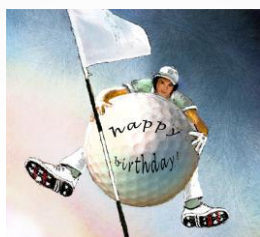


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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

Flunt, Myron
Judd, Jason
Khoury, Tony
Kwas, Mick
Moskaljuk, Stefan
Polatajko, Jarema
Selemba, Taras
Wasył, Anthony

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	1%
Total	62	100%



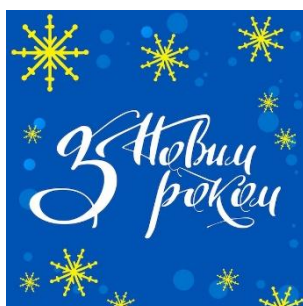
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NEWSLETTER

Editor's Corner

Pryvit vsim! / Greetings!



Happy New Year!

For those that celebrate the traditional Christmas on the 6th & 7th January:

Khrystos Rodyvsia – Slavim Yoho
Christ is Born – Let us Glorify Him
Veselykh Svyat - Happy Feasts



We've removed all email addresses from the Uki Golf committee members page, in an effort to reduce the number of scammer emails. If you need an email address, contact the editor.

I've removed the Uki Golf trip as it looks like there is little interest, only a small handful of people have replied. The link is still available on the home page.

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

Each passing
year is like a
golf ball....

You have no
idea where it
went



Yarrambat Golf Club Review



15th December, 2024: We only had 24 players this game, which included 2 guests. Another hot day, but teeing off at 9:20am helped, a little. The golf course was in great condition, and the greens excellent, if a little bowl shaped.

If you did any research on the golf course before the day, you might have located: www.yarrambatgolf.com.au/course/the-course# where it had tips for every hole. No need to play without some local knowledge (example below).

Alas, I forgot I had it in my golf bag 😞

Hole 8 - ranked the hardest hole on the course, and it's only a par 3 of 150 metres



Low Handicaps: Short par three that can make or break your front nine. The tee shot has to go over the bunker and land right of the centre. The green feeds towards the water with a ridge cut through the middle. Take note of the pin, as it can be almost two clubs more if it is tucked back and into the wind.

High(er) Handicaps: Tricky par three with a green that is hard to hit. Don't go left, and don't be long over the back. Try to play over the bunker, or at worst front edge. The green slopes towards the water, and if anything, try to leave yourself an uphill putt.

Honours go to Tony Kastopil for the nearest to the pin. Splendid shot. Some players landed on the island, others in the water, bunker, or the trees on the right, rarely the green.

I thought, I was going to have a brilliant game, but after two pars, a very near miss bogey by a ball width, and two more pars in the first 5 holes (14 points), I hooked the next two drives out of bounds on the 6th hole. The rot had set in 😞 as I probably started thinking too much about the score, rather than hitting the ball properly. The frustration train had pulled in, and I was onboard for many holes. “Fire-truck!” was mentioned many, many times. Myron said, “You’re an angry man!”.



The course designer had put a very large pond in front of the downhill par 3 16th, 160 metres out. The green is a further 10 metres...time to lay-up and hope to chip over the water, or hit a ball 180 metres and hope for the best. The image left, doesn't do this hole any justice, it's very imposing from the raised tee-box. Several balls in the water, but kudos to Joseph Ramondetta (guest of Tom Bagala) for a sensational nearest the pin about 3 metres from the pin, on the left.

Everyone was getting tired by the par 4 18th (image right). Energy sapped by the heat, sweat in the eyes (and everywhere else), just to find a large pond on the left about 200 metres from the tee. Beware the big hitters, or those who were playing their second of more shot. I myself, being very frustrated after a dramatic collapse in form, smacked the hell out of the ball and landed 10 plus metres over the water, then put it pin-high near the left bunker, and yep, three puttred 😞.



Josh Pilling and Tim Kril

Welcome to our guests, Tim Kril's nephew, Josh Pilling, a tall young man who might be joining the club; also, Tom Bagala's "mate" Joseph Ramondetta, another potential club member.



