

For those that didn't make it this year, the golf trip was yet another great event. Thanks to Jamie and Coups for organizing the Tocumwal weekend it was a very well organized and from all accounts a good time was had by all. Some enjoyed it for their golfing expertise ( Daniel De Marinis won for the fourth time in a row) some enjoyed the late night card games and went home with more money than they came with and the rest of us just got so blotto and needed to be told what went happened coz we were so pissed that we couldn't remember.

Although a few people managed to get up early and swing the clubs on Friday those rounds were only practice and did not contribute towards anything other then breaking up the drinking session which started as the cars pulled out from Blackburn on Friday morning. The worst performance on the golf course was by Stu Coops on Friday who managed to shank the ball off the first tee with the ball going 90 degrees off target, and over the driving range not once but 3x times in a row. We're not sure if it was because he is a lousy drunk or if he's just a crap player, but it was funny to watch all the same.

Tocumwal was a great destination, both courses were in good condition, the sun continued to shine for us, the accommodation was great, the meals were good and the grog was cheap and plentiful. Saturday's game was very predictable Daniel DeMarinis turned up and blew the rest of us away. At least the handicapper can finally get stuck into him and take a few shots off his handicap for next year. It is worth noting that he only played 6 rounds for the year and scored 50 points, we haven't had that sort of success rate since Gumpy put his game on hold.

Daniel played well he had 6 pars in his round and with 89 off the stick, with a 22 handicap (see how you go off 20 next year) he was a convincing winner with Nett 67. Stu Coops had the lowest gross score with 87 which was good enough for him to get 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Young Matt MacIlsac is following in his dad's footsteps finishing in the top 5 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row. So long as he isn't corrupted by the behaviour that he witnessed over the weekend, he will be a strong player in 2006. Fitzzy played another good round and turned in fourth place for 7 points (enough to win if Gerard didn't show up) Steve Powne rounded out the top 5 and continued to build up his points tally. Steve scored 22 points in the last 3 months taking him from the middle of the field to 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Had he not had 3 putts from about 6 inches when he hit the nearest to the pin on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole (closest to a hole in one yet) he may have even finished with a higher ranking. Another round worth noting was Fil (mark sfiligoj) who quit half way through his round because he was too tired and hungover to carry on anymore luckily for him he's a better card player than he is a golfer.

The Saturday results were the final ones towards the Sunday Leave Person 2005 championship trophy, the results finished as follows:

Daniel DeMarinis	Stu Coops	Matt MacIlsac	Mark Fitzzy	Steve Powne	Gerard MacIlsac	Jamie Brunton	Tony MacIlsac	Nick Brennan	Brett Wallace
89	87	105	95	106	92	106	109	97	108
67	70	73	76	76	77	77	78	80	81
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Peter Bennett	Ian Smith	Dale Robinson	David Burns	Gary Couper	Rob Heward	Damijan Krlevski	Mark Sfiligoj
105	111	113	118	120	124	128	110 DNF
83	85	87	88	91	92	94	94 DNF
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 DNF

It was good that the seasons results all come down the final event, Fitzy need to score 7 more points than Gerard on the final day, although he played well and finished in a higher position than Gerard, he still came up a little short, allowing Gerard to take the Championship trophy home finishing with a total of 71 points. That's a great effort by Gerard considering he only won once for the year (October) but he was always consistent and finished in the top 5 every month. The most improved player for the year was a very close competition, Damijan, Bocca and Lukey Dumbrell were real contenders but with a brilliant finish to the year and coming second overall and taking 16% off his last years handicap meant Fitzy was a worthy recipient.

At the end of 2005 the leaderboard looked as follows:

NAME	Total Points	Games Played	Year Ranking	NAME	Total Points	Games Played	Year Ranking
Gerard MacIssac	71	10	1	Peter Bennett	11	3	19
Mark Fitzpatrick	65	11	2	Nick Brennan	9	2	21
Daniel De Marinis	50	6	3	Damijan Krlevski	7	6	22
Stuart Cooper	49	10	4	Dale Robinson	6	4	23
Steve Powne	44	9	5	Nick Hallahan	6	1	23
Luke Dumbrell	32	7	6	Nick Talevski	6	3	23
Matt MacIssac	32	10	6	Tony MacIssac	3	1	26
James Johnson	30	4	8	Brett Wallace	2	2	27
Rob Edwards	30	6	8	Dean Fitzpatrick	2	2	27
Brian O'Connor	24	6	10	Fab Bellato	1	1	29
Garry Couper	21	6	11	Roger Powne	1	1	29
Greg Parsons	21	6	11	Ron Parsons	1	1	29
Ian Smith	21	8	11	Tim Powne	1	1	29
Darren Higgs	20	5	14	Toby Bebbington	1	1	29
Mark Sfiligoj	20	4	14				
Mick Morabito	19	3	16				
Rob Heward	19	8	16				
Jamie Brunton	18	7	18				

