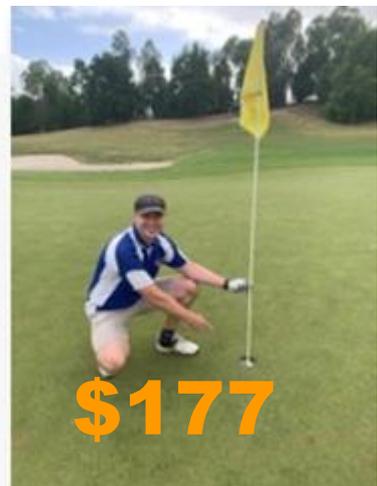




SUNDAY LEAVE PASS 2021

As we have been unable to recruit a new sponsor for the hole in one prize for the Social Club we have decided from now on, to manage the incentive prize differently. Since it took 17 years for us to get the last hole in one, we have decided to create a cash fund which will be paid out to the player who is lucky enough to claim the perfect shot. The jackpot builds up each month, as we will now withhold \$1 from the entry fees of each monthly participant and use that money to make up the prize pool. Since February at the Warburton round, we have had 177 competitors take to the fairways and no one has managed to hole out the Ace jackpot is built up to \$177 in the kitty.

Prize Pool goes up \$1.00 per player each month.



FINE JAR 2021

\$1203.75



FINE SYSTEM

Not driving ladies tees	\$5-00
Having an air swing	\$2-00
Having 4x putts	\$2-00
Throwing a club	\$2-00
Hitting across 2x fairways	\$2-00
Shank	\$2-00
Double Hit	\$2-00
Putting ball on, back off the green	\$2-00
Three Putt Monkey (18 th Hole)	\$2-00

Any other act performed on the course which is deemed to be deserving of a fine can be put to the group for a vote after the game. **\$2-00**

Maximum pay out is **\$10-00**.

Did you ever consider that even if you played every round for the year and paid the maximum fine (\$10) each time you played you would only be contributing \$150 for the year. That donation gets you four or five BBQ's during the year, drinks at social events and unlimited alcohol for 5 hours at the pub on the Saturday night of the golf trip.

This is a call out and a reminder to all of those guys with short arms and deep pockets that you need to contribute a bit of loose change to the fine jar to help to keep the club operational.

2021 Players Choice Awards

Voting ballot



<https://survs.com/survey/sl6wg8759p>

Your votes could make a difference!! In some of the categories one 3point vote will make the difference and influence who gets the trophy and who doesn't. Ideally it would be great to see all members take part and cast their votes

The Award categories are:

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER



This prize takes into account the player who is believed to have made the most significant improvement in their game over the duration of the year. Please nominate a player who you think is doing much better now than they were at the start of 2021. Votes will be tallied from all of your peers, and we will also take into consideration the change in the player's handicap through the duration of the 2021 season.

WORST IMPROVED PLAYER

This prize takes into account the player who is believed to have made the most significant downturn in their game over the duration of the year. Please nominate a player who you think is doing much worse now than they were at the start of 2021. Votes will be tallied from all of your peers, and we will also take into consideration the change in the players handicap through the 2021 season.

LEATHER WEDGE



Each year the Leather Wedge award is given to the player who is best able to manipulate the rules of golf to help to improve their scorecard.

Actions such as kicking the ball out of the bushes with your foot when nobody looking. Not counting a short-missed putt because you were only mucking around. Dropping another ball where yours was lost without taking the relevant penalties and creative accounting (just not counting all of your shots.) These are just some of the many different ways that someone can earn a nomination for the title of Leather Wedge winner.

ANGRY MAN AWARD

This category was introduced to acknowledge some of the memorable dummy spits on the course during the year. Players may nominate a player for an individual temper tantrum and give a brief explanation of the events leading up to and preceding the dummy spit or otherwise nominate a single individual who they believe has the shortest fuse and worst temper on the fairways without needing to nominate a single event. The player with the highest number of points from all nominations will be deemed the winner



This year we have added a couple of extra new categories for the Players Choice Awards.

BUSH WHACKER AWARD.



This category was introduced to acknowledge some of those memorable hard luck stories out on the course during the year. You may nominate a player for an individual incident where a player copped a horrible lie out on the course, copped a favourable or an unfavourable bounce off a tree or bush or even a time when they just got the bad rub of the green. In the comments section you can give a brief explanation of the events leading up to and preceding the event or otherwise you can simply nominate a single individual who you believe spends the most time whacking the golf ball into bushes and the trees, gardens, lakes or out of bounds without needing to nominate a single specific event.

If you want to see who our previous winners have been you can log onto the Sunday Leave Pass

Website www.sundayleavepass.com and click on the winners & awards tab.

[Leather Wedge](#)
[Most improved](#)
[Least Improved](#)
[Angry Man Award](#)
[Tight Wad](#)
[Bush Whacker](#)

<https://survs.com/survey/sl6wg8759p>
Have you handed your votes in yet?

Please submit your Players Choice
Nomination form via email via the links
supplied.
Nominations close at end of business on
18th November.
We were hoping to receive nominations
from all members.



* ANGRY MAN
* MOST IMPROVED PLAYER.
* LEATHER WEDGE
* LEAST IMPROVED PLAYER
* BUSH WHACKER
* TIGHT WAD

* Choose the three players who you believe
best fit each prize category and allocate points
according to your preference.

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GOLF TRIP 2021 ClubBarham Golf Club



Please Note: We have booked the golf trip and we will be going back to Barham Golf course this year. The date of the golf trip will be **Friday 3rd December to Sunday 5th December 2021. The Cost is \$350.00.** We have booked for 35 players so please book it into your calendar and let me know if you are a definite attendee ASAP.

[YES I want to take part in the golf trip this year](#)

[No I will not be going on golf trip](#)

If you are not on the golf trip, then you will not be eligible to win a prize in the raffle.

Please Note: Balance of payments are now due as payable,

There is a confirmation status list at the end of this sheet which will show who has confirmed their attendance on the golf trip and who has not, and it includes how much money is left to pay for those attending.

Before everyone emails me to complain about their handicaps, I remind you that we are using the world handicap slope rating system and this means your handicap is adjusted each month according to the difficulty or ease of the golf course that you are playing on.

Course	Yarra Bend	Holes	18
Par	70	Length	5409
Slope Rating	116	Scratch Rating	67

Believe it or not Yarra Bend is rated as one of the more easy golf courses for scratch golfers, and with a slope rating 116 with a scratch rating of 67 it means that most player's handicap was either neutral or adjusted downwards by 1 stroke from the handicap index according to the slope formula:

New Daily Handicap formula = (GA Handicap x (Slope Rating ÷ 113) + (Scratch Rating minus Par)) x 0.93

[GA WorldHandicapPoster_V01.pdf \(ctfassets.net\)](#)

In case you missed some of the previous communications, I have attached it again.

PLAYER HANDICAPS

PLEASE NOTE *Last year we changed the format of the handicapping system to adjust each player's handicap based on the difficulty of the golf courses we are playing by applying the slope rating of each golf course against the player's handicap. We ran this as a trial in 2019 and it was fully implemented during the

2020 season, and it seemed to work well. This year we have fully transitioned which means the course scratch ratings are also factored into the golf handicapping process.

The difference is when you play a hard golf course like Eynesbury your handicap will be higher, and when you play an easy golf course like Ringwood or Dorset your handicap will be lower. The adjustments are based on the official handicapping system used by golf link and are designed to allow fairness and equality to golfers of all ability levels.

<http://www.worldgolf.com/wglibrary/reference/slope.html>

Instead of a handicap you have a Handicap index, which is the handicap expressed in a decimal (13.4, 5.2, 29.3, etc.). We have always used this process and we have simply used it as a club handicap by assuming that every golf course we played was equal and played as a neutral slope rating of 113. This year your index is used as a mathematical calculation of your playing ability on an average golf course (i.e., a course with a 113 Slope rating) then adjusted up or down according to the course rating which factors in the length and difficulty of the golf course to give you a variable daily handicap.

