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SUNDAY LEAVE PASS 2007



Ringwood Golf Course Results

In the book "the secret" They say that what you think about is what you will receive from the forces of the universe. Following on from this Philosophy I spent the entire month thinking about all of the bad things that would happen to Darren Higgs so that he couldn't turn up this month. I must have got my wires crossed somewhere along the line because despite a series of unexplained incidences occurring to half the members of the Sunday Leave Pass field, still the angry man fronted while many other fellow golfers suffered unexpected ailments causing them cancel their spots.

Rick McEvoy	Broken Wrist	(fell off his bike)
Ron Parsons	Torn Calf Muscle	(unable to play)
Chris Sfiligoj	Broken Finger	(still played)
Jarrett Drake	Drowned in paper work	(poor excuse)
Peter Bennett	Torn Heart String	(still get my vote for worst improved)
Mark Fitzpatrick	Gastro	(played well for the first 7 holes then got the shits)
Daniel De Marinis	Alcohol Poisoning	
Garry Couper	Leave Pass Suspended	(Garry Who?????)
Mark Sfiligoj	Alcohol Poisoning	
Luke Dumbrell	Last minute cancellation for something different	
Nick Brennan	Unknown ailment	

As you can see there were lots of casualties but Darren Higgs came through unscathed.

A few of you might remember that last month we made mention that it is always easy to tell if Higgsy has had a good day.

It's always easy to tell if Darren Higgs has had a good day,

1) Firstly -**his eyes are not their usual bloodshot red and his face isn't scrunched up like he's just sucked the arse end out of a rotten lemon**

and also

2) Secondly -**he stays around for a drink with the boys after the game to collect his prize.**

Last month he stayed around for a drink and surprise, surprise he turned out to be the winner, this month he had an ordinary round and stayed in the car park for just long enough to collect last months prize balls and then he was gone quicker than a snow flake in the Sahara Desert.

Under blustery conditions the scores this month were quite disastrous, especially considering that Ringwood is reputed to be a pretty easy golf course. Only three players managed to play within the buffer zone of their handicaps and everyone else put in a shocker.

Even a practice round at the course last week failed to escalate Burnsie up the points tally, in fact despite the special practice round with the intention of gaining a bit of local knowledge, actually caused Burnsie to get worse by 28 shots. Last week Burnsie had a 96 off the stick, which would have given him Nett 69. This score would have made him the overall winner but instead he finished with a Nett 97 this week and easily claimed a last place finish. I guess practice doesn't make perfect, after-all. On form Burnsie may be a good wager to win the Beer Wench award at Tocumwal.

After Steve Powne took away the grand jackpot in the Eagles Nest last month (won 30x Balls) there were several players this month who had the opportunity to have a crack at the new Eagles Nest (currently at 9 balls) Adam Cooper came within inches of holing an eagle Putt on the Par 5, 4th hole, Stu Coops had a pretty easy Putt on the 9th hole but missed, but the best of the day was Gerard MacIssac who after driving the ball onto the 10th green managed to miss his eagle putt by almost the same distance as he had driven the ball, then missed the birdie, failed to make the par and walked off with a 4x putt bogie 5.

The eagle's nest, will jackpot by one ball per month, plus an extra ball for any "Nearest to Pin" holes that are not claimed during the course of a round until it gets to 30 unless it goes off again. We must also make a special thanks to our newest member and sponsor Warren Stewart from Lexus who has generously donated a new 2007 Lexus for any player who gets a hole in one during a Sunday Leave Pass Competition. I thought it was a bold move to put up a car as a prize after just one round with us, but Warren said that he is certain after watching us play at Ringwood that he can be pretty confident that he won't need to come up with the prize any time soon. This is a genuine offer although there are several special conditions that Warren has put in place to make it a bit more of a challenge for us.



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1. The hole in one must be on a Par 4
2. You must have hit no less than a 6 iron from the tee
3. The ball must be hit while standing on one leg
4. The ball must land in the hole on the full.

If you get a hole in one under these conditions Warren assures us you will win a new car.

Gerard was not the only one who was able to turn a great shot into a catastrophe, Brunto managed to make an 8 from his longest drive which will go down in history to be the longest drive in the history of the club (over 300 meters plus) somehow he still managed to take a further 7x shots to get the remaining 50 meters to the green after nailing his drive into perfect position from the tee.

It seemed that for a few guys the wheels just fell off at the crucial moments. The same could not be said for Tony MacIssac who still managed to finish the entire round with his golf buggy, which looked like it had been picked up from the nature strip during hard rubbish collection week. Apparently Tony backed over his buggy with the car while getting ready to play, his buggy axle and wheel had been so badly bent and buckled that when the wheel wobbled while he limped it around the golf course the local seismologists in the Melbourne Geological Society could pick up a reading of the vibrations on the Richter scale. How he managed to get around the course with a buggy in that condition is beyond explanation.

Don't forget that the unwritten rule of golf is that if you fail to drive your ball past the **ladies markers** then you are **obligated to buy your playing partners a drink**. Steve Powne was a little disappointed that his beverage sales were down on previous months figures, especially when he heard that Jeremy, Chris, Burnsie and Adam had all hit drives that had gone backwards or failed to get past the ladies markers. Steve had penciled in these compulsory shouts as another 16 beers sold for the day, which would have given him his sales quota and a nice little bonus commission for the day. Unfortunately the boys all failed to own up to their responsibilities and broke the cardinal rule of Social Club Golf. Congratulations to Steve and thanks to everyone for paying for your drinks this month, the bar kitty balanced for a change which was nice to see. It has been suggested that perhaps the reason the money balanced may be directly correlated to the fact that Fitzy wasn't drinking, but we won't go into it until more research has been conducted and the evidence becomes more conclusive.

It was interesting to see that Tony Mac brought his son along to caddy for Matt MacIssac especially considering that Matt's last caddy ended up being rushed to hospital with serious concussion and looking like the elephant man after Burnsie hit him in the head with a solidly struck 3 iron. As it

happened there was no danger of Burnside causing any injury to anyone this month, although he did manage to dint his buggy handle after hitting his ball flush into his own golf bag on the 4th hole.

In fact it was actually Matty MacIssac himself who nearly killed someone, evidently he crunched a ball into the back of Greg Breasleys head but he didn't get enough purchase on the shot to do any major injury, despite hitting Greg in the noggin the ball didn't do anything more than ruffle his normally perfectly groomed hairstyle.

Stu Coops may have put his name into contention for a nomination the "angry man award" category. After yet another abysmal performance, he blew a gasket on the 12th hole and launched his pitching wedge skyward. There is much conjecture as to whether he threw the club 5 meters or 50 meters but what can be said for certain is that a group playing on another fairway were forced to dive for cover after they heard a the loud call of "Fore" when club went spiraling over their heads before landing in a tree on the next fairway.

Congratulations to new member Alistair Beyer who has managed to claim the illusive first victory that many of us having been striving to achieve for several years. It is a credit to his golfing prowess to do it so early into his membership or it may be a conspiracy as it is alleged that his handicap is very generous for a player of his capabilities. We will watch with interest to see what happens in season 2008.

Jeremy Cliff yet again finished in the top 10 and on this occasion he was only a missed 3'foot gimme putt from finishing in equal first position.

A very commendable round was posted by Roger Powne, as always he hit the lowest score for the day, 83 off the bat which was excellent going in conditions that were very tough for the low markers to score in.

Matt MacIssac returned to form after having a pretty tough year, Gerard thinks he has lost focus on his golf and his concentration has been lacking ever since he was introduced to the wonders women by a few of the boys on last years golf trip. It was nice to see Matt finish in 4th spot and he also picked up a nice bag of skins as well.

Rounding out the top 5 was Darren Higgs, making it official that he has taken out the season's trophy. His 6 points gives him an unassailable lead from his nearest rivals Stu and Jamie who will be fighting it out at Tocumwal for the Points Championship 2nd place title.

Final Results at Ringwood were as follows:

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Player	Alistair Bayer	Jeremy Cliff	Roger Powne	Matt MacIssac	Darren Higgs	Warren Stewart	Chris Sfiligoj	Dale Robinson	Greg Parsons	Mark Fitzpatrick
Score	88	100	83	106	92	92	106	105	101	99
Handicap	18	29	12	31	16	Callaway 15	28	26	22	20
Net Score										
	70	71	71	75	76	77	78	79	79	79
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Ranking	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Player	Gerard MacIssac	Stuart Cooper	Adam Cooper	Jamie Brunton	Tony MacIssac	Greg Breasley	Steve Powne	Phil Plane	Damijan Kravlevski	David Burns
Score	94	97	105	110	112	115	112	116	122	124
Handicap	14	16	1724	28	30	31	28	32	33	27
Net Score										
	80	81	81	82	82	84	84	84	89	97
Points	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by:

3rd Hole **Greg Parsons**

5th Hole **(No one good enough)**

8th Hole **Dale Robinson**

12th Hole **Chris Sfiligoj**

16th Hole **Jamie Brunton**

Longest Drive **Jamie Brunton** (massive drive 300metres +)

Reminder

The ball must be clearly on the CUT surface of the green or fairway to win NTP or longest drive. If it is not on the fairway it doesn't count.

Each player won 1 ball each.

Prizes balls are still owed to the following people:

Peter Bennett	1x Ball	Longest Drive on the 9 th at Werribee Park
Simon Dawson	6x Balls	winner of Golf trip Ambrose competition
Daniel DeMarinis	1x Ball	NTP 3 rd hole Devil Bend
Alistair Bayer	3x Balls	winner of Ringwood

Place Standings for 2007: 1 game to go

	Total	Played	Rank	Total	Played	Rank	
Darren Higgs	67	10	1	Mark Sfiligoj	14	7	18
Stuart Cooper	48	10	2	Greg Parsons	13	8	19
		8		Damijan Krlevski	12	6	20
Jamie Brunton	47		3			7	20
Gerard MacIssac	36	9	4	Tony MacIssac	12		
Steve Powne	32	8	5	Luke Dumbrell	9	6	22
Rick McEvoy	32	6	5	Greg Breasley	9	9	22
Adam Cooper	32	7	5	Wayne Thomas	8	2	24
Mark Fitzpatrick	28	8	8	Brad Robinson	7	3	25
David Burns	28	9	8	Dean Fitzpatrick	6	1	26
Jeremy Cliff	28	6	8	Graeme Herft	5	3	27
Roger Powne	27	6	11	Peter Bennett	5	4	27
Chris Sfiligoj	26	6	12	Phil Pane	5	5	27
Alistair Beyer	24	4	13	Warren Stewart	5	5	27
Ron Parsons	22	8	14	Garry Couper	1	1	31
Daniel De Marinis	18	5	15	Geoff Cooper	1	1	31
Matt MacIssac	18	9	15	Simon Dawson	1	1	31
Dale Robinson	15	6	17				

Just a reminder that for every round you play you are awarded a raffle ticket to go towards the end of year raffle, then extra tickets are issued for winning a hole in the skins competition.

As always "SKINS" were distributed to those players good enough to win a hole outright. If more than 1 player got the lowest score on a hole it is Jackpotted until an outright winner occurs.

Skins won at Dorset were as follows:

1	Jackpot
2	Jackpot
3	Chris Sfiligoj
4	Adam Cooper
5	Phil Pane
6	Jackpot
7	Jeremy Cliff
8	Jackpot
9	Jackpot
10	Jackpot
11	Jackpot
12	Matt MacIssac
13	Jeremy Cliff
14	Jackpot
15	Jackpot
16	Jamie Brunton
17	Matt MacIssac
18	Jeremy Cliff

In Summary skins were won by:

Matt MacIssac	x6
Jeremy Cliff	x4
Jamie Brunton	x3
Chris Sfiligoj	x3
Phil Plane	x1
Adam Cooper	x1

Handicaps

This month only 3 players came close to playing to the handicap the rest were affected by the windy weather and dodgy pin positions. Everyone except Alistair, Jeremy and Roger were offered a bonus 0.1 shots for next month.

Current Handicap Status

Player			Player		
	Was	Now		Was	Now
Adam Cooper	24.4	24.5	Mark Fitzpatrick	19.7	19.8
Brett Wallace	27.3	27.3	Mark Sfiligoj	16.8	16.8
Brian O'Connor	28.3	28.3	Matt MacIssac	31.4	31.5
Dale Robinson	26.3	26.4	Mick Morabito	23.3	23.3
Damijan Kralevski	33.2	33.3	Nick Brennan	14.9	14.9
Daniel De Marinis	16.2	16.2	Nick Hallahan	30.7	30.7
Darren Higgs	15.9	16.0	Chris Sfiligoj	27.8	27.9
David Burns	27.5	27.6	Peter Bennett	22.9	22.9
Dean Fitzpatrick	29.6	29.6	Rick McEvoy	18.7	18.7
Garry Couper	29.2	29.2	Brad Robinson	2 games req'd	2 games req'd
Gerard MacIssac	14.2	14.3	Rob Heward	32.7	32.7
Graeme Herft	10.6	10.6	Roger Powne	11.9	11.9
Greg Parsons	22.4	22.5	Ron Parsons	30.9	30.9
Phil Plane	32.4	32.5	Steve Powne	27.8	27.9
James Johnson	16.3	16.3	Stuart Cooper	15.7	15.8
Jamie Brunton	27.8	27.9	Tony MacIssac	30.2	30.3
Luke Dumbrell	29.5	29.5	Glenn Dalton	2 games req'd	2 games req'd
Simon Dowson	1 game req'd	1 game req'd	Jeremy Cliff	29.2	29.2
Greg Breasley	30.5	30.6	Warren Stewart	2 games req'd	Callaway 15
Geoff Cooper	2 games req'd	2 games req'd	Alistair Beyer	18.0	18.0

Note: all handicaps are rounded to the nearest whole number.

I.e. 17.2 = 17 handicap 17.5 = 18 Handicap

Those guys that played at Ringwood and stayed around for the presentations would be aware that we have just bought some golf Balls with club emblem on them from the "Golf Clearance Outlet." For many of us it might be a while before we actually get to use them since you have to win a ball first, but for when you do please note that all of the balls will have exactly the same brand and number on them, so it is important to be aware that once people other than Steve Powne start hitting them around the golf course you will need to make some sort of marking on the ball with pen or texta to ensure that you can positively identify your ball from anybody else's. It might be worth getting in the habit of writing your initials on the ball just so that you can always tell which ball you are hitting.

We have also ordered an extra 5x **Sunday Leave Pass Golf Shirts** to have available for our new members and also for those guys who missed out in the mad rush for the first batch (Rick). For the guys who have already paid the \$30 (Adam and Dale) to secure a shirt this time, we have been told by the suppliers that they will be ready for collection from the in the next week or two.

Please note that as of next year all of the players who wear the **Club shirt** to golf will be given an **extra Raffle Ticket** to go towards the end of year prize draw.

If you have already been contemplating what to buy people for Christmas or more importantly what you want them to buy for you then why not check out the latest deals on offer from our sponsors the "Golf Clearance Outlet."



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Next month we are playing at **Tocumwal for the GOLF TRIP**. For all of the guys who aren't going to Toc thanks for playing this year and we hope you have enjoyed the season as much as we have and we will look forward to seeing you out there again in January at Werribee Park. If you haven't already can you please let us know if you are expecting to play next year, we have booked for 28 players but we need a more accurate guide on who we should expect to play regularly in 2008?

[Interest in 2008 Sunday Leave Pass Season](#)

[Unlikely to Play Regularly Sunday Leave Pass 2008](#)

Please click on the above link to let us know if you are planning on playing next season regularly.

We are now collecting all nominations, for the following awards:

Leather Wedge [Leather Wedge Award 2007](#)

Least Improved [Least Improved player 2007](#)

Angry Man [Angriest player 2007](#)

Most Improved [Most improved player 2007](#)

To make a nomination simply click on the underlined category type listed above and then type in the name or names of the players that you wish to nominate and then hit the send button. It is that simple.

When making these nominations please be aware that you are entitled to **vote for more than one player** if you think it is appropriate and you **can even vote for your self** if you want too.

Please make sure you vote.

If you need an explanation of what each category is or the different awards on offer then I can resend the email from last month, which listed in detail everything that was on offer.

The awards presentation and raffle draws will all be conducted on the Saturday night of the golf trip. We will notify all of the winners and arrange for any prizes to be delivered where relevant.

Player Confirmation Status for Golf Trip

Brad Robinson	Not Playing		Luke Dumbrell	Confirmed	
Brian O'Connor	Not Playing		Mark Fitzpatrick	Confirmed	
Dale Robinson	Confirmed		Mark Sfiligoj	Confirmed	
Damijan Kralevski	Not Playing		Matt MacIssac	Confirmed	
Daniel De Marinis	Confirmed		Phil Plane	Confirmed	
Darren Higgs	Confirmed		Nick Brennan	Confirmed	
David Burns	Confirmed		Nick Hallahan	Not Playing	
Dean Fitzpatrick	Not Playing		Peter Bennett	Not Playing	
Garry Couper	Not Playing		Rob Heward	Not Playing	
Gerard MacIssac	Confirmed		Steve Powne	Confirmed	
Greg Parsons	Not Playing		Stuart Cooper	Confirmed	
Simon Dawson	Confirmed		Mick Moribito	Not Playing	
James Johnson	Not Playing		Innis Ireland	Not Playing	
Jamie Brunton	Confirmed		Tony MacIssac	Confirmed	
Rick McEvoy	Confirmed		Adam Cooper	Confirmed	
Ron Parsons	Not Playing		Chris Sfiligoj	Confirmed	
Warren Stewart	Unknown		Greg Breasley	Confirmed	
Jeremy Cliff	Confirmed		Roger Powne	Confirmed	
Geoff Cooper	Not Playing		Alistair Beyer	Confirmed	

For those guys who are going on the golf Trip, many of us will be driving up early on Friday morning, if you are wanting to arrange a car pool or are hoping to hitch a ride then I would suggest that you start trying to tee it up in the next couple of weeks. If you need any information on the hotel or the golf course or how to get to Tocumwal then you can check out the Website using the following links.

Click above link for info on golf Course

[How to get to Tocumwal -Maps](#)

Click above link for info on golf Course

Remaining games on 2007 Fixture

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Melways Ref</u>
30-Nov - 02-Dec-07		Tocumwal	

Jamie Brunton 0407-484-600 or Stuart Cooper 0411-645-222

For those going on the golf trip we will see you next month and for those that aren't thanks for being part of a very good year. We hope to make it bigger and better next year.

Coops, Jamie and Sunday Leave Pass.

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