Joseph Ramondetta, Tom Bagala and Stephen Polatajko

There was a nice outside area, where the group could gather and relax with a couple of quiet ones. Some players looked ready to collapse. Congratulations to all that played, lots of great scores where 13 out of 24 players got 30 or more points. Tim Kril had his highest score so far, well done Tim, you're getting there.

During the presentation it was mentioned that we are looking at having runner-up prizes in the future. Also, we are looking at having a golf lesson for some of the younger, higher handicapped players. This will be more than likely after the Club Championship.

Speaking of the Club Championship, **it is encouraged that ALL players have carts**, as this will simplify the draw for the second day. It's not mandatory, but it'll help. Mick Gembarovski said he was going to be doing the draw, and Jerry indicated that he'll be there, as he's tired of being in the last group, the majority of the time. Mick, don't put Jerry in the last group on the first day, I'll take his place in the last group, playing last in the field.

During 2025, we'll have a "Uki Golf Family Day", no golf, where all past and present members and family are welcome. Details will be issued when plans are finalised.




George Makohon, A grumpy Andrew Hluchanic as Nick Rudewych beat his longest drive, Steve Kohut Jnr and Snr. If they stood sideways, I could have added a height scale for mug shots 😊



Mick Gembarovski, Wally Orfini and Anthony Wasyl

On behalf of the committee, we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, and New Year. See you at Growling Frog on the 19th January 2025.


All the results



YARRAMBAT GOLF CLUB
15-December-2024

(0 - 25)

DIVISION 1	Daily	S'ford
	Handicap	Score
1 KOHUT Steven Snr	22	36 c/b
2 RUDEWYCH Nicholas	23	36
3 KOHUT Steve Jnr	8	34
4 GEMBAROVSKI Mick	17	32
5 KASTROPIL Tony	19	31
6 KHOURY Tony	18	31
7 CASEY Peter	21	29
8 FLUNT Myron	25	28
9 MAKOHON George	15	25
10 BAGALA Tom	25	22



YARRAMBAT GOLF CLUB
15-December-2024

(26 - 36)

DIVISION 2	Daily	S'ford
	Handicap	Score
1 KOHUT Daniel	30	40 c/b
2 WARD Michael	31	40
3 NOWAK Marek	26	39
4 CYMBALAK Jerry	28	37
5 ORFINI Wally	30	32
6 HERCZANIWSKI Paul	36	31
7 HLUCHANIC Andrij	29	30
8 WASYL Nicholas	36	29
9 MOSKALJUK Stefan	27	27
10 POLATAJKO Stephan	36	24
11 WASYL Anthony	36	15
12 KRIL Tim	36	13

Visitors

		Scratch
1 PILLING Josh	(KRIL Tim)	112
2 RAMONETTA Joseph	(BAGALA Tom)	104

Stars of the day

Division 1	Winner	Steve Kohut Snr
	Runner-Up	Nick Rudewych
Division 2	Winner	Daniel Kohut
	Runner-Up	Mike Ward

Feature Holes

Drive 'n Chip	14th	Marek Nowak
Longest Drive	10th	Nick Rudewych
Nearest The Pin	5th	Mike Ward
Nearest The Pin	8th	Tony Kastropil
Nearest The Pin	12th	Nick Rudewych
Nearest The Pin	16th	Joseph Ramonetta

Ball Competition

Cutoff	31
WARD Michael	40
NOWAK Marek	39
CYMBALAK Jerry	37
KOHUT Steve Jnr	34
GEMBAROVSKI Mick	32
ORFINI Wally	32
HERCZANIWSKI Paul	31
KASTROPIL Tony	31
KHOURY Tony	31

Next Game – Growling Frog GC

Date	Sunday 19 th January 2025
Venue	1910 Donnybrook Road, Yan Yean Victoria 3755 (03) 9716 3477
Meeting Time	7:30am
Tee Time	8:00am
Game Format	Stableford
Cost	\$55, Visitors \$60 (Includes competition fee)