New Daily Handicap formula = (GA Handicap x (Slope Rating ÷ 113) + (Scratch Rating minus Par))

YARRA BEND GOLF COURSE

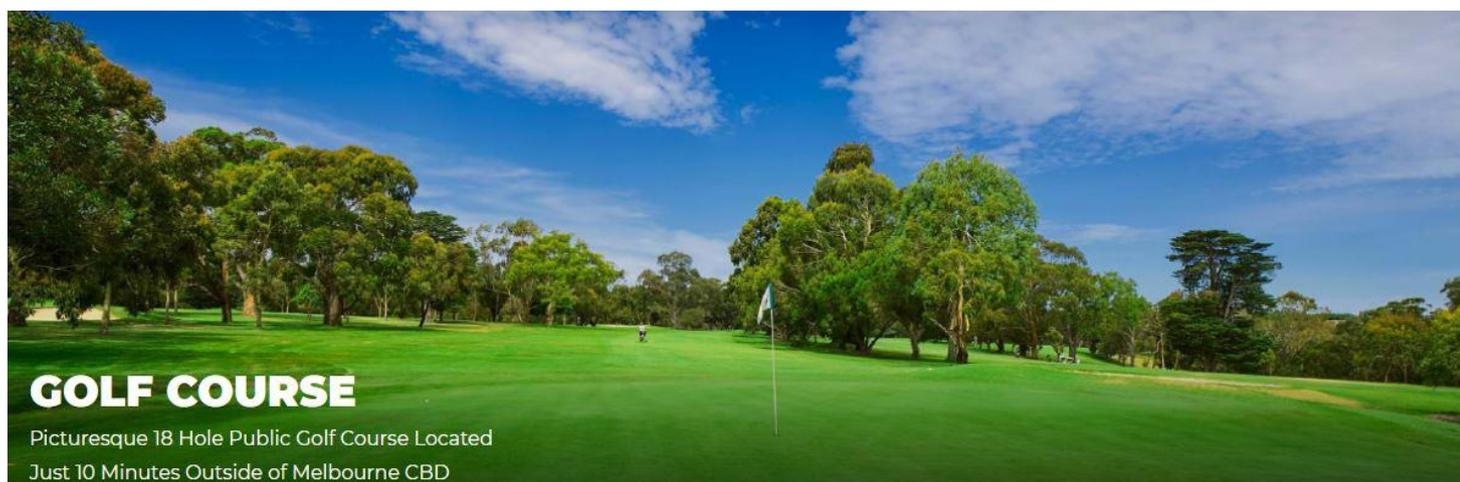
The par 70, 18-hole golf course has long been regarded as Melbourne's premier public-access course. Surrounded by the Yarra River, golfers take in botanic views on every hole, with the city skyline in view on most holes. With a layout that will challenge all levels of golfer and quality year-round course conditions, Yarra Bend Golf is a golfing experience not to be missed!

Built in 1936, Yarra Bend Golf Course is rich in heritage and widely recognised as one of Melbourne's premiere public golf destinations.

The original course design was heavily influenced by Vern Morcom, who is responsible for many of Australia's best layouts. Vern worked intimately with perhaps the greatest golf course architect of all, Alistair MacKenzie, who famously designed Augusta National and Australia's best golf course Royal Melbourne.

In recent years, expert design team Ogilvy Clayton Cocking Mead have restored the course layout and provided a strategic plan for exciting further course upgrades in the future.

Holes: 18 | **Par:** 70 | **Slope:** 118 | **Meterage:** 5409 men / 4703 women



Evidently the golf course impressed the majority, it checked many of the boxes and there is now a real push to get Yarra Bend voted back onto the Sunday Leave Pass annual fixture. Perfect weather conditions, spectacular views and only 20 minutes travel time for many of our members was enough to get the thumbs up from even the harshest of our golf course critics.



Yarra Bend Golf Course Results- October

As pretty as the Yarra Bend golf course is and despite its short length on paper, it still has an ugly side to it. Yarra Bend proved that it is not an easy course to play. Obviously, the golf course architects were able to incorporate some challenges into the compact course layout, which still test even the most accomplished players. Incredibly, almost every golfer sang the praises of Yarra Bend Golf Course, yet only one player managed to play to his handicap and the average score for the group was 8 over par 78.

Mick Harper was looking like he was going to tear the golf course apart. Mick was even with the card after 8 holes, but then his game got unhinged on the ninth hole while trying to smack out a longest drive and he finished up making a quadruple bogie. (9). Evidently, while most others struggled, Mick relished the speed of the greens. He was able to roll in 3 birdies and 7 pars for the day and completed his 18 holes with only 31 putts, which even included a four putt on the 9th green and a three putt on the 18th hole. Despite his impressive performance with the putter, Mick still came very close to finishing his day wearing the fluoro yellow, three-putt monkey vest. Were it not for Newell's putt on the last green finishing just 1-cm short of the mouth of the cup, Mick would have been fined \$2-00 for finishing wearing the vest despite being the equal best player with the flat stick on the day.

Tom Kellythorn also had a good run on the greens. Tom played the front nine holes needing just 14 putts, but then after the turn, the putter went cold and he only made a single, one-putt on the back nine. Tom matched big Mick with the best putting score of 31 strokes on the lowest mown grass.

Most other players struggled with the greens; the average putt score was close to 38 shots for the round. Four players had in excess of 40 putts. Thomas Cooper had 8 three putts and a \$2 fine for a four putt, which was ultimately the difference between coming near last place (shooting 111) and having a serious crack at shooting under 100 strokes.

Greg Parsons was the worst of the worst with a wasteful 46 strokes at the mercy of the putter. Greg had 8 turns at wearing the yellow vest for 3 putting or worse. At one stage, Greg strung together a sequence of 2x consecutive 4-putt greens, followed up with another couple of 3 putts. Greg gave up 9 strokes to the field with his poor putting performance, he was ranked last in putting stats and his score with the flat stick was 15 strokes worse than the number one ranked player. That is certainly a lot of strokes to give away.

It was little wonder that Greg was looking for a bit of help. Obviously, the putting tips he got from Mick Harper on the practice green were not working, so Greg came looking for another way of reducing the putting score. Allegedly, Greg sought out the rules committee, mid-round and asked for a dodgy ruling. It seems, Greg likes to think that if a shot hits the flagstick which has been left in the hole, then it should be classed as “IN”. The questionable practice came into concern when Greg’s playing partner, hit a 12-meter putt too hard and it bounced off the flag stick and finished about a foot from the hole. Chris Sfiligoj tried to argue that hitting the pin was close enough to be considered a holed putt, because if he had been allowed to touch the flag and take it out, then the ball may have gone into the hole. To make it perfectly clear, Chris wasn’t asking for the next putt to be considered a Gimmee, (which also is a No, No) he was claiming the bounce off the flag to be close enough to be called “a holed putt”.

If you are weighing up your options and looking for candidates for Leather Wedge award 2021. Keep these antics in mind.

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At least they did not write the score on the card until after they asked for a ruling, however I think both Greg and Chris were disappointed when they were told that only a ball that goes into the hole is called sunk. Had the ruling been different it would have been a great outcome for Peter Alphabet, who, after being privy to the entire conversation, played his next shot with a pitching wedge down the third fairway. By some form of small miracle, his ball rolled onto the green and hit the flag flush in the middle of the pole and stopped just a meter or two from the cup to set up his third birdie putt in a row. With the flag still shaking from the force of the impact, Peter called back to Greg and said, “That shot hit the flag, so does that mean it is “in?” If it does, then I just made an eagle 2?”

Forty seconds later, Newell Richards rammed his putt up against the flag on the par 3 fourth hole. The ball sat on the edge but failed to drop into the hole.

Peter Alphabet it seemed had the luck of the gods following him, initially we thought he must have had a leprechaun sitting on his shoulder, because he managed to get lucky break after lucky break. Throughout his entire round of golf, Peters balls rolled through bunkers, bounced off trees back into the middle of the fairway and even skinned pitching wedges destined for the Yarra River was stopped by the flagpole. It seemed as though Peter could not do a single thing wrong and if he did, then he somehow got away with it.

As it happens it wasn’t a leprechaun looking over Peters shoulder, it was the “Tyche” the Greek goddess of good luck.

“Tyche” was the ancient Greek goddess of fortune, chance, providence and fate. She was usually honoured in a more favourable light as Eutychia, goddess of good fortune, luck, success and prosperity. Tyche was depicted with a variety of attributes—a rudder, ball, the infant Plutus (Wealth) and a cornucopia.



Evidently Pete spent his first Saturday night out, on “Freedom Day,” with the family at the local Greek restaurant loading up on a cornucopia of Ouzo shots. Somehow, between the dinner and drinking session and the misty haze of the next days hangover, Peter had brought with him a Greek angel “Tyche” to watch out over him.

Peter’s newfound good fortune was evident from his very first drive, when a pulled 1 wood bounced off a tree stump, ricocheted out of the rough and gave him a clear shot at the green with his next swing. Through his blurry hangover eyes, Peter then miss-hit the next stroke, yet it rolled end over end, along the ground until it finally came to rest, you guessed it on the green. Two dodgy shots and it resulted in an easy par written on the score card.

By the time the second hole was completed there was no doubt the way the day was going to play out. Two players launched wayward drives off the second tee and both shots travelled the exact same journey. Left to right, a loud scream of “Fore” to alert the innocent bystanders standing on the 9th tee. A long walk through the trees and a few apologies later, both balls were found. One had a clear line of sight and uninhibited flight path to the green and the other was blocked and almost unplayable from the only tree standing between the tee and the green. Surely, we don’t need to elaborate and say whose ball was whose. Peter caressed his ball onto the green for a casual 2 putt par, whereas Stu Coops bushwhacked his way towards the green, eventually finishing the hole with what turned out to be a round ending score of 9, from exactly the same location.

While Peter got lucky time and time again, for every bit of good fortune, it seemed as though Stu got a cut of bad luck. It certainly appeared as though the celestial interference, both good and bad, were linked. For example, when Peter drove his ball down the left-hand side of the Par five 15th hole, his ball was unaffected by gravity and his Srixon 4 was easy to find. Yet, when Stu took exactly the same line with his drive his ball bounced off the slope of the hill and was lost for ever in the long grassy hazard. Two identical shots, and the final outcome was Peter made a par whereas Stu was left to mark his card with an 8.

It was only once we looked into the Greek Goddess “Tyche” that we managed to find a link between Peter Alphabets run of good luck and the mirrored bad luck experienced by Stu Coops. Evidently, Stu was destined for failure and misfortune from the moment he joined Peter on the first tee, and here is the reason why:

In Greek and many other cultures there is a bad luck charm otherwise known as the “Evil Eye”

- **Evil Eye** The evil eye (Greek: μάτι, mati, Turkish: Nazar, "eye"; Hebrew: עין הרע; Italian: malocchio; Arabic: عين حسد, ayn; Persian: چشم cheshm) is a superstitious belief in curse, believed to be cast by a malevolent glare, usually given to a person when one is unaware. It dates back at least to Greek classical antiquity, 6th century BC where it appeared on Chalcidian drinking vessels, known as 'eye-cups', as a type of apotropaic magic.



Evil Eye



Stu's Ball markings



Peter's Ball markings

Evidently Stu has been marking his golf ball with a cursed Greek symbol for years. As soon as Peter Alphabet saw Stu mark his Titleist 01 with the Evil Eye markings, Pete asked for his ball to be marked with a cross. In hindsight, now we understand why Pete insisted that Stu mark his ball using the same Texta, and why he chose the Greek cross as his marking of choice. Peter was channelling the energies of “Tyche” to put a counter spell against the Evil Eye curse on Stu.

This wasn’t the only time Peter acted in his own best interest. Jamie was left high and dry on the 6th hole when he and two of his playing partners hooked their golf balls into the trees. Poor Steve Dawson was left diving for cover when three balls in succession were launched from the tee with a loud call of “Fore!!”. Dawso was in the danger zone because he was playing in the group behind, and it was not uncommon to have balls rattle around in the trees above his head. Once Jamie’s playing group arrived at Dawso’s battered and bruised body, they started the search for where the golf balls had finished up. While Cam Douglas, Jamie and Stu walked circles for 6 minutes searching for Jamie’s ball, Peter Alphabet unashamedly ignored them and walked up the fairway to where his ball had deflected off the tree canopy and come to rest in the middle of the fairway. We are not sure whether

Jamie was angrier because he had lost his ball when it should have been easy to find in the light rough along the tree line or because his so-called good mate had not even bothered to help him to look for it.

After nearly getting hit by the balls on the 5th hole, Dawso drove like a demon. It looked like he was seeking revenge for nearly killing him as he repeatedly rained golf balls on Jamie, Peter and the group in front. On the par 3, 8th hole Dawso had his best chance to send the group diving for cover. He hit a sweeping hook which flew directly over the guys standing on the 9th tee box, he called "Fore" however the ball was so long and wide that it missed his active target and instead his ball crashed into the golf bag of a poor unsuspecting stranger who was walking his buggy down the second fairway.

Golf can be a dangerous game; an errant drive can turn out to be harmful to others around the golf course. Because of the way the golf course interacts from hole to hole, the peace and tranquillity of the beautiful Yarra Bend layout was regularly interrupted by the holler of "Fore" as golf balls flew from one fairway to the next. While golfing, there is always the fear of hitting someone when you play a wayward shot, although the last thing on your mind while going through a golf swing is the possibility that you might actually manage to hit the golf ball into yourself.

It is not uncommon for the supercoach to hit his drive short distances. On Sunday he was fined the maximum limit of \$10 for twice failing to hit his driver past the ladies-tees and on several other occasions it was only gravity which enabled his ball to just get passed them.



With an average drive distance for the day of less than 50 meters it was a tough day for the self-proclaimed Supercoach, although his shortest shot for the day was a three iron which travelled 4 meters forwards, then four meters backwards and then came to rest 4 meters to the left of where he stood. It was Fil's second shot on the Par 5 ninth hole. As he stood over his ball, after a 12meter drive he was staring down the remaining 432 meters left to get to the green. With open fairway to the left and clear paddock straight ahead as far as the eye could see, Fil addressed his golf ball. The only thing that could possibly go wrong was if he pulled the ball towards the trees to the right, however with his feet standing 30 cm above the ball that was near on impossible. Well impossible for everyone except for the out-of-form, Mark Sfiligoj. Fil came over the top of his golf ball with a closed face, and the ball squirted out to the right like a bullet. His Topflight 01 crashed into the trunk of a huge cyprus tree growing 4 meters to the right of where he stood. The ball rebounded back towards him at almost the same speed as it left the club. It was only Fil's lightning quick reflexes that enabled him to stick a hand out to deflect the ball and stop it from hitting himself in the head. Mark nearly decapitated himself which gave Fitzzy no end of joy and entertainment, especially after Fil had started the day by telling Fitzzy how crap he was, because Fitzzy's first drive with his new golf club only managed to clear the squatters tees by a matter of meters.



Fitzzy's son, Jaxon on the other hand was having no troubles hitting his drives long. He smoked one down the middle of the first fairway and hardly missed a drive for the entire day. The longest drive competition was almost a battle of the teenagers with both Jaxon and Thomas crushing their balls Bryson Dechambeau style down the 9th hole. Jaxon's drive was only a meter behind Thomas Coopers, and both kids were left with only just over 200 meters away from the green for their second shot. Not even big Mick, Gerard or Greg Breasley, were able to launch a ball far enough to compete with the youngsters for the longest drive title. It was only the Greek god of luck "Tyche" acting on behalf of Peter Alphabet that was able to knock them off their perch. Peter hit a good solid drive which flew high and straight. The ball descended its flight path and conveniently landed on the concrete surrounds of a sprinkler mount. His ball took a massive bounce in the air and spring boarded forward at least another 50 meters further than the drive should otherwise have travelled. The ball then hit the downslope of the fairway and rolled on past the long drive marker. It was a miracle of a shot. Perhaps it was another case of divine intervention from "Thyche." the Greek god of luck. Whatever the cause, it resulted in Peter Alphabet winning his 2nd career longest drive title for the club.

Stu Coops is still protesting the long drive outcome. If it wasn't bad enough for Peter to get a cheats bounce off the concrete slab to knock off Thomas Cooper, but then for him to deny Stu the long drive crown because he took a more direct route and hit his ball down the split fairway on the ninth hole which Peter argued was not part of the course. When Alister McKenzie designed the Yarra Bend layout, he created some exciting golf holes including the Par 5 ninth hole where he engineered two different fairway paths, split by a row of trees down the middle. Only the brave, take the more direct route. It is a high-risk tee shot taking on the river and it leaves a golfer with a difficult second shot which requires a high carry back over the trees and the green is protected even more so by the front bunker when playing from the 2nd option fairway. It is a classic, traditional MacKenzie/Morcom risk versus reward set up. On Sunday, Stu successfully navigated his ball onto the short cut stuff on the alternate fairway, however when he called for the long drive marker to be brought down to him, Peter refused. suggesting the ball was not on the fairway. He recruited Jamie and Cam Douglas to support his conspiracy theory, so in the end Stu conceded defeat because it was inevitable, he was never going to win the argument, and he relinquished his grip on the Long Drive title.



Even if you do a search on google images, it clearly shows the fairway is perfectly mown just the same as the other 17 holes on the golf course. According to the club constitution the golf ball must be on the short-mown grass of the fairway to be eligible to win the longest drive title. Alistair MacKenzie would be turning in his grave knowing that a player who successfully took on the most challenging play line that he built into the golf course was being penalized for doing so.

Sometimes risk versus reward pays off, and there are other times when it doesn't. Cam Ross tried to cut the corner and fly the dogleg on the 13th hole; however, he fell short, and he paid the ultimate price. Cam's ball rattled around in the tree canopy before dropping straight down to the base of the tree. When he arrived at his ball he was totally stumped. There was no option other than take an unplayable lie or risk breaking his wrist and golf club and still be hitting the ball in the wrong direction.



Fitzy also got an interesting surprise when he hit his golf ball under the base of a tree. Although he had an unimpeded swing at the golf ball, Fitzy had to dodge a baby ring tail possum that had fallen out of the tree. Whether or not it was Fitzy's drive that knocked it out of the branches we will never know, however as a good Samaritan or because of a little bit of the guilts, Fitzy took off his jumper and tried to encourage the possum to climb back up the tree. It took more than 5 minutes to get the possum to let go of the jumper but eventually it scampered to the safety of the tall branches and waited for the next errant golf ball to knock it down again.



Yarra Bend has an abundance of wildlife. While Fitzy was rescuing the baby possum, just two groups ahead Thomas Cooper was blasting golf balls at the bats nesting in the trees along the Yarra River. About 10,000 of the grey-headed bats live at Yarra Bend Park, after they were moved from the Royal Botanic Gardens in 2003. After Thomas Cooper skinned his bunker shot out of the bunker on the 13th hole, the population of bats may have dropped by one or two. Thomas was sitting pretty with his ball in the greenside bunker for just four shots, however he almost finished the hole with a Newell when he got too much ball contact and not enough sand. His ball crashed into the trees housing a colony of fruit bats and according to eyewitnesses, at least 2 of them lost their grip on the branch they were hanging from and crashed down into the roaring river below. Thomas claims they were just diving down to try to save his golf ball from disappearing into the river, although they looked more battered and bruised than he portrays.



Interestingly in the absence of the regular contributors, this month there was only 6 Newell's posted from a field of 26 players. Either Yarra Bend is an easier course than most golf courses we play on, or else our Newell tally is skewed by the people who play each month. It would have been interesting to see if we had more Newell's scored if Tony Mac and Rick had of been able to have played. Unfortunately, the boys got cut off at the pass and a last-minute change to golf Australia's vaccination policy meant that they were not eligible to play on Sunday.

Listed below is the Newell's achieved at Yarra Bend on Sunday.

NEWELL'S					
Colin Ewart	2nd Hole Par 4 (11)			Cam Ross	9th Hole Par 5 (10)
Thomas Cooper	3rd Hole Par 4 (10)			Greg Breasley	15th Hole Par 5 (10)
Mark Sfiligoj	9th Hole Par 5 (10)			Tom Kellythorn	17th Hole Par 4 (10)

While the Newell count was relatively low, the Birdie tally was more significant. As a collective group we posted 12 birdies and 70 pars for the day. Interestingly on most instances the birds could be found in pairs.



Mick Harper found three birdies over his 18-hole journey. Steve Dawson had a matching pair and even Stu Coops also had a pair of birdies including a birdie 2 on the par 3 tenth hole. Jaxon Fitzpatrick stamped his authority on the rest of the field by making a couple of birds, and his reward was a 2nd place ranking for the day. Todd and Tom are often mistaken between one another, nobody is sure which one is which and who made what, however between the two of them they did account for 2 of the 12 birdies made at Yarra Bend on Sunday, and Gerard MacIsaac made up the other one with a birdie on the par 5 ninth hole.

Mick Harper	1st Hole Par 5		Steve Dawson	10th Hole Par 3
Steve Dawson	3rd Hole Par 4		Stuart Cooper	10th Hole Par 3
Tom Kellythorn	4th Hole Par 3		Stuart Cooper	13th Hole Par 5
Mick Harper	6th Hole Par 4		Todd Neilson	13th Hole Par 5
Jaxon Fitzpatrick	9th Hole Par 5		Mick Harper	15th Hole Par 5
Gerard MacIsaac	9th Hole Par 5		Jaxon Fitzpatrick	17th Hole Par 3

Evidently Tom Kellythorn (the pommie one) is fed up with getting mistaken for Todd (the Canadian boat person). It seems that despite being regular players with the social club for more than 5 years, the majority of us, use their names mistakenly and interchangeably. During the latest Covid lockdown, Tom decided that by growing a goatee beard he would have a distinguishing

feature which would make him stand out from the crowd and he hoped it would reinstate his own unique identity. What he failed to realize is; that he now looks like Chris Sfiligoj's short, funny speaking, twin brother. When Chris arrived at the practice green at Yarra Bend, the first thing he noticed was Tom was wearing the same-coloured pants, a matching black zip top, identical hat and sunglasses. With the greying beard staring back at him, Chris thought he was looking directly into the mirror.



Speaking of Doppelgangers, anyone who watched the golf last week would have been so excited to see an Aussie win his first PGA tournament. No one was more excited for Lucas Herbert than was Barry Hemsley, who backed him in for a win by tipping him in the Sunday Leave Pass fantasy golf competition. This gave Barry a convincing 65-point win for the tournament and rocketed him up to number 1 ranking in the season points championship.

LEAGUE LEADERBOARD		Sunday leave pass	Tournament	Segment	Season	
RANK	TEAM	POINTS	Search			
1	Sunday baz	199	 Christiaan Bezuidenhout	 Matt Fitzpatrick	 Patrick Reed	 Lucas Herbert
2	SundayWayne	134	 Matt Fitzpatrick	 Mito Pereira	 Garrick Higgo	 Patrick Reed

What all of us failed to realize is that Barry had a wee bit of inside information, as it turns out: Barry knows Lucas Herbert personally. In fact, Barry actually works with him. As his caddy.



After seeing how Barry knocked his drive straight and long down the middle of the first fairway, I would not be the least bit surprised if Barry is receiving personalized golf lessons from Lucas Herbert on the side.

Thomas Cooper had his driver going very well on Sunday too. As we suggested earlier it was only bad luck that robbed him of winning the longest drive competition, and he was also pipped at the post by the Nearest to Pin 2nd shot hole as well. Thomas smashed his driver to pin high only 6meters from the green on the 260meter par 4 hole. Thomas then flicked a wedge to about 2 meters under the flag stick, however he put too much spin on his chip and the ball rolled back down the hill towards him. Thomas' marker placed at 4 meters from the cup withstood many challenges, however it was only Dawso in the very last group for the day

who rolled his chip shot from out of the rough and onto the green to finish with his ball closer than the NTP marker. Although Dawso did win the prize for NTP 2nd shot, he failed to capitalize, not only did he miss the birdie putt, but he failed to make par and was left to walk off the green carrying the humiliation of wearing the three-putt monkey vest.

The biggest news coming out of Yarra Bend was when Stu Coops managed to win the NTP prize on the 10th hole. Stu came very close to taking out the NTP on the 8th green however his charity in not measuring the distance between the two markers was left unrewarded when he then went on to three-putt for bogie. Some folks might remember the ongoing joke how Stu Coops has played 940 par 3 holes with the Sunday Leave Pass social club and of those holes he has been crowned with 53 Nearest to pin titles, with a return of only 9 birdies on par 3 holes. So, on Sunday he was delighted to finally sink a NTP winning putt and to reach double figures in the Par 3 birdie tally.

The point of contention is whether Stu actually hit the tee shot to within three feet in the first place. Evidently, none of his playing partners saw him hit the ball. At the nine-hole turn, Stu sent all of his playing partners off to the proshop to buy him some snacks. He sent both Jamie and Peter Alphabet over to the proshop to buy him a pie, that's correct folks he got two pies and he also sent Cam Douglas off to buy him a Powerade, however when they all got back with his stash, Stu was already putting his golf club back in his golf bag and his ball was sitting snug as a bug under the pin just 3 feet from the hole.

Given no one saw him strike the ball, Jamie asked whether Stu had possibly thrown the ball the required 105 meters to the green, Cam Douglas had a different suspicion, he worked out it that it only takes 28 seconds to run 200meters and the guys had clearly been at the shop for at least 2 minutes. If you are looking for nominations for the 2021 Leather Wedge Awards, then this kind of behaviour from Stu Coops might be just what is needed to sway your votes. It might be worth throwing him in the mix for the Tight Wad award too, especially since he had 2 pies and a Powerade purchased for him, and he never dipped in his pocket to pay the guys back. In retrospect he didn't even shout a drink at the bar after golf either. Sounds like a Tight Wad to me.

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by:

4th Hole	Gerard Maclsaac (Raffle Ticket)
8th Hole	Mick Harper (Raffle Ticket)
10th Hole	Stuart Cooper (Raffle Ticket)
14th Hole	Cam Ross
16th Hole	Cam Ross
11th Hole NTP 2nd Shot	Steve Dawson (Raffle Ticket)
Longest Drive	Peter Calyvopoulos (Raffle Ticket)

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.

It seems the SLP logo prize balls have been devalued, suddenly everyone in the club is a golf ball snob and they are choosing to play with their own preferred branded balls. Gone are the days of playing with anything you find in the golf bag or out on the golf course, The victim of this is our prize balls, because for the second month in row each prize winner opted for the raffle tickets and the extra chance to win a major prize rather than the golf ball.

Golf Balls are owed to the following people:

Cam Ross	NTP 14th Hole Yarra Bend - 1 ball
Cam Ross	NTP 16th Hole Yarra Bend - 1 ball
Mal Griffiths	NTP 5th Hole Warburton - 1 ball
Wayne James	NTP 13th Hole Centenary Park
Mark Fitzpatrick	NTP 3rd Hole Spring Park - 1 ball
Steve Powne	House of golf voucher -Winner Dorset
Tony MacIsaac	House of golf voucher -Winner Bayviews
Steve Dawson	House of golf voucher -Winner Yarra Bend

PLEASE NOTE: This year the monthly winner has the option of exchanging the number of balls owed to Raffle tickets for the end of year prize draw.

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 if you wear the official club shirt plus extra tickets can also be won by winning a hole in the monthly skin's competition.

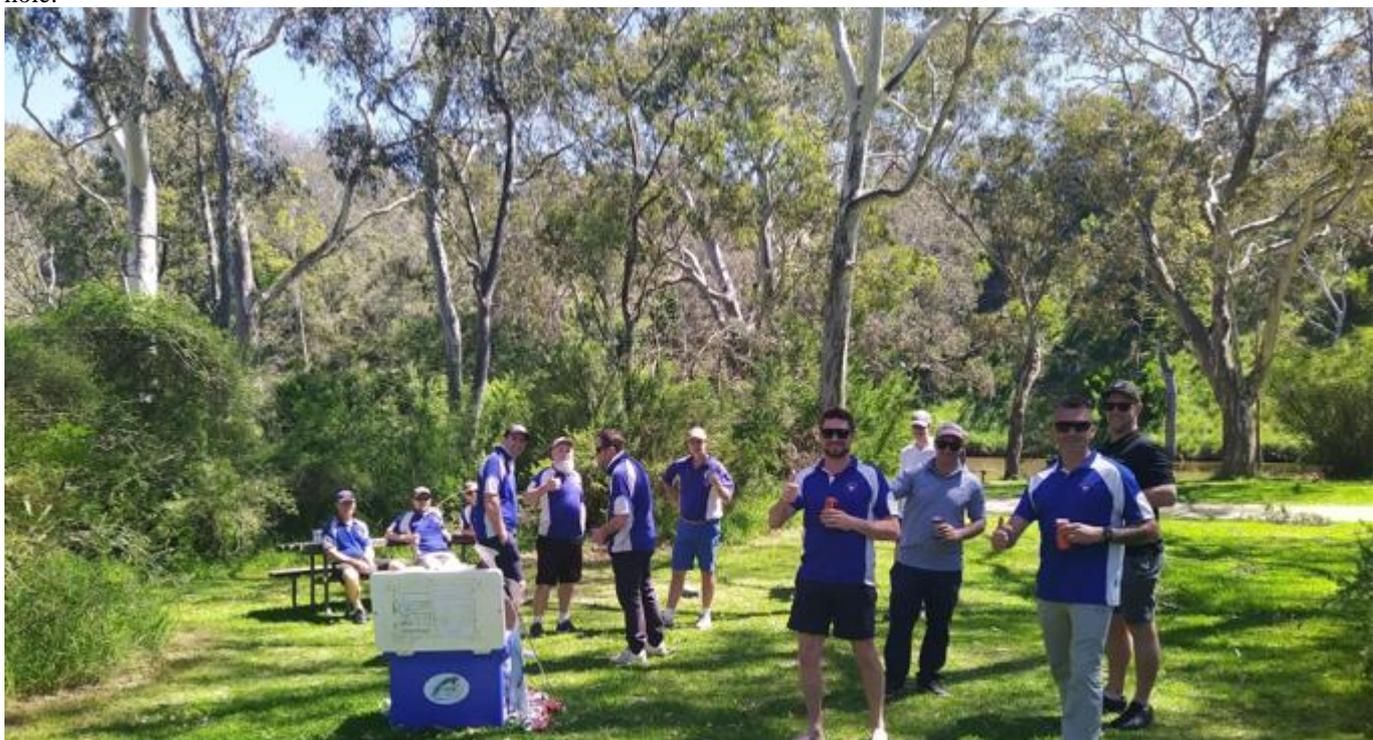
“SKINS” were distributed to those players good enough to win a hole outright. If more than 1 player got the lowest score on a hole it is Jackpotted until an outright winner occurs.

Skins at **Yarra Bend** were won by:

- 1 Jackpot
- 2 **Cam Douglas**
- 3 **Steve Dawson**
- 4 **Tom Thorn**
- 5 **Thomas Cooper**
- 6 Jackpot
- 7 Jackpot
- 8 Jackpot
- 9 **Jaxon Fitzpatrick**
- 10 **Steve Dawson**
- 11 Jackpot
- 12 **Barry Hemsley**
- 13 **Todd Neilson**
- 14 Jackpot
- 15 **Mick Harper**
- 16 Jackpot
- 17 **Jaxon Fitzpatrick**
- 18 **Chris Westhead**

<u>Number of skins won</u>	
Jaxon Fitzpatrick	x6
Cam Douglas	x2
Barry Hemsley	x2
Steve Dawson	x2
Mick Harper	x2
Tom Kellythorn	x1
Thomas Cooper	x1
Todd Neilson	x1
Chris Westhead	x1

In order to win a skins jackpot, it takes a lot of skill and even a whole lot more luck. Firstly, you need to play a hole well and score a birdie or par where you get a shot or two allocated from your handicap. But then more importantly you are reliant on none of the other 30 to 40 players in the group having the same good score or better on that particular hole, than you did. The low handicappers always find it very hard to win skins, because they are making birdies and pars on holes where they don't always get a shot and therefore, they are competing against a field of players where some people are getting 2 or even 3 extra strokes on the hole.



It was great to finally be able to meet up as a collective group and have a beer and a chat after the game. Admittedly the quality of conversation hasn't changed a bit. Despite the long absence the conversation was drivel and unintelligible, however the beer was cold and the scenery on the river was quite spectacular. I am not sure that we managed to solve the problems of the world, in any of our group chats however there was plenty of banter and lots of stories about how badly our golf has gone downhill during lockdown.

Newell was devastated to realize that he had forgotten the Champion of Champions jacket and because he had left it at home, he was unable to add to his free drinks hit list, because anyone Newell tapped on the shoulder while not wearing the jacket was eligible to make Newell buy a drink for them. It seems lockdown has slowed the momentum of Newell's debt collection, however even with one month left in the year he has still cashed in more beverages than any of the past Champion of Champion jacket wearers.

NEWELLS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS HIT LIST.

Player Name	Rounds 2020	Player Name	Rounds 2020	Player Name	Rounds 2020
Adam Cooper	Paid	Greg Breasley	3	Ron Parsons	Paid
Andrew Clarke	4	Greg Parsons	Paid	Shane Cummins	Paid
Anthony Emmerson	8	Heath McLeod	7	Shaun Klep	4
Barry Hemsley	8	Jamie Brunton	Paid	Steve Dawson	Paid
Ben Nichol	4	Jaxon Fitzpatrick	Paid	Steve Osullivan	9
Brendan MacIsaac	Paid	John Mea	Paid	Steve Powne	Paid
Brendan MacIsaac	8	Leigh MacIsaac	7	Stuart Cooper	9
Brent Douglas	Paid	Mal Griffiths	Paid	Thomas Cooper	Paid
Cam Douglas	Paid	Mark Fitzpatrick	3	Tim Emmerson	Paid
Cameron Ross	8	Mark Sfiligoj	4	Todd Neilson	4
Chris Sfiligoj	Paid	Mick Harper	9	Tom Thorn	Paid
Cliff Rowe	Paid	Newell Richards	8	Tony Grasso	3
Colin Ewan	Paid	Paul Marshall	3	Tony MacIsaac	8
Dale Robinson	7	Peter Calyopoulos	Paid	Warren Perrett	Paid
David Burns	1	Phil Plane	Paid	Wayne James	Paid
Gerard MacIsaac	7	Rick Turcinovic	9		Paid
Glenn Douglas	8	Robert Underwood	2		



For those who have forgotten about the powers bestowed on the Blue Jacket here is a reminder of how it works.

As the Champion of Champions Newell will be able to ask any Sunday Leave Pass member to buy him a drink, it is limited to only receiving one drink per member (beer or soft) over the entire year and it can only be done so, only if he is wearing the Champion of Champions jacket at the time. This of course does not include new members who did not play at least one or more rounds in season 2020 but not exclusive to those who attended the golf trip. So, if he manages himself correctly, he should be looking at up to 50 free beers or soft drinks over the next 12 months. Now that is a prize worth aspiring for.

The other condition is that Newell must be the one who consumes the drink, he cannot use his power to buy beverages for anyone else. There is also a catch where, if Newell asks someone who has previously shouted him a drink, then he must immediately buy them a drink instead. Not that there is much chance of that happening as he has a spreadsheet set up and running.

Newell can also kick in the balance of \$2 per shout to upgrade his beer to bourbons if he prefers to.

Remember that Newell must be wearing the jacket, He must continue to wear the jacket while he is drinking. If it is too hot to wear the Champion of Champions jacket that is OK, just choose not to wear it and then you are not eligible for a free drink. All purchased drinks are to be opened so they cannot be taken home for future consumption or to give to dinner guests or visitors.

Congratulations to Steve Dawson who successfully negotiated the Yarra Bend Golf Course better than the rest of the field. Dawson was only one of 3 players to break 90 on Sunday, and with his score at Nett 70 he was crowned the monthly title winner.

With two birdies and a par, Jaxon Fitzy produced a career best performance. Jaxon beat his previous record low by 3 strokes and he was just a couple of shots shy of breaking under the triple figure's barrier for the first time.

Big Mick Harper is maneuvering himself into his favorite position. Another solid performance and a podium finish see's Mick well within striking distance of closing the season out in the bridesmaid's place yet again. Mick shot the low gross score for the day, he needed only 78 swings to complete the 4703-meter journey around Yarra Bend. One can only imagine what score Mick may have been able to produce had he not blown up on the ninth hole where he posted a 9, on what should have otherwise been a very gettable par 5 hole for him.

It was great to see Chris Westhead submit a scorecard worthy of a top 10 position. This month was Chris' first round with his official club handicap and he certainly was able to show, that the handicapper has got it pretty accurate this time. Chris played very well and matched his equal career best score. With a couple of pars for the day he was also able to win some skins.

Jamie Brunton was a big fan of Yarra Bend. He loved the short trip to get to the golf course, he repeatedly mentioned how pretty the scenery was and the reward for his enthusiasm was a season's best score and a top 5 finish in the points allocation. Jamie's only gripe for the day was losing his ball in the middle of the short rough beside the fairway. What Jamie discovered on Sunday was how it is always harder to find your golf ball when:

- A) your playing partner doesn't watch your shot and
- B) your playing partner doesn't help you look for your ball when you need a bit of help.

Brent Douglas and Newell Richards have once again featured at the top end of the points allocation and they both coasted past poor Tony MacIsaac who was previously sitting on top of the points ranking. With two rounds left in season 2021 there are 5 players who are all within striking distance of winning the season trophy. With only 10 points separating first to fifth position and a maximum of 30 points on offer, the performances at Morack and Barham are going to be critical.

Results for Yarra Bend were as follows:

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Player	Steve Dawson	Jaxon Fitzpatrick	Mick Harper	Chris Westhead	Jamie Brunton	Brent Douglas	Newell Richards	Peter Calyvopoulos	Barry Hemsley
Score	88	101	78	104	97	90	92	90	103
Handicap	18	30	6	30	22	15	16	14	27
Nett Score	70	71	72	74	75	75	76	76	76
Points	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

Ranking	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Player	Todd Neilson	Wayne James	Tom Kellythorn	Adam Cooper	Greg Parsons	Gerard MacIsaac	Ron Parsons	Mark Fitzpatrick	Greg Breasley
Score	93	90	96	96	108	87	101	96	113
Handicap	16	12	18	17	29	8	21	16	32
Nett Score	77	78	78	79	79	79	80	80	81
Points	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1

19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Cameron Ross	Stuart Cooper	Chris Sfiligoj	Cam Douglas	Karl Schwarz	Mark Sfiligoj	Thomas Cooper	Colin Ewart
107	92	101	104	102	100	111	120
26	11	20	23	17	15	24	29
81	81	81	81	85	85	87	91
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Where more than one player has the same score the place allocations are determined by a countback.

The count back system is formulated as the following. *Total number of stableford points scored on the back nine holes.

*In the event that both players have the same stableford score on the back nine it then reverts to the number of stableford points scored on the eighteenth hole. If this is the same then it goes to the 17th hole, sixteenth hole, fifteenth hole until a player has a better hole and therefore has a higher stableford score than the other.

Listed below is an example of how the countback system was used to determine the results at Spring Park

Brent Douglas	Steve Dawson	<p>In this instance both Brent and Dawso had Nett 73 after their handicap was deducted from the Gross Scores. So, we go back to a countback.</p> <p>In this example brent ranks higher because he had 16 points compared to Dawso who choked on the back nine holes and could only conjure up 11 stableford points on the back nine and was therefore relegated down a place.</p> <p>If in the event, that the countback then identifies that both players have had the same stableford points score on the back nine then we go back to the individual holes starting from the 18th hole and compare results until a player had a standout result. In the example shown on the right both Tony MacIsaac and Steve Powne had Nett 74 and 12 Stableford points on the back nine. So, the countback then compares the scores on individual holes starting from the 18th hole working backwards as required. In this situation the scores on holes 18, were different. Tony scored 2 stableford points compared to Steve who only scored 1 stableford point. Consequently, Tony wins the countback, and the Blue Smurf is relegated back to a lower place ranking. If both scores are equal on the 18th hole, then we go back to the 17th hole, then the 16th, etc etc.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNT BACK IS ON HOLES 10-18 irrespective of whether it is a two-tee start, a normal hit off from the first hole or as in the case of Gardiners Run where we hit off the 10th hole first. It is always the 10th to 18th holes and if one person starts on the 10th hole and the other hits off the first hole then it still remains exactly the same formula.</p>	Tony MacIsaac	Steve Powne
87	91		102	94
14	18		28	20
73	73		74	74
+2	+2		+0	+1
+2	+3		+1	+0
+1	+2		+0	+1
+1	+0		+3	+1
+2	+0		+3	+2
+3	+0		+0	+2
+2	+2		+2	+2
+1	+1	+1	+2	
+2	+1	+2	+1	
+16	+11	+12	+12	

HANDICAPS

The changes to player's handicaps are as follows:

BOLD RED NUMBERS- refer to players whose handicap has gone out

BOLD GREEN NUMBERS- refer to players whose handicap has come in

BOLD BLACK NUMBERS- refer to players whose handicap has remained unchanged **NON-BOLD NUMBERS**- refer to players who didn't play this month, so handicap has not changed

Player:	New Handicap	Was		Player:	New Handicap	Was
Adam Cooper	17.8	17.8		Mal Griffiths	15.9	15.9
Andrew Clarke	14.3	14.3		Mark Fitzpatrick	17.7	17.7
Anthony Emmerson	15.6	15.6		Mark Sfiligoj	16.3	16.2
Barry Hemsley	28.1	28.1		Mick Harper	6.9	7.3
Ben Nichol	20.0	20.0		Newell Richards	17.5	17.6
Brendan MacIsaac	38.6	38.6		Peter Calyvopoulos	15.5	15.6
Brent Douglas	16.0	16.3		Phil Plane	26.7	26.7
Cam Douglas	23.7	23.7		Rick Turcinovic	29.5	29.5
Cam Ross	26.5	26.5		Rob Underwood	35.2	35.2
Casey Morrison	34.0	New H/Cap 34.0		Ron Parsons	22.4	22.5
Chris Sfiligoj	22.4	21.5		Shane Cumming	10.2	10.2
Chris Westhead	31.0	31.0		Shaun Klepp	26.7	26.7
Cliff Rowe	12.9	12.9		Steve Dawson	18.0	19.5
Colin Ewart	28.6	28.6		Steve O'Sullivan	10.2	10.2
Dale Robinson	17.0	17.0		Steve Powne	22.3	22.3
David Burns	26.0	26.0		Stuart Cooper	12.3	12.3
Gerard MacIsaac	9.6	9.2		Thomas Cooper	25.3	25.3
Glenn Douglas	16.8	16.8		Tim Emmerson	24.8	24.8
Greg Breasley	32.8	32.8		Todd Neilsen	17.7	17.4
Greg Parsons	30.2	29.6		Tom Kellythorn	19.1	19.3
Jamie Brunton	23.1	23.3		Tony Grasso	19.6	19.6
Jaxon Fitzpatrick	29.7	30.7		Tony MacIsaac	28.8	28.8
John Mea	26.7	26.7		Warren Perrett	24.1	24.1
Karl Schwarz	17.8	17.8		Wayne James	13.6	13.7

As a new member of the Social Club the Callaway Handicapping system is used to give the player a daily played to handicap for the first couple of rounds. Once they have played 3 rounds, they are given a temporary club handicap using the original AGU handicapping system. After 5 rounds they are then switched across to the current slope handicapping system.

Score	Deduct
68 69 70 71 72	0.0 Scored, no adjustment
73 74 75	0.5 worst holes & adjustment
76 77 78 79 80	1.0 worst holes & adjustment
81 82 83 84 85	1.5 worst holes & adjustment
86 87 88 89 90	2.0 worst holes & adjustment
91 92 93 94 95	2.5 worst holes & adjustment
96 97 98 99 100	3.0 worst holes & adjustment
101 102 103 104 105	3.5 worst holes & adjustment
106 107 108 109 110	4.0 worst holes & adjustment
111 112 113 114 115	4.5 worst holes & adjustment
116 117 118 119 120	5.0 worst holes & adjustment
121 122 123 124 125	5.5 worst holes & adjustment
126 127 128 129 130	6.0 worst holes & adjustment

Adjustment	Add or Deduct from Handicap
-2	-1
0	1
	2

This system is used for determining fair allowances for social golf events that attract novices or occasional golfers. A player's Callaway handicap is determined after each round by deducting from his/her 18-hole gross score the scores of the worst individual holes during the first 16 holes of the round.

In the computation of handicaps under this system:

- No hole may be scored at more than twice its par,
- half strokes count as a whole,
- the 17th and 18th holes are never deducted,

For example, if a player scores 99 on the day their handicap would be calculated as the sum total of their (3 worst holes) +1

If a player scores 82 on the day their handicap would be calculated as the sum total of their (worst + ½ the 2nd worst hole) -1

If a player scores 120 on the day their handicap would be calculated as the sum total of their (five worst holes) +2

After 3 rounds they will be allocated a temporary handicap using the old AGU handicapping formula and then after 5 rounds they are elevated onto the official Slope handicapping system which was use thereafter for all club competitions.

For those people interested in the mechanics of the handicapping system it can be best explained as the following.

How to calculate a GA Handicap

To calculate a player's GA Handicap:

- you must firstly identify the player's most recent 20 scores,
- you then determine the 'Played To' value for each of these scores,
- you average the best 8 'Played To' values,

• and finally you multiply this average by 0.93. The resultant figure (to one decimal place) is the player's GA Handicap.

* If a player's handicap record contains a lesser number than 20 scores, the number of scores used to calculate the player's handicap is as listed in the table below.

* There is no requirement for a player's most recent 20 scores to have been returned within a specific timeframe. For example, the most recent 20 scores may span a period of three years or they may span a period of three months.

* Once a player's handicap record contains 20 scores, the next score they return will result in the oldest of the existing 20 scores being removed (to be replaced by the new score).

Full Technical Procedure for Calculating a GA Handicap
STEP 1 – Use the table below to determine the number of scores to be included in the GA Handicap calculation:

Number of Scores in Player's Handicap Record	Scores to be Used in the Calculation
5 to 6	Best/Lowest 1
7 or 8	Best/Lowest 2
9 or 10	Best/Lowest 3
11 or 12	Best/Lowest 4
13 or 14	Best/Lowest 5
15 or 16	Best/Lowest 6
17 or 18	Best/Lowest 7
19 or 20	Best/Lowest 8

Note: When the handicap record contains more than 20 scores, the GA Handicap calculation uses the best 8 of the player's most recent 20 scores.

I hope that helps to explain the handicapping system.

The Sunday Leave Pass handicapping process with the one used by golf link and by all golf clubs around the globe using the world handicapping system. Although your SLP handicap is unofficial and therefore it cannot be used to formally enter organized golf competitions and tournaments, it still should be an accurate reflection of your golfing prowess and a measure of what your GA (golf Australia) handicap would be if you subscribed the \$150 per year to get an official handicap.

Your playing handicap will fluctuate around your documented handicap index. When you play an easy course such as Ringwood or Dorset then you will actually play off a lower handicap than you normally would. On the other days when we invite you to play a harder course such as Rosebud Country Club, Devils Bend, Werribee Park or Barham we will add a few extra shots to your arsenal just to give you more hope of avoiding total anxiety and depression.

For those players not familiar with the scoring process, listed below is the format we use in Sunday Leave Pass competitions.

Once all of the players are ranked then the Seasons Championship points are allocated according to the position in the field.

The player in 1st place gets 15 points, 2nd place 14 points, 3rd place 13 points, etc. etc. Any player who completes the round however finishes ranked outside the top 14 and is placed between 15th spot to BeerWench then they are all allocated 1 championship point for attending.

For the benefit of the newcomers or the uneducated we thought it would be a good opportunity to go through the player rankings and point scoring system again.

Sunday Leave Pass competitions are run using Stroke so you need to count every shot that you play and you need to finish every hole. Each player's Nett total score is then calculated by deducting the players handicap from the Gross score. If a player doesn't have an official Sunday Leave Pass handicap, then a temporary played to handicap is allocated on the day using the Callaway handicapping system.

Once the players Nett score is calculated they are ranked from lowest score to highest score. (BeerWench) Where more than one player has the same Nett Score (such as in the example below from Gardiners Run last year then the place allocations are decided based on a countback system.

The player with the most points at the end of the year is crowned the Points champion irrespective of how many rounds a person has played. If one person plays 13 rounds for the year and the person in 2nd place has only played 10 rounds but is close to the

same score then that is bad luck to the person in 2nd place. All players are invited to play the entire fixture. We reward participation rather than perfection and performance so if you play more often you will end up with more points.

Place Standings for 2021:

Name	Total	Played	Rank	Name	Total	Played	Rank
Newell Richards	55	7	1	Greg Parsons	16	5	26
Steve Dawson	50	6	2	Greg Breasley	16	3	26
Brent Douglas	50	6	2	Andrew Clarke	15	4	28
Tony MacIsaac	49	5	4	Jamie Brunton	15	4	28
Mick Harper	45	7	5	Phil Plane	13	6	30
Tom Kellythorn	37	7	6	Chris Sfiligoj	13	5	30
Steve Powne	35	6	7	Colin Ewart	12	6	32
Stuart Cooper	34	7	8	Cameron Ross	11	5	33
Steve Osullivan	33	6	9	Glenn Douglas	10	2	34
Wayne James	32	7	10	Shane Lambert	9	1	35
Barry Hemsley	31	6	11	Tony Grasso	8	3	36
Shane Cumming	30	6	12	Cliff Rowe	7	3	37
Adam Cooper	30	5	12	Rick Turcinovic	5	5	38
Gerard MacIsaac	29	4	14	Warren Perrett	4	1	39
Mark Fitzpatrick	28	7	15	Mal Griffiths	3	2	40
Chris Westhead	27	4	16	John Mea	3	3	40
Cam Douglas	25	5	17	Casey Morrison	3	3	40
Jaxon Fitzpatrick	20	3	18	Mark Sfiligoj	2	2	44
Thomas Cooper	19	7	19	Karl Schwartz	2	2	44
Anthony Emmerson	19	4	19	Brendan MacIsaac	1	1	46
Ron Parsons	19	5	19	Rob Underwood	1	1	46
Todd Neilson	18	4	22	YET TO PLAY	0	0	
Tim Emmerson	18	3	22	Leigh MacIsaac	0	0	46
Peter Calyopoulos	17	3	24	David Burns	0	0	46
Ben Nichol	17	4	24	Jason (HOG)	0	0	46

In order to win the Season Championship trophy, you need to play regularly and consistently to about your handicap or better, and it is the handicapper's responsibility to make sure that this does not happen. After every round, the scores are assessed and then the handicaps are adjusted according to your performance. As was the case last year we have adjusted the handicap formula to take into consideration the difficulty of each golf course, using the course slope index, so it will be remarkably interesting to see how the scores finish up.

Every monthly title winner also becomes eligible to play off for the champion of champions trophy. To qualify as the Champion of Champions a member just needs to win a monthly title. All of the winners from the monthly championships who are attending the golf trip will then play off for the title based on total accumulated stableford points from 9x Randomly selected holes. The Winner is the person with the most points over those 9 nominated holes, and in the event of a tie then a Countback to determine the winner applies.

NOTE: The Winner of the December title is also eligible to win the competition however they only get to count their scores by using only 8 Randomly selected holes.

Monthly winners eligible for Champion of Champions playoff in 2021

January (Tom Kellythorn) 84 Nett 62. February (Adam Cooper) 88 Nett 67. March (Stuart Cooper) 83 Nett 70. April (Steve Powne) 80 Nett 62. May (Ron Parsons) 86 Nett 64 June (Tony MacIsaac) 101 Nett 71 October (Steve Dawson) 88 Nett 70 November (????)

Monthly Beer Wenchers eligible for Beer Wench of Beer Wenchers playoff in 2021

January (Tom Kellythorn) 129 Nett 89. February (Mark Fitzpatrick) 109 Nett 90. March (Thomas Cooper) 121 Nett 94. April (Peter Calyopoulos) 106 Nett 95. May (Thomas Cooper) 127 Nett 105. June (Chris Sfiligoj) 125 Nett 105 October (Colin Ewart) 120 Nett 92 November (????)

PLEASE NOTE we have more people expressing interest than we have tee times booked. Please ensure you reply as early as possible as I cannot guarantee extra tee times. There is no priority to long term members, places are allocated on first in first served. Everyone has the same opportunity to reply to correspondence sent to them to secure a place in the field.

To notify us of your status click on one of the following links

[YES](#) **OR** [NO](#) or email direct to studaydream@gmail.com

BOOKINGS CONFIRMATION

Morack Golf Course

Sunday 21st November

Player	Status	Paid	Player	Status	Paid
Adam Cooper	Unknown		Mick Harper	Unknown	
Andrew Clarke	Unknown		Mal Griffiths	Unknown	
Anthony Emmerson	Unknown		Mark Fitzpatrick	Unknown	
Barry Hemsley	Unknown		Mark Sfiligoj	Unknown	
Ben Nichol	Unknown		Newell Richards	Unknown	
Brendan MacIsaac	Unknown		Peter Calyvpoulos	Unknown	
Brent Douglas	Unknown		Phil Plane	Unknown	
Cam Douglas	Unknown		Rick Turcinovic	Unknown	
Cam Ross	Unknown		Rob Underwood	Not Playing	
Casey Morrison	Unknown		Ron Parsons	Unknown	
Chris Sfiligoj	Unknown		Shane Cumming	Unknown	
Chris Westhead	Unknown		Shaun Klepp	Unknown	
Cliff Rowe	Unknown		Steve Dawson	Unknown	
Colin Ewart	Unknown		Steve O'Sullivan	Unknown	
Dale Robinson	Unknown		Steve Powne	Unknown	
David Burns	Unknown		Stuart Cooper	Confirmed	
Gerard MacIsaac	Unknown		Thomas Cooper	Confirmed	
Glenn Douglas	Unknown		Tim Emmerson	Unknown	
Greg Breasley	Unknown		Todd Neilsen	Unknown	
Greg Parsons	Unknown		Tom Kellythorn	Unknown	
Jamie Brunton	Unknown		Tony Grasso	Unknown	
Jaxon Fitzpatrick	Unknown		Tony MacIsaac	Unknown	
John Mea	Unknown		Warren Perrett	Unknown	
Karl Schwarz	Unknown		Wayne James	Unknown	
Leigh MacIsaac	Not Playing				

To notify us of your status click on one of the following links

[YES](#) **OR** [NO](#) or email direct to studaydream@gmail.com

Remaining games on 2021 Fixture

Golf Course & How to get there Directions	Date	Melways Ref	Website links
Morack	21st November 8-30am	63 C 5	www.morackgolf.com.au
Barham Golf Club	3rd – 5th December		www.clubarham.com.au

A word from our sponsors

Clarkey sent out this link to a golf day at Woodlands, his missus is running the promotion and he thought maybe a few guys might be keen to have a hit on one of the better Victorian Sandbelt golf courses,



Woodlands Christmas Cracker Event

Not long to go until our Woodlands Christmas Cracker Event, and tickets are now on sale!

Join us at midday on Friday November 26th, for a light lunch and shotgun start at 1pm.

<http://us6.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=6ff80c84cc&id=c109220c07>

The House of Golf.

Ringwood

Special thanks to our new golf specialty store **The House of Golf.** who joined as a Sunday Leave Pass Social club sponsor at the end of 2018. We look forward to a good working relationship with them. As part of the 2019 fixture, we hope to be running a couple of social nights at the **The House of Golf.** in Ringwood using the virtual golf simulators. **The House of Golf.** generously donated some great prizes for the golf trip and raffle, so please check out their website link from the SLP website and consider them for any golf purchases you make.



Special Thanks to Dale Robinson who is the longest serving sponsor for the Sunday Leave Pass Social Club. Dale runs a printing business and is offering a high-quality printing service. He will gladly do a good deal for any Sunday Leave Pass members wanting to order business cards, fliers, or any other printed material. To find out more information about what he can do for you he can be contacted on 0438147788.



Remember that any printing job ordered through *DNR print* via the social club, Dale will donate 5% of the proceeds directly back to social club which offers us the opportunity to provide better prizes for everyone and it is good to keep your business opportunities within the network if it is possible. Wood Tech, my previous company Hudson Bond and even the Super-coach (believe it or not) have used Dale's business and everyone that had done so speaks very highly of the service and work that he produces.



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*** Hole in one sponsorship available:** This year we are seeking a new sponsor for the hole in one prize, after 10 years of free advertising Evergreen winery tours have relinquished their commitment to the cause without ever having to give away the prize. Anyone who has a sponsorship offer please let us know and we will give you naming rights and use your branding with all SLP hole in marketing materials.

The odds of a social golfer scoring a hole in one is actually 12000 to 1 and since it took us more than 16 years and had over 20000 attempts before someone in the club was able to make a hole in one on a par 3 holes the chances of someone making another Ace seems to be near on impossible.

(In 1999, *Golf Digest* reported, "One insurance company puts a PGA Tour pro's chances at 1 in 3,756 and an amateur at 1 in 12,750.") The *Golf Digest* study even breaking the odds down by quality of play:

- Professional Tour player making an ace: 3,000 to 1
- Low handicapper making an ace: 5,000 to 1
- Average player making an ace: 12,000 to 1

GOLF TRIP CONFIRMATION STATUS

ClubBarham 3rd-5th December **Cost is \$350**

Player	Status	Paid	Player	Status	Paid
Adam Cooper	Not going		Mal Griffiths	Not going	
Andrew Clarke	Confirmed	Paid \$55	Mark Fitzpatrick	Not going	Paid \$350
Anthony Emmerson	Not going		Mark Sfiligoj	Not going	
Barry Hemsley	Confirmed	Paid \$350	Mike Harper	Confirmed	
Ben Nichol	Not going		Newell Richards	Confirmed	Paid \$350
Brendan MacIsaac	Unknown	Paid \$200	Peter Calyvpoulos	Confirmed	Paid \$350
Brent Douglas	Confirmed	Paid \$235	Phil Plane	Confirmed	Paid \$150
Cam Douglas	Confirmed	Paid \$30	Rick Turcinovic	Confirmed	Paid \$220
Cameron Ross	Confirmed		Rob Underwood	Confirmed	Paid \$350
Casey Morrison	Unknown		Ron Parsons	Confirmed	Paid \$350
Chris Sfiligoj	Confirmed	Paid \$350	Shane Cumming	Confirmed	Paid \$330
Chris Westhead	Confirmed		Shaun Klep	Not going	
Cliff Rowe	Not going		Steve Dawson	Not going	
Colin Ewart	Confirmed	Paid \$350	Steve O'Sullivan	Confirmed	Paid \$220
Dale Robinson	Not going		Steve Powne	Confirmed	Paid \$350
David Burns	Not going	Paid \$160	Stuart Cooper	Confirmed	Paid \$350
Gerard MacIsaac	Not going		Thomas Cooper	Unknown	
Glenn Douglas	Confirmed	Paid \$30	Tim Emmerson	Not going	
Greg Breasley	Unknown		Todd Neilson	Confirmed	Paid \$100
Greg Parsons	Confirmed	Paid \$87.50	Tom Kellythorn	Confirmed	Paid \$55
Jamie Brunton	Confirmed	Paid \$150	Tony Grasso	Not going	
Jason Daly (HOG)	Not going		Tony Macisaac	Unknown	Paid \$350
Jaxon Fitzpatrick	Unknown		Warren Perrett	Not going	
John Mea	Not going		Wayne James	Confirmed	Paid \$120
Leigh MacIsaac	Not going				