As the annual winner Gerard won a Srixon driver and is allowed to look after the Sunday Leave Pas championship trophy until he hands it to his successor at the end of next year. (plenty of money coming in on Daniel DeMarinis as the short price favourite for 2006)

Burnsy was the not so proud recipient of the leather wedge award, he received several nominations but only just got up as he was amongst some very tough close competition. Next year we may have a nomination ballot and let everyone help to decide on the winner of this prestigious award (and also the most improved).

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by:

Each player won 1 ball.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Hole	Mark Sfiligoj
8 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Steve Powne (nearly a hole in one & still got a bogey)
14 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Gerard MacIssac
17 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Nobody good enough to hit it (too drunk or too tired by then)
Longest Drive	David Burns & Damijan Krlevski

(Longest Drive was too close to call as Damijan played in the afternoon instead of the morning. He hit a screamer down the fairway it may have been longer than

Burnsies but the marker had already been brought in, so both were given the benefit of the doubt)

The end of year raffle draw was held on the Sunday morning of the golf trip. As you are aware raffle tickets were issued to a player for every round of golf that they played during the season. **Note: (Even if a player had pre-booked and didn't turn up due to personal circumstances they were still allocated a raffle ticket for that month).** Bonus raffle tickets were also able to be won in the monthly skins competition. We were able to obtain some great prizes from Innes at the house of Golf in Keilor and the major prize winners were as follows.

First Prize	Callaway Big Bertha Driver.	Won by Gumpy
Second Prize	Recovery Club	Won by Fitzy
Third Prize	Golf Bag	Won by Rob Edwards

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. A big Jackpot can be a real boost for 1 person as was the case with Matt who won the Lions share after a 9 Hole Jackpot.

Skins won at Tocumwal were as follows:

1	<b>Tony MacIssac</b>	
2	<b>Daniel De Marinis</b>	
3	Jackpot	
4	Jackpot	
5	Jackpot	
	Tony MacIssac	1x
	Skin	
	Daniel DeMarinis	4x
	Skin	
	Matt MacIssac	9x
	Skin	
	Gary Couper	2x
	Skin	
6	Jackpot	
7	Jackpot	
8	Jackpot	
9	Jackpot	
10	Jackpot	
11	<b>Matt MacIssac</b>	
12	Jackpot	
13	<b>Garry Couper</b>	
14	Jackpot	
15	Jackpot	
16	<b>Daniel De Marinis</b>	
17	Jackpot	
18	Jackpot	

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As we gear up for 2006 season it is reassuring to know that most regular players now have an official Sunday leave pass handicap. There is still a few others that need a round or two before their handicap becomes official. If a new member joins the club, initially they play using the callaway scoring system until they have completed 3 full rounds. Handicaps are then adjusted on a monthly basis according to each players performance. Please note that we are using the exact format for handicapping that is used by the VGA and Golf Clubs around Australia.

There were some significant changes to a few players handicaps throughout the course of the season which should make the competition tougher next year. The most noteworthy changes were Fitzy who started on a handicap of 23.1 and starts in January playing off 19.6. Bocca dropped his from 32.1 to 28.1 and Lukey Dumbrell shed 2.7 shots from his handicap in Dec 2004 of 32.1 to be playing off 29.4. On the other side of the scale, the handicapper himself, Jamie Brunton has managed to get worse each month and his handicap has gone from 28.2 to 28.7 in the last 12 months.

Name	Previous	New	Name	Previous	New
Brett Wallace	<b>27.3</b>		Jamie Brunton	<b>28.7</b>	<b>28.8</b>
	2 game			3 game	
Brett Hansen	Req'd		Jason Dixon	Req'd	
Brian O'Connor	<b>28.1</b>	28.1	Luke Dumbrell	<b>29.4</b>	29.4
			Mark		
Dale Robinson	<b>25.9</b>	<b>26.0</b>	Fitzpatrick	<b>19.5</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Damijan					
Krlevski	<b>34.1</b>	<b>34.2</b>	Mark Sfiligoj	<b>16.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>
Daniel De					
Marinis	<b>21.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>	Matt MacIlsac	<b>31.7</b>	31.7
Darren Higgs	<b>19.6</b>	19.6	Mick Morabito	<b>23.3</b>	23.3
David Burns	<b>30.3</b>	<b>30.4</b>	Nick Brennan	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.9</b>
Dean Fitzpatrick	<b>29.4</b>	29.4	Nick Hallahan	<b>30.7</b>	30.7
	2 game				
Fab Bellato	Req'd		Nick Talevski	<b>27.0</b>	27.0
Garry Couper	<b>29.0</b>	<b>29.1</b>	Peter Bennett	<b>22.1</b>	<b>22.2</b>
				2 game	
Gerard MacIlsac	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.3</b>	Riccardo	Req'd	
Greg Parsons	<b>24.4</b>	24.4	Rob Edwards	<b>5.4</b>	5.4
Ian Smith	<b>26.1</b>	<b>26.2</b>	Rob Heward	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.1</b>
	1 game			1 game	
Iness Ireland	Req'd		Roger Powne	Req'd	
				1 game	
James Johnson	<b>16.3</b>	16.3	Ron Parsons	Req'd	

We have been at it building and improving the Sunday Leave Pass Social Club for 2 years now, I think credit should be given to Coups and Jamie for their efforts to get it to where it is today. Things don't happen easily, it takes a lot of organization, time and financial outlay to ensure that we have courses to play, prizes to give away, monthly score reports and it is always difficult trying to keep everyone informed about what is going on and confirming players attendance. Please feel free to offer assistance as any suggestions, feedback or advice will be gladly accepted.

There have been some good improvements to the club as we have developed, by taking an esky and staying around to have a couple of drinks afterwards we are able to raise a bit of revenue to go towards prizes and the running costs of the events. I think the introduction of the end of year raffle has been successful and has given everyone a better chance of benefiting from their own contribution whereas last year the club used excess funds to subsidise some of the cost of the golf trip and those that don't go missed out. Jamie has worked relentlessly and put dozens of hours into the development an accurate scoring system and computer program to keep track of the clubs golf results and also the financial situation with advanced bookings, deposits and who

has paid and who hasn't, etc etc. We have a pretty well run organization now and just need your help and commitment to keep it running. Next years golf courses have already been booked for a maximum of 24 people, we are hoping our regulars will continue to play and welcome you to invite others who you feel will become regular players. Next years fixtures are currently being printed by Dale and will be available for distribution by Round 1 next year. We have rebooked the golf trip to Tocumwal as it was a very good venue but we also are happy to take into consideration any other destinations or preferred golf courses for play in 2007.

The fixture for 2006 is as follows:

## Sunday Leave Pass Social Golf Club

### 2006 Fixture

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Melways Ref</u>
22-Jan-06	9.00am	Yarrambat Park	184 F5
26-Feb-06	8.30am	Werribee Park	201 A6
26-Mar-06	8.15am	Malvern Valley	69 D1
23-Apr-06	8.37am	Albert Park	2L A10
28-May-06	10.00am	Ivanhoe	31 H11
25-Jun-06	11.00am	Rosebud Country Club	170 C7
23-Jul-06	9.00am	Warburton	119E K3
27-Aug-06	9.00am	Beacon Hills – Lakes Course	210 K8
24-Sep-06	10.00am	Keilor Park	3 K9
22-Oct-06	9.30am	Amstel	133 D5
24-26-Nov-06		Tocumwal	

**Jamie Brunton 0407-484-600 or Stuart Cooper 0403-243-240**

List of who are considered regular players for Sunday Leave Pass 2006 are:

Players considered regular

	<b>Played</b>	Yet too be confirmed	<b>Played</b>
Brian O'Connor	6	Brett Wallace	2
Dale Robinson	4	Dean Fitzpatrick	2

Damijan Krlevski	6	James Johnson	4
Daniel De Marinis	6	Mark Sfiligoj	4
Darren Higgs	5	Mick Morabito	3
David Burns	4	Nick Brennan	2
Garry Couper	6	Nick Hallahan	1
Gerard MacIssac	10	Nick Talevski	3
Greg Parsons	6	Roger Powne	1
Ian Smith	8	Tim Powne	1
Jamie Brunton	7		
Luke Dumbrell	7		
Mark Fitzpatrick	11		
Matt MacIssac	10		
Peter Bennett	3		
Rob Heward	8		
Steve Powne	9		
Stuart Cooper	10		
Tony MacIssac	1		

Thanks to everyone for playing and we hope you have a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.  
We Look forward to seeing you all in January.