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

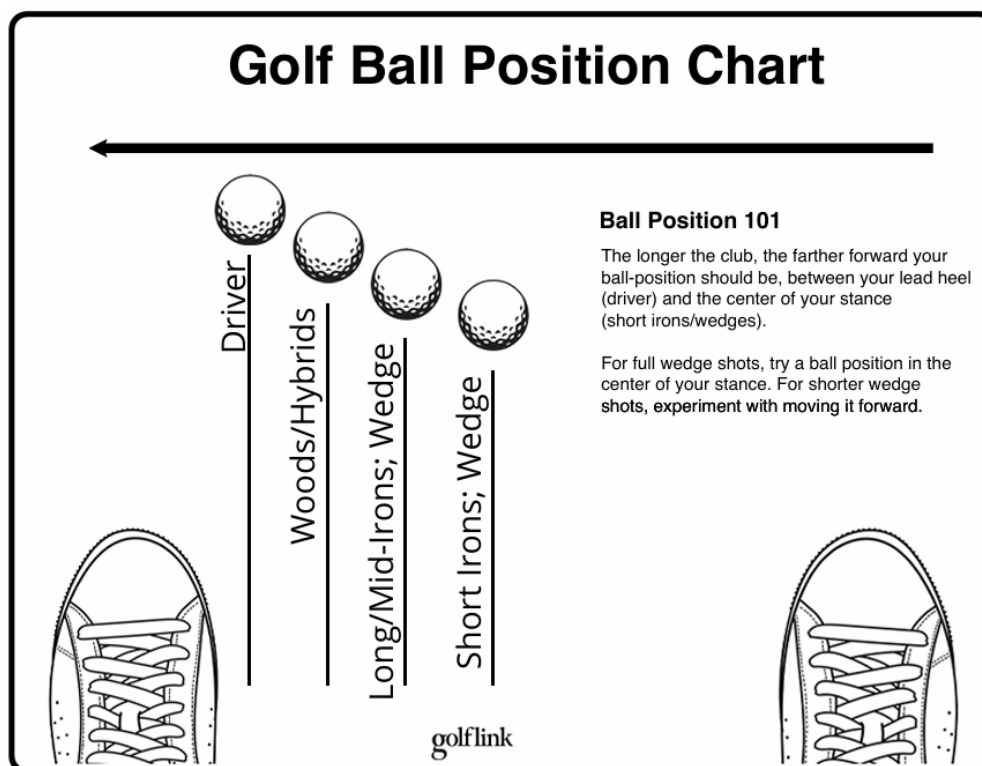
Junior membership is just \$20 per financial year!



Golf tip: Golf Ball Positions

Struggling with your golf ball positions?

This is a guide only, as your setup might be different.



How Ball Position Affects Your Shots

The ball's position in your stance is closely related to where the bottom of your swing will be. Your ball position influences your angle of attack and your clubhead's path through impact. This, in turn, determines where the clubhead makes contact with the ground and, ultimately, the quality of your shot.

When the ball is positioned too far forward in your stance, the clubhead bottoms out before it reaches the ball, resulting in heavy (fat) shots and divots behind the ball. Conversely, when your ball position is too far back, the clubhead may bottom out too late, causing thin shots or divots taken after the ball.

Ideally, you want the clubhead to impact the ground at the perfect spot just after impact with the ball. This is achieved by using the correct ball position for each club in your bag. By doing so, you can ensure that the clubhead bottoms out at the right spot and strikes the ball with the ideal angle of attack.

Driver, Woods, and Hybrids Ball Position



When hitting driver, your ball position should be off your lead heel, as pictured here.

When using a driver, your ball position should be just inside your lead foot or directly opposite your lead heel. This position allows you to hit the ball more on the upswing, which maximizes distance and minimizes spin.

For fairway woods and hybrids, the ball should be placed slightly further back, about an inch (2 ½ cm) inside your lead foot. This position helps you sweep the ball off the turf and launch it into the air more easily.

Ball Position with Irons

When using irons, the ball position varies depending on the club. For short irons like a 9-iron or pitching wedge, the ball should be positioned in the centre of your stance. This position allows you to hit the ball with more of a descending blow, which produces backspin and offers more control from your shots.

For mid-irons like a 6-iron or 7-iron, the ball should be positioned slightly ahead of centre, closer to your lead foot. This position helps you strike the ball with a downward attack angle, but not quite as down as with your lower irons. With the middle irons, you want elements of both the spin and control you get from short irons, with a slightly higher launch like you aim to achieve with long irons. It should be a nice blend of spin, control, and distance.

For long irons like a 3-iron or 4-iron, the ball should be positioned further ahead, about two inches (5 cm) inside your lead heel. This position helps you hit the ball on the upswing, maximizing distance and minimizing spin.

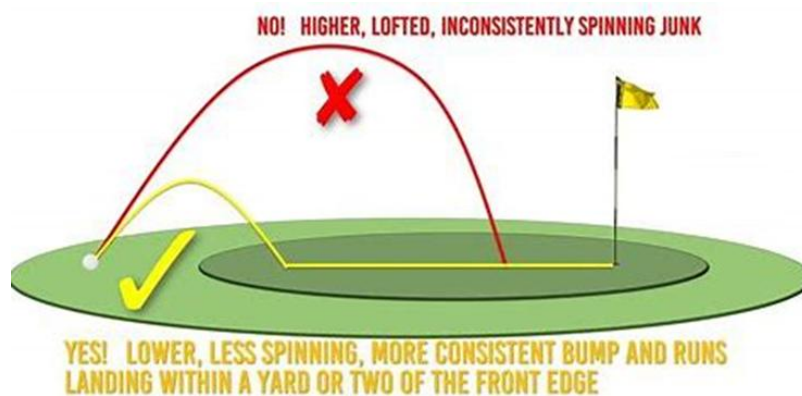
Ball Position with Wedges

When it comes to ball positioning with wedges, it's important to consider a few key factors. First, the length of the shot you want to hit influences your ball position.

Generally, the ball should be placed in the middle of your stance for longer wedge shots, while for shorter shots, it should be positioned closer to your lead foot.

The type of wedge you are using and the ball's lie can also impact ball positioning. Experiment with different ball positions to find what works best for you and the shot you want to hit.

Ball Position in the Short Game



When it comes to short game shots around the green, ball position is a critical element that can significantly impact the success of your shot. To execute a successful short game shot, you need to position the ball correctly in your stance, depending on the type of shot you're attempting.

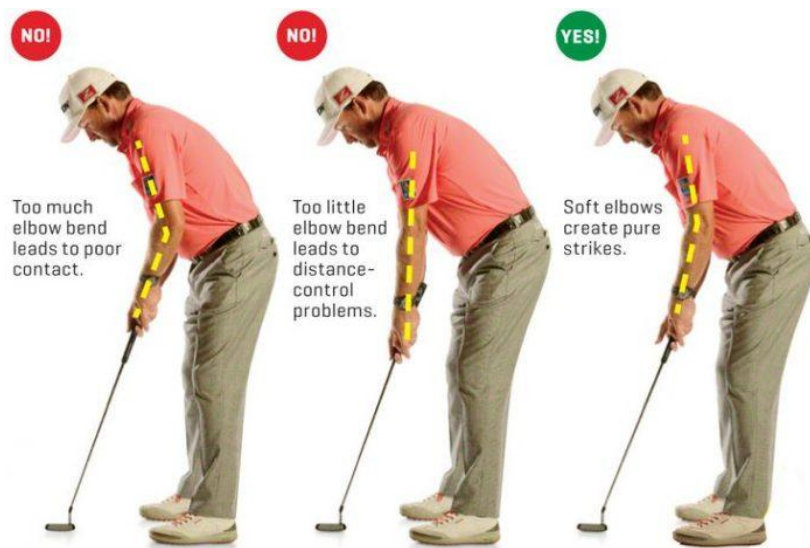
For chip shots, the ball should be positioned toward the back of your stance, closer to your trail foot. This position allows you to hit down on the ball, creating a low, controlled shot trajectory that will land softly on the green and roll toward the hole.

On the other hand, for pitch shots, the ball should be positioned more toward the centre of your stance. This will result in a higher trajectory, giving you more height and spin to stop the ball quickly on the green.



Experimenting with different ball positions and finding what works best for you is essential. A good way to do this is to practice hitting various short-game shots with different ball positions and observe the results. Over time, you'll develop a feel for where the ball should be positioned for each shot and be able to execute them more effectively.

Where to Position the Ball for Putting



Your ball position when putting is critical to achieving a consistent stroke. Generally, the ball should be positioned slightly forward of the centre in your stance, closer to being in line with your lead armpit. This position lets you strike the ball with a slightly upward stroke, which helps get the ball rolling on the green as soon as possible.

However, the exact ball position can vary depending on your putter's design, your stroke type, and the green conditions. Experiment with different ball positions until you find the one that works best for you and feels the most comfortable. Remember, consistency is key in putting, so once you find a position you're comfortable with, stick with it.

Golf Fixture

<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><i>Stroke and Putting Comp.</i></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><i>Foresomes</i></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</p> <p>Meeting time: TBC</p> <p>Stableford</p>	<p>December 14th 2025</p> <p>Ringwood GC/Yarrambat GC</p> <p>TBC</p> <p><i>Ambrose</i></p>	

Handicaps

Inclusive of December 2024 game at Yarrambat:

* 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	19		27.1	25
4.	BERNYK Andrew	1		2 nd Card	
5.	CASEY Peter	62	23.1		21
6.	CHARENKO Mykola	323	21.4		
7.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	237	22.6		
8.	CROMBIE Josh	16	28.6		
9.	CROMBIE Lydia	52	14.8		
10.	CYMBALAK Jerry	364	29.9		28
11.	DYACHKOV Michael	31	30.9		
12.	FELNIAK Steve	148		21.5	*(-2)
13.	FLUNT Myron	76		26.9	25
14.	GALAS Ray	288		19.9	
15.	GALAS Steve	343	26.6		
16.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	19		26.8	
17.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	253		18.6	17
18.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	12		40.3	36
19.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	342		30.3	29
20.	HORBAN Richard	193		28.3	
21.	HUBIK Steve	77		28.4	
22.	JUDD Jason	7		34.3	
23.	KARBANENKO Yuri	6		19.0	
24.	KASTROPIL Tony	385	20.3		19
25.	KHOURY Tony	63		19.4	18
26.	KOHUT Daniel	4		34.0	30
27.	KOHUT Marijka	196	22.1		
28.	KOHUT Slawko	212	20.1		
29.	KOHUT Steve Jnr	131	9.4		8
30.	KOHUT Steven Snr	206	24.0		22
31.	KRIL Tim	9		45	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	454	16.6	23.2	15
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	10		29.1	27
43.	NIEMCZYK Stan	141	33.8		
44.	NOWAK Marek	86	27.5		26
45.	ORFINI Wally	337	31.7		30
46.	OSIDACZ Ross	3		2 nd Card	
47.	PODOLCZAK Steve	310		31.7	
48.	POLATAJKO Jarema				
49.	POLATAJKO Stephen	25		39.7	36
50.	POPOWYCZ Roman	178		25.1	
51.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23		24.9	
52.	ROMANYK Gerry	312	33.9		
53.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	9		26.8	23*(-2)
54.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
55.	SELEMBBA Taras	10		45.0	
56.	SEMANIUK John	375	24.3		
57.	SEMCIW Adam	29		23.6	
58.	WARD Michael	16		32.7	31
59.	WASYL Anthony	10		40.7	36
60.	WASYL Nicholas	11		37.4	36
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

President	Wally Orfini	+61 418 587 874
Treasurer	Peter Casey	+61 421 697 658
Handicapper	Michael Masendycz	
Club Captain	Michael Gembarovski	
Booking Officer.....	George Makohon	+61 418 553 226
Website Managers	Anthony Wasyl Peter Casey	
Match Committee	Slawko Kohut Adam Semciw Marijka Kohut	
Secretary	Areta Yaremenko	

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: