 260 metres Two metres from pin high!
- Tony Kastropil Par 4 3rd 357 metres Chipped it in from the fairway. Wow!
- Slawko Kohut Par 3 17th 90 metres Missed the ace, just.

All the results

 PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB 24-November-2024			
	(17 - 21)		
DIVISION 1	Daily Handicap	S'ford Score	
1	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	17	36
2	KOHUT Slawko	17	32
3	KASTROPIL Tony	18	32
4	KARBANENKO Yuri	17	30
5	CASEY Peter	21	30
6	MAKOHON George	21	29
7	KHOURY Tony	17	28
8	CHARUCKYJ Leon	21	25
9	FELNIAK Steve	17	20
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 PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB 24-November-2024			
	(23 - 36)		
DIVISION 2	Daily Handicap	S'ford Score	
1	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	29	42
2	MOSKALIUK Stefan	27	34
3	NOWAK Marek	25	31
4	WASYL Anthony	36	28
5	KOHUT Marijka	23	26
6	ORFINI Wally	29	26
7	DYACHKOV Michael	28	23
8	SELEMBAS Taras	36	22
9	KRIL Tim	36	8
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14			
15			

Stars of the day	
Division 1	Winner
	Runner-Up
Division 2	Winner
	Runner-Up

Feature Holes		
Drive 'n Chip	13th	FELNIAK Steve
Drive 'n Chip	18th	MOSKALIUK Stefan
Longest Drive	6th	KOHUT Marijka
Nearest The Pin	2nd	KOHUT Slawko
Nearest The Pin	5th	KASTROPIL Tony
Nearest The Pin	17th	KOHUT Slawko

Ball Competition	
Cutoff	28
MOSKALIUK Stefan	34
KOHUT Slawko	32
KASTROPIL Tony	32
NOWAK Marek	31
KARBANENKO Yuri	30
CASEY Peter	30
MAKOHON George	29
WASYL Anthony	28
KHOURY Tony	28



Anthony Wasyl, Taras Selemba and Tim Kril



Marijka Kohut, Wally Orfini, Nick Rudewych and Peter Casey



Tony Kastropil, Leon Charuckyj, Mick Gembarovski and Slawko Kohut

Next Game – Yarrambat GC

Date	Sunday 15 th December 2024
Venue	649 Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat Victoria 3091 (03) 9436 2201
Meeting Time	9:00am
Tee Time	9:20am
Game Format	Stableford
Cost	\$45, Visitors \$50 (Includes competition fee)

NOTE: This game is in the middle of the month as some people travel over the Aussie Christmas period.

Players requiring carts will need to make a booking with the pro shop and advise George if they wish to share.

Players must provide proof of membership of a reciprocal rights golf club, then a credit will be raised for the discount.

Remember to book via the website as early as possible, whether you are playing OR unable to play. This helps George immensely. ***Remember to pay early.***

New Members

No new members this month.

We need more women members, does anyone know who might be interested in joining?

Marijka Kohut once wrote:



Adult membership:

- \$100 (first year – includes club shirt when available)
- \$50 every other year

Junior membership is just \$20 per financial year!

Golf Digest

Golf tip: Improve your short game: #3



In the 3rd Edition of the Newsletter in September 2024, I had “some” notes on bunker play on page 4, but either there was not enough information, or basically some members didn’t read it, understand it, or it’s LOFT. 😊 I’ve seen some of our players really struggle once they get into the dreaded bunker, myself included. Sometimes you just feel like swearing and picking up your ball and scratching the hole.

I’ve added several pages on this topic, but the best thing you can do, is go to a golf course that has a practice bunker, and practice. Go to the beach, or get a kid’s sandpit in your backyard, get some plastic golf balls, and practice. It’s not going to help if the last time you played out of the bunker was at your last club monthly game.

How to get out of the bunker the first time, every time

Bunker shot basics

The particular bunker shot covered here is going to be the bunker shot in its most basic and simple form. There are many higher skills to learn with bunker play. This article will cover the very most basic skill to remove the golf ball from the bunker in one swing.

Make sure...DO NOT hit the ball

First of all, it’s important to understand that a well-executed bunker shot is when the golf club doesn’t impact the golf ball at all. On a perfect bunker shot the golf club head itself, enters the sand slightly behind the ball, then continues slightly underneath the golf ball.



Hitting a fairway shot heavy or fat

We’ve all experienced being in the fairway when your club head gets stuck in the ground behind the golf ball when swinging at the ball, this is usually immediately after a monster drive. This is commonly known as a heavy or fat golf shot. This is a result of the club head entering in the ground too far behind the golf ball. A layer of grass and dirt then gets stuck between the golf ball and club face... the golf ball virtually goes nowhere.

Generally speaking, when you hit a heavy golf shot in the fairway you’re not postured up to a proper height within your set-up. It’s very easy to get a little lazy with your posture in the fairway and this results in those heavy shots.

This heavy shot in the fairway would’ve been a perfect shot in the sand trap! You’ve swung hard at the ball but it goes a very short distance because you’ve hit it heavy.

The Perfect sand shot is a heavy golf shot

Knowing this...you can create a very simple bunker shot... you in effect have to hit the ball slightly heavy. As a practice exercise, take your set up in the sand trap with your club head slightly behind the ball & not touching the sand. Feel in your setup position that you're standing at a height that you will catch the ball clean and not heavy. When you're in this posture, feel like you'll catch the ball clean.



Sink with your knees for a simple bunker shot

When you take on a slight bit more knee bend, you're now set up to hit the golf ball heavy. The club head is now destined to hit slightly behind and under the golf ball. This simple adjustment in posture will enable you to swing normally while taking a fairly full swing.

Bunker Shot Setup

Swing long & maintain club head speed in the bunker. With sand shots it's important to always swing with a long swing using more speed than you think.

The length of swing varies of course on how far away your landing spot or target may be. In general terms, it's a good idea to practice a fairly full swing both back and through the ball.



The long bunker shot

Remember... if there is no contact between club face and golf ball. The club head must be traveling with some speed and length to get the ball out of the sand trap.

Trouble shooting

With only the slightest amount of knee bend and a full swing, the golf ball will get out of the sand trap and go a fair distance. If the ball goes too far bend knees slightly more.

As you add more knee bend and the same full swing, the golf ball will get out of the sand trap but with the little less distance.

Add yet even more knee bend with the same full swing, the ball MAY get out of the sand trap but go very short distance.

Adding yet more knee bend with the same full swing, the golf ball would not get out of the sand trap.

Once you find the proper knee bend and apply a full swing, the ball will come out of the sand trap with ease.

You can then adjust how far you want the ball to go based on how much you bend your knees.

Keep it simple in the sand trap

Only a slight knee bend from a standard set-up position, a three-quarter length backswing and a full finish maintaining speed through impact will get you out of the sand once and for all.

Happy bunkering!



Note: There is still a penalty for touching the sand in front of or behind your ball in a bunker



Golf Fixture

<p>January 19th 2025</p> <p>Growling Frog GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 7:30am</p> <p>Stableford</p>	<p>February 23rd 2025</p> <p>Mt. Derrimut GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 8:00am</p> <p>Stableford</p> <p>MP Qualifier</p>	<p>March 22nd – 23rd 2025</p> <p>Cobram Barooga GC</p> <p>Meeting time: Sat. 11:30am Sun. 8:30am</p> <p>Stableford</p> <p>Club Championship</p>
<p>April 27th 2025</p> <p>Werribee GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 8:00am</p> <p>Stableford</p> <p>MP Round 1</p>	<p>May 25th 2025</p> <p>Melton GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 7:30am</p> <p>Stableford</p> <p>MP Round 2</p>	<p>June 29th 2025</p> <p>Goonawarra GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 7:50am</p> <p>Stroke and Putting Comp.</p> <p>MP Final</p>
<p>July 26th – 27th 2025</p> <p>Mooroopna/Shepparton GC</p> <p>Meeting time: Sat. 8:00am Sun. 8:30am</p> <p>Stableford</p> <p>Winter Cup</p>	<p>August 31st 2025</p> <p>Curlewis GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 9:30am</p> <p>Stableford</p>	<p>September 21st 2025</p> <p>Melbourne Airport GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 8:00am</p> <p>Foresome Pairs</p> <p>AGM</p>
<p>October 26th 2025</p> <p>Gisborne GC</p> <p>Meeting time: 8:00am</p> <p>Stableford</p>	<p>November 30th 2025</p> <p>Werribee GC TBC</p> <p>Meeting time: TBC</p> <p>Ambrose</p> <p>Melb/Geelong Challenge</p>	<p>December 14th 2025</p> <p>Freeway GC / Yarrambat GC</p> <p>Meeting time: TBC</p> <p>Stableford</p>

Handicaps

Inclusive of November 2024 game at Portarlinton:

* Indicates Formal Handicapper Discretion

Indicates Informal Handicapper Discretion

Note: Sometimes we don't receive the "full" handicap list, and just the daily handicaps. Therefore, the number of games played and the GA/AUVGC handicaps may not be accurate.

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	DAILY HCP
1.	AITKIN Lee	50		19.4	
2.	ANOLAK Greg	264	15.7		
3.	BAGALA Tom	18		27.1	
4.	BERNYK Andrew	1		2 nd Card	
5.	CASEY Peter	61	23.6		21
6.	CHARENKO Mykola	323	21.4		
7.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	237	22.6		21
8.	CROMBIE Josh	16	28.6		
9.	CROMBIE Lydia	52	14.8		
10.	CYMBALAK Jerry	363	30.1		
11.	DYACHKOV Michael	31	30.9		28
12.	FELNIAK Steve	148		21.5	17*(-2)
13.	FLUNT Myron	75		26.9	
14.	GALAS Ray	288		19.9	
15.	GALAS Steve	343	26.6		
16.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	19		26.8	
17.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	252		18.6	17
18.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	11		40.3	
19.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	341		30.3	
20.	HORBAN Richard	193		28.3	
21.	HUBIK Steve	77		28.4	
22.	JUDD Jason	7		34.3	
23.	KARBANENKO Yuri	6		19.0	17
24.	KASTROPIL Tony	384	20.3		18
25.	KHOURY Tony	62		19.4	17
26.	KOHUT Daniel	3		34.0	
27.	KOHUT Marijka	196	20.0		23
28.	KOHUT Slawko	212	19.7		17
29.	KOHUT Steve Jnr	130	8.2		
30.	KOHUT Steven Snr	205	25.0		
31.	KRIL Tim	8		42.5	36
32.	KWAS Michael	291		28.5	
33.	LESIW Michael	82	26.3		
34.	MAKOHON Daniel	1		1 st Card	

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	DAILY HCP
35.	MAKOHON George	453	23.3		21
36.	MANDYCZEWSKY Roman	1		1 st Card	
37.	MASENDYCZ Adam	2		2 nd Card	
38.	MASENDYCZ Mike	220	21.9		
39.	MATKOWSKY John	14		29.7	
40.	MAZUR Alex	190	13.6		
41.	MELNYCHUK Alex	12		33.7	
42.	MOSKALJUK Stefan	9		29.4	27
43.	NIEMCZYK Stan	141	33.8		
44.	NOWAK Marek	85	27.5		25
45.	ORFINI Wally	336	31.6		29
46.	OSIDACZ Ross	3		2 nd Card	
47.	PODOLCZAK Steve	310		31.7	
48.	POLATAJKO Jarema				
49.	POLATAJKO Stephen	24		39.7	
50.	POPOWYCZ Roman	178		25.1	
51.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23		24.9	
52.	ROMANYK Gerry	312	33.9		
53.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	8		31.0	29
54.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
55.	SELEMBBA Taras	10		45.0	36
56.	SEMANIUK John	375	24.3		
57.	SEMCIW Adam	29		23.6	
58.	WARD Michael	15		32.7	
59.	WASYL Anthony	9		39.5	36
60.	WASYL Nicholas	11		37.4	35
61.	YAREMENKO Areta	3			
62.	ZACHARIAK Roman	140			

Membership Form

Do you know someone who is interested in joining, get them to fill out this form and send it to the Club President, Wally worfini@bigpond.com. It will then be discussed at the next Committee meeting.



Association of Ukrainians in Victoria – Golf Club

3 – 11 Russell Street, Essendon Victoria 3040 Australia

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Version – 17 January 2022

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Wife / Partner's First Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Mobile: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Are you a member of the AUV or one of its affiliates (Y / N): ____

Which AUV Affiliate: _____

Ukrainian Heritage: Are you or your partner of Ukrainian Heritage (Y / N): ____

Membership category: Full / Junior (please circle)

Official GA Handicap (if any): _____ GA Number: _____

Membership of any Golf Club: _____

Email: _____

Declaration: I hereby wish to apply for membership of the AUV Golf Club. I undertake to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Club, and any future amendments. I further agree to pay all fees and costs relating to my membership of the Golf Club.

(Junior membership – Signature of either parent is required) Dated: ____ / ____ / ____

CONFIRMATION BY THE AUVGC COMMITTEE

The AUVGC Committee resolved that the above member be accepted as a member of the AUVGC Golf Club.

Membership: Full / Associate No. allocated _____ Dated: ____ / ____ / ____

Signatures: _____
(President) _____
(Secretary)

Committee

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Do you want to join this committee?

Send in an application form to the Secretary, and at the AGM it'll be discussed.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st September 2025

NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINATIONS ARE SOUGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS,
WHICH ARE ALL VACANT AT THE TIME OF THE AGM:**

- 1 President
- 2 Secretary
- 2 Treasurer
- 3 Club Captain
- 4 Handicapper
- 5 Bookings Officer
- 6 Website Manager
- 7 Match Committee Officers (x3)

I

Nominate:

(Myself) or

For the position of:

.....

I confirm that I am a financial member of the AUVGC.

Signature: Date:

I confirm that I am a financial member of the AUVGC.

Witness: Date: