



SUNDAY LEAVE PASS 2011



Special Thanks to our major prize sponsors for 2011 season.



This year we welcome on board a new sponsor, Marg & Mark Dicker and the great staff from **Drummond Golf- Burwood** who supplied us with all of the great prizes for the 2011 Points champion and runner up as well as all of the Raffle prizes we gave away. **Drummond Golf- Burwood** will also be supplying us with our new wet weather vests (they would have come in handy on Friday) when we finally get around to ordering them.

If you are planning on ordering any golf stuff for Christmas from the family or Santa Clause, (its only 4 weeks away folks) if you drop into the **Drummond Golf- Burwood** store and mention the Sunday Leave Pass social club they will see that you are looked after with a 5% discount off your purchases.

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Obituary Notice

It is with great regret that we advise the passing of

Mr. Samuel Sparrow



Mr. Sammy Sparrow



21/3/2008 to 26/11/2012

**Sammy passed away tragically and suddenly on Saturday
26th November 2011.**

**He leaves behind him a loving and devoted wife and 4 young
hatchling children. Our hearts, thoughts and sympathy goes out
to the sparrow family in these difficult and trying times.**

Mrs. Sparrow



The Kids.



Sammy's Surviving sparrow family.

Thurgoona Golf Trip Results

For the guys who didn't make it to the golf trip at Thurgoona this year, once again you have missed a great weekend. Thurgoona has a top quality golf course layout, with a diverse collection of holes, featuring water hazards and large bunkers that can prove to be a challenging but the wide open fairways and the short rough make the course a fun adventure for all standards of golfers. The only gripe we have with the destination is that each time we have gone to Thurgoona it has been during the districts wettest weekend for the year.

When we checked the local news on Friday to get a weather forecast, the first thing we saw was a television reporter interviewing a SES volunteer about the likelihood of flash flooding so we figured we may be up for a tough day out on the golf course.

Luckily for us, it never rains in the mornings and we were able to negotiate the entire course on Saturday and finish our BBQ and presentations before the storms came through Albury with the full force of a Mick Harper air-swing. Unfortunately, for those who arrived early on Friday with the intention of getting a practice game under the belt, they were not quite so lucky and the shoes, golf gloves and grips received a drenching when the heavens opened up midway through the afternoon dumping enough rain to force the closure of the nearby Capital golf club for the entire weekend.

For those that did play on Friday they were lucky enough to witness the ultimate way to start the weekend, because it got underway with the first shot from the Supercoach resulting in a Jug being owed to his playing partners for failing to get past the ladies markers. In fact he hit the ball so finely that the snickometer was required to confirm whether he actually hit the ball at all or whether it just fell off the tee during an air-swing. Either way he was forced to take an unplayable lie because his tee was still blocking the golf clubs access to the ball for his second stroke. The supercoach didn't get any better during the round, he had more shots than Amy Winehouse during an all you can drink New Year's Eve binge session. Fil spent the entire 18 holes coaching himself and not everyone else for a change, as he desperately searched for ways to improve his deteriorating golf swing and in the process trying to convince himself that his worst ever round of golf was not counted because he was just experimenting.

Whatever the cause of his 130plus round, a good feed that night, a few beers and half a night's sleep were just the right formula to bring back the form that had been eluding him. The Supercoach finished in 3rd place on Saturday despite an 11 which included 6 shots in a bunker on the 14th hole. His Nett 75 included some good shots, but none better than his near perfect approach to the Par 3, 12th where for the second year in a row he came within inches of a Hole in One. For those that don't remember last year the Super coach landed his 9 iron within 3 inches of the cup to win the NTP prize, this year to prove it wasn't a fluke, he did an encore performance and this time his ball must have just about lipped out as it finished within a hand span of the cup, but directly behind the hole where it had to either hit the hole or the flag in order to get there.

Rick Turcinovic however was credited for the prize ball on the 12th hole when he sneakily substituted the Supercoaches name for his own on the NTP marker. Rick claims he did it as a test to see what the Supercoach would say and do. Needless to say, the twice crowned Angry man was less than obliging, he swore, threw a tantrum, spent an hour in his room crying and accused Rick of cheating, rather than congratulate him on playing a brilliant shot which was needed to get inside his NTP marker. If you are looking for nominations for Angry man 2012 you needn't look any further, I reckon the Sfiligoj name is just about guaranteed to be on the trophy for the 3rd time based on what we saw on Saturday.

It was a pretty smart ploy from Rick, as he was obviously insuring himself against back to back titles, because he was actually crowned the Angry Man for the 2011 season. Rick was nominated for his on-course antics which include repeated verbal barrages of cussing himself about Goat Fondling and the incident at Rosebud Golf Course where his driver disintegrated after a blunt force trauma with a concrete tee marker. Let's just hope that the new Callaway Diablo driver that has only just come into his possession doesn't suffer the same fate as the previous 2x drivers which he has gone through in the last 6 months. Perhaps the golf lessons he won in the raffle might come in handy over the Summer and we will see a more relaxed and less abusive Rick in the new season.

Congratulations to Tony MacIsaac, who after more than 200 attempts since he first joined the club in November 2005 has finally collected himself a Nearest to Pin crown. Tony caressed his hybrid club on to the long difficult par 3, 2nd Hole to win the NTP prize. Tony also finished the season in 6th place in the point's championship leaderboard tally and capped off his most successful year ever, by assisting Brendan Seagrave and Andrew Pugh, to get their names engraved on to the Beer & Berrocca shield, when the threesome claimed victory in the Ambrose competition with a blistering 77 off the stick, Nett 66.

Winning the Ambrose was the only shining moment in what was otherwise a pretty traumatic weekend for Brendan. On Saturday he managed to critically injury one of the local indigenous endangered, Murray River Black-throated sparrows. Apparently on last count there were only 1000 of these beautiful birds left living in the wild, but now that number has dropped to 999 after Brendan knocked one into the next world when a wayward stroke struck the poor bird while it was out collecting worms for its young family.

Dale has proposed that next year rather than waste the money on booze and food, we should use our fine jar collections to donate to charities or people in need, perhaps our first contribution should go towards supporting the RSPCA or the save the Murray River sparrow fund so that we can feel comfortable in our conscience that we have done everything within our power to assist the widow Mrs. Sparrow and the 4x hungry, fatherless chicks left behind after Brendan's 3rd shot on the 14th hole. What's worse, later during the same round Brendan also managed to hit a duck, but luckily the injuries on that occasion were not fatal, although the bird would have woken up with an even bigger head ache than Steve Powne had on Sunday morning.

For those that have never played the golf course. The first hole at Thurgoona is a 350 meter Par 4 with a slight dog leg right to left. Lining the left hand side of the fairway is a collection of majestic houses on what the local residents call the “Thurgoona millionaire alley”. Some might remember what happened when Stu Coops played the course for the first time last year but for those that don’t we recount the tale to support the events of what happened in 2011.

EXTRACT FROM 2010 GOLF TRIP

“Whether it was the real estate agent in him or whether it was just a natural magnetism Stu’s eyes were instantly drawn to the properties. A five meter tinted window offered a huge mansion the perfect view of the golf course but also the ensuing danger that was facing it. Stu set up for his tee shot, aiming as far to the right as was humanly possible, so far to the right that if the ball actually flew straight he would have been up for a \$2-00 fine for hitting across 2 fairways. As he stood over his ball he succumbed to the pressure and opted to put the driver away, rattling through his bag it was obvious Stu was still too nervous. He skipped passed the 3 and 5 woods settling for the comfort and safety of his most trusted and regularly used club the recovery hybrid. There was an eerie sense of dread as Stu stepped back up to the tee and then there was absolute silence as he started his down swing. The ball flew way out to the right hand side of the course, but then the immense side spin caused by a snap hook started to take hold of the direction of the ball. It then turned left and headed like a guided missile back towards the houses. Whether the owners were actually standing at the big tinted window watching the ball coming we will never know, but they were there pretty quickly as the Srixon 00 made a not so subtle entry onto their piece of millionaire alley luxury. Luckily there was no major damage to the property although by Saturday morning there was a For Sale sign on the property and a removalist’s truck was being loaded up with the family’s prize possessions.”

2011 GOLF TRIP

Luckily for the homeowners of Millionaire ally, the now famous Stu Cooper snap hook was primarily in hibernation during the weekend and he successfully navigated the first hole, without hitting a ball into the houses for the 3x days in succession. That is not to say the houses didn’t escape the entire weekend. On Sunday Stu stood on the third tee, he had been driving well all day and was ready to play his favorite and most successful hole on the course. Soon after he struck the ball however, the group hitting off from the 2nd tee and also the guys putting on the first green suddenly dived for cover as the familiar call of ‘FORE!!!’ chorused around the golf course. Nobody knew where the ball was coming from, but they did know from who it was coming from. A huge slice into the headwind flew out over the adjoining 2nd tee before soaring over the fence, and landing with one all mighty crash and bang on the steel color bond roof of a house overlooking the first green.

It should be said that was the only blemish on what was otherwise a very successful weekend for Stu. He shot 88 on Friday in the rain, and backed it up with an 89 on Saturday, which gave him a Nett 68 and his first monthly title since September 2006 when he beat a washed out field of 6x players who finished the round at Keilor. Stu was the winner of the November monthly title and despite the handicap of minus a hole in the Champion of Champions playoff he was able to claim that title over Steve O’Sullivan on a count back. For those that aren’t aware the Champion of Champions trophy is a play off between the monthly title winners for the season. It is played on the Saturday round and is a Stableford competition played over 9 holes. The player with the most stableford points is declared the Champion of Champions. The winner of the November title is entered into the Champion of Champions competition, however their score is only calculated over 8 holes random holes rather than 9 holes since they had the advantage of playing a good round, hence the minus 1x hole handicap.



Firstly we would like to say thanks to everyone for making the season very successful and we hope that the golf trip capped the year off for you in a good way. Congratulations to all of the trophy winners and also the raffle prize winners too, I trust that a little token at the end of the year makes your participation throughout the season even more worthwhile.

It was funny watching Neil Philips on Saturday night, people say that he would chase anything in a dress so long as it had a heartbeat. But he was torn between his natural instincts and his moral limitations when he first encountered our own Peter Hutson Dressed in the finest of Pink dresses. Peter Hutson was voted the **“least attractive person in the fashions on the field” by the Thurgoona guests and staff who were unfortunate enough to see him at the bar on Saturday night .**” Peter posted the worst score for the Saturday round; he shot a Nett 86 (nearly 20 shots worse than the winner) and therefore was crowned **“Beer wench”** for the night. Despite the not so pretty appearance, Peter soon won favor of the boys when he took the task at hand in his stride. He accepted the penalty and delivered drinks to the forever thirsty boys whenever they needed without any complaints, although he did appear to be getting a little stressed and flustered as the night wore on and the orders were getting more regular and complicated. To his credit Peter performed his wenching duties with a smile. Thanks to all of the guys who 4x putted, shanked, had air swings, threw clubs, hit across 2x fairways or failed to get passed the ladies markers. Your incompetence was sufficient to provide 17 guys with a reasonable hangover on Sunday morning and keep Pete working for a couple of hours.



As for the rest of the field and their golf, some played very well and some played not so well, the final finishing place rankings on Saturday, Sunday and the champion of Champions were as follows:

Winner for the day Stuart Cooper Won 3 Golf Balls.

Winner of the "BEER WENCH" award was Peter Hutson who shot the worst round for the day.

Saturdays Results at Thurgoona were as follows:

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Player	Stuart Cooper	Dean Fitzpatrick	Mark Sfiligoj	Steve Powne	Andrew Pugh	Gerard MacIsaac	Tony MacIsaac	Dale Robinson	Steve O'Sullivan
Score	89	109	97	102	111	87	109	98	91
Handicap	21	36	22	27	Callaway 35	11	33	21	13
Net Score	68	73	75	75	76	76	76	77	78
Points	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

Ranking	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Player	Neil Phillips	Phil Plane	Chris Sfiligoj	Brendan Seagrave	Mark Fitzpatrick	Rick Turnicovic	Greg Breasley	Peter Hutson
Score	103	114	107	99	99	118	118	103
Handicap	25	35	28	20	19	37	37	17
Net Score	78	79	79	79	80	81	81	86
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by:

Saturday

- 2nd Hole Steve Powne
- 6th Hole Mark Sfiligoj
- 12th Hole Mark Sfiligoj (3inches from hole in one)
- 16th Hole Andrew Pugh
- Longest Drive Stuart Cooper

Sunday

- 2nd Hole Tony MacIsaac
- 6th Hole Mark Fitzpatrick
- 12th Hole Andrew Pugh
- 16th Hole Steve O'Sullivan
- Longest Drive Brendan Seagrave

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.

TEAM 1 TEAM 2 TEAM 3 TEAM 4 TEAM 5 TEAM 6 TEAM 7 TEAM 8

Andrew Pugh

Brendan Seagrave Steve O'Sullivan Stuart Cooper Gerard MacIsaac Dale Robinson Mark Sfiligoj Peter Hudson Mark Fitzpatrick

Tony MacIsaac	Greg Breasley	Chris Sfiligoj	Rick Turcinovic	Steve Powne	Neil Phillips	Dean Fitzpatrick	Phil Pane
77	80	80	80	81	83	84	89
11	13	12	12	12	12	13	14
66	67	68	68	69	71	71	75

The **Champion of Champions** competition was played off between all of the players who won a monthly competition during the year; the champion of champions is the player who has the best score from all of the monthly winners who attended the golf trip. This competition was played off over 9 mystery holes on the Saturday competition with the player who scored the most stableford points taking out the title and the winner's jacket. Congratulations to **Stuart Cooper** who was the overall winner despite being handicapped one hole.

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6
Player	Stuart Cooper	Steve O'Sullivan	Dale Robinson	Steve Powne	Brendan Seagrave	Phil Plane
Points	19 points (8 holes)	19 points (9 holes)	18 points (9 holes)	17 points (9 holes)	16 points (9 holes)	14 points (9 holes)

Stu won the honour of being the Champion of Champions and wearing the winner's jacket on Saturday night and he was entitled to free drinks all night from the rest of the players on the trip. Not that I think he was that keen to drink any more than he already had done so, so it was a pretty cheap shout for all concerned.

It has been a great season with many players demonstrating a significant improvement in their game. The standard of golf has picked up and the new handicapping system appears to have tilted the scales back in favor of the higher handicappers with the extra few shots from the new format they have been much more prominent at the top end of the leaderboard.

Congratulations to Dale Robinson who has continued to get better. He was the most improved player in 2010 and backed it up this year with a unanimous decision from the player's choice awards polling more votes for the Most Improved Award than anyone has ever got before. Dale finished the season 35 points ahead of his nearest rival, he won three monthly titles and never finished outside the top 10. despite his handicap coming down 6 or 7 shots over the last 12 months. He was a deserved winner of both the Seasons trophy and the Most Improved player and won a Sureshot GPS system and a few golf balls, as well as a shelf full of silverware for the trophy cabinet. The Runner Up was Mick Harper who despite missing the golf trip was just able to keep his nose out in front of Phil Plane who finished just three places short. Mick was issued with a \$150 gift voucher from **Drummond Golf- Burwood.**

Place Standings for 2011:

Name	Total	Played	Rank		Name	Total	Played	Rank
Dale Robinson	126	11	1		Andrew Pugh	16	2	24
Mick Harper	91	10	2		Alistair Beyer	14	3	26
Phil Plane	88	9	3		David Hopkins	12	1	27
Steve O'Sullivan	79	8	4		Malcolm Cooke	10	1	28
Gerard MacIsaac	74	9	5		Craig Howell	10	1	28
Tony MacIsaac	72	11	6		Chris Sfiligoj	10	4	28
Stuart Cooper	66	11	7		Kyle	9	1	31
Tony Grasso	65	8	8		Bevan Turner	8	1	32

Steve Powne	63	10	9	Mark Lawson	8	1	32
Peter Hudson	54	11	10	Matt Wallace	8	1	32
Rick Turcinovic	51	9	11	Darren Bell	7	1	35
Brendan Seagrave	49	10	12	Jamie Brunton	4	1	36
John Mea	46	7	13	Jarrett Drake	3	1	37
Greg Breasley	42	9	14	Geoff Cooper	2	2	38
Mark Sfiligoj	41	8	15	David Burns	2	2	38
Ron Parsons	35	10	16	Shaun Breheny	2	2	38
Grant Maze	33	3	17	Bruce Ordner	1	1	41
Greg Parsons	26	8	18	Matt MacIsaac	1	1	41
Paul Blizzard	26	6	18	Luke Dumbrell	1	1	41
Dean Fitzpatrick	24	6	20	Adam Cooper	1	1	41
Ben Nichol	21	4	21	Peter Bennett	0	0	45
Neil Phillips	21	4	21	Runar Steinecker	0	0	45
Tony Grasso JNR	18	5	23	Warren Stewart	0	0	45
Mark Fitzpatrick	16	3	24				

The other prizewinners from the player's choice awards and the other competitions conducted through out the year were as follows.

Prize category Winners			
Leather Wedge	Gerard MacIsaac & Tony Grasso JNR	Champion of Champions	Stuart Cooper
Angry Man	Rick Turcinovic	Seasons Champion	Dale Robinson
Least Improved	Stuart Cooper	Runner Up	Mick Harper
Most Improved	Dale Robinson	Beer Wench	Peter Hutson
Skins Champion	Tony MacIsaac	Beer & Barrocca Shield	Brendan Seagrave & Tony MacIsaac & Andrew
Eclectic Stroke	Mick Harper	Putting Competition	Gerard MacIsaac
Eclectic Stableford	Dale Robinson	GIR Avg (greens in regulation)	Mick Harper
Wood & Spoon	Dean Fitzpatrick		

Skins won at Thurgoona on Saturday were as follows:

1	Jackpot
2	Jackpot
3	Greg Breasley
4	Jackpot
5	Jackpot
6	Phil Plane
7	Jackpot
8	Jackpot

In Summary skins were won by:

Andrew Pugh	x4
Stuart Cooper	x4
Greg Breasley	x3
Phil Plane	x3
Dean Fitzpatrick	x3
Stuart Cooper	x1

The Skins for Saturday were added to the raffle

Raffle Prizes were won by:

5x Jumbo Tee With Rubber Rim	Stuart Cooper	Entry
Loose Tees - 100 pack	Phil Plane	Entry
Callaway Divot Tool	Greg Parsons	Shirt
Logo Towel	Chris Sfiligoj	Skin S
3x golf balls	Bruce Ordner	Entry
Redback Golf Ball Retriever	Gerard MacIsaac	Shirt
Wilson Staff Cap	Ben Nichol	Skin
6x golf balls	Tony Gasso JNR	Entry
Maxfli Cooler Bag	Alister Bayer	Entry
Cleveland 62' Open Wedges	Dale Robinson	Shirt
Maxfli Solar Umbrella	Paul Blizzard	Skin

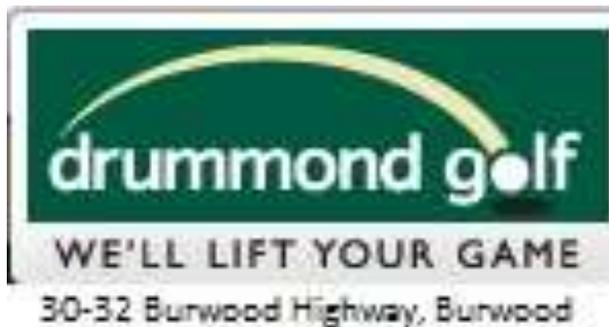
9	Jackpot
10	Andrew Pugh
11	Jackpot
12	Jackpot
13	Dean Fitzpatrick
14	Jackpot
15	Jackpot
16	Jackpot
17	Gerard Maclsaac
18	Stuart Cooper

1	Jackpot
2	Jackpot
3	Jackpot
4	Jackpot
5	Jackpot
6	TEAM 4 Mark Fitzpatrick & Phil Plane
7	Jackpot
8	Jackpot
9	Jackpot
10	TEAM 2 Steve O'Sullivan & Greg Breasley
11	TEAM 6 Stuart Cooper & Chris Sfiligoj
12	Jackpot
13	TEAM 7 Dale Robinson & Steve Powne
14	TEAM 6 Stuart Cooper & Chris Sfiligoj
15	Jackpot
16	TEAM 2 Steve O'Sullivan & Greg Breasley
17	Jackpot
18	Jackpot

Handicaps

As has been mentioned previously The AGU have modified the new slope handicapping system for golf clubs around Australia, so **as of the 1st January 2012 we will be using the new handicap format, which should result in many of the players handicaps coming down again by a shot or two. We will update it all over the Christmas period and watch with interest at the final outcome.**

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 **Drummond Golf- Burwood** For a look at their latest December Specials you can click on the following link:



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Please make sure you let us know as early as possible if you will be playing in January as we will be hoping for big attendances each month and we have only booked for limited players. See you all out there again in January at Waterford Valley.

If you haven't already can you please let us know if you are expecting to play next year, we have booked for a maximum of 32 players but we need a more accurate guide on who we should expect to play regularly in 2012?

[Interest in 2012 Sunday Leave Pass Season](#) [Unlikely to Play Regularly Sunday Leave Pass 2012](#)

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

To check out the Season fixture for next year you can use the following Link

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>
22-Jan	9.34am	Waterford Valley
19-Feb	9.30am	Warburton –includes BBQ
25-Mar	9.00am	Yarrambat
22-Apr	7.45am	Devils Bend
27-May	9.00am	Centenary Park –include BBQ
24-Jun	8.30am	Cape Schank
22-Jul	8.12am	Rosebud
26-Aug	TBA	Beacon Hills
23-Sep	8.30am	Dorset
21-Oct	9.40am	Ringwood
23-25-Nov		Rich River Golf Trip

Players Interested in Season 2012

Player	Status		Player	Status
Adam Cooper	Unknown		Mark Fitzpatrick	Unknown

Andrew Pugh	Unknown		Mark Sfiligoj	Confirmed
Alistair Beyer	Confirmed		Matt MacIsaac	Unknown
Ben Nichol	Confirmed		Mick Harper	Confirmed
Brendan Seagrave	Confirmed		Neil Philips	Unknown
Bruce Ordner	Unknown		Nick Brennan	Unknown
Chris Sfiligoj	Confirmed		Paul Blizzard	Confirmed
Dale Robinson	Confirmed		Peter Bennett	Not Likely
Damijan Krlevski	Unknown		Peter Hudson	Confirmed
Daniel De Marinis	Not Likely		Phil Plane	Confirmed
David Burns	Confirmed		Rick Turcinovic	Confirmed
David Jeans	Unknown		Roger Powne	Not Likely
Dean Fitzpatrick	Not Likely		Ron Parsons	Unknown
Geoff Cooper	Unknown		Runar Steinecker	Unknown
Gerard MacIsaac	Confirmed		Shaun Breheny	Confirmed
Greg Breasley	Confirmed		Steve O'Sullivan	Confirmed
Greg Parsons	Confirmed		Steve Powne	Confirmed
Grant Maze	Confirmed		Stuart Cooper	Confirmed
Jamie Brunton	Confirmed		Tony MacIsaac	Confirmed
Jarrett Drake	Unknown		Tony Grasso	Confirmed
Jeremy Cliff	Unknown		Tony Grasso Jnr	Confirmed
John Mea	Confirmed		Warren Stewart	Confirmed
Luke Dumbrell	Unknown			

Thanks for being part of a very good year. We hope to make it bigger and better next year.

Wishing you and your families a very happy and safe Xmas

Stu Coops, and Sunday Leave Pass.



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