

Great commentary from Stu C again.....

Yarrambat results

Season 2006 started with a scorching day with 40 + temperatures and this combined with a roaring wind made the conditions very tough, especially when you consider that Yarrambat is in the middle of nowhere and has very little in the way of trees for shade. The 12 people that turned up deserve double points for the insanity of playing and finishing in such harsh weather conditions. But the beer did taste bloody good at the end, none the less.

There was some good golf played on what is a very nice golf course, although the greens keeper was obviously a masscarist as he had put the holes in some very difficult positions, I don't think there was a player who didn't fall victim to at least a few 3 or 4 putt greens, well maybe not Gerard who had another blinder.

The reigning champion Gerard was the winner, he had a very consistent round with 83 off the stick, including 7 pars and a birdie. This was good enough to win with a nett 68. Gerard even had time to call 000 to report a bushfire that was burning just on the other side of the golf course, although rumour has it that he may have started it, since when his playing partners were asked how he was going they all said "that he was on fire." Gerard was the only person to play better than his handicap so lets hope that the handicapper will get into him before next months game.

Stu Coops ran 2nd with a nett 71 and more importantly he finally managed to hit the fairway and win the illusive longest drive competition at last. Daniel De Marinis ran in 3rd place with 98 off the stick, it's important to note that of the 98 hits he had, about 52 of them were putts. Look out if ever he learns how to hit the ball into the hole, Gerard you will then be in really big trouble.

Matt MacIssac managed to finish in the higher end of the field and our two newest players Rick & Adam both had good starts to the competition running 5th and 6th respectively. Since neither of these guys have club handicaps they will play using the Callaway system for their first 2 rounds. Rick had a really good round and had a dream start by picking up 8 skins along the way.

The results were as follows:

Gerard MacIssac	Stu Coops	Daniel DeMarinis	Matt MacIssac	Rick McEvoy	Adam Cooper	Nick Brennan
83	90	98	108	94	109	99
68	71	76	76	77	78	82
10	9	8	7	6	5	4

Ian Smith	Jamie Brunton	Steve Powne	Dale Robinson	Damijan Krlevski
109	116	118	120	142
83	87	88	94	108
3	2	1	1	1

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by:

Each player won 1 ball.

5th Hole
8th Hole

Gerard MacIssac
Rick McEvoy (a new comer with heaps of potential)

12th Hole Nick Brennan
 16th Hole Nick Brennan (Ian Smith nearest to nearest the Pin, 2 inches off the green but closer than Nicks)
 Longest Drive Stuart Cooper (finally got one on the fairway)

Once again unfortunately there were a few no shows, we had booked for 16 people as definite confirmed players but only 12 players turned up on the day. For those who rang to explain that they were not coming it was greatly appreciated as we knew not to wait for you. Unfortunately once we have pre paid we are still charged for the round so Jamie is left \$120 out of pocket. Obviously things can come up and circumstances mean that you can't make it, but give us as much notice as you can and especially if it's a last minute thing make sure you call to let us know.

For example, if you are as pissed as a mute after a bucks party and the wife and new baby are upset with you for coming home at 5-00 in the morning and consequently you have had your Leave Pass has been confiscated and your in really deep shit, then please have the courtesy to call in and let us know just like Coups did on Sunday morning.

Phone number's are Jamie on 0407-484-600 or Stu Coops on 0403-243-240

Pre-booked rounds that are cancelled still need to be paid for by the player involved.

At the start of 2006 the points leader board looks as follows:

NAME	Total Points	Games Played	Year Ranking	NAME	Total Points	Games Played
Gerard MacIssac	10	1	1	Mark Sfiligoj	0	0
Stuart Cooper	9	1	2	James Johnson	0	0
Daniel De Marinis	8	1	3	Darren Higgs	0	0
Matt MacIssac	7	1	4	Greg Parsons	0	0
Rick MacEvoy	6	1	5	Nick Hallahan	0	0
Adam Cooper	5	1	6	Nick Talevski	0	0
Nick Brennan	4	1	6	Tony MacIssac	0	0
Ian Smith	3	1	8	Brett Wallace	0	0
Jamie Brunton	2	1	8	Garry Couper	0	0
Steve Powne	1	1	10	Luke Dumbrell	0	0
Dale Robinson	1	1	11	Roger Powne	0	0
Damijan Kraleviski	1	1	12	Brian O'Connor	0	0
Peter Bennett	0	0	0	Rob Heward	0	0
				Mark Fitzpatrick	0	0

This year we will be having the end of year raffle again, a ticket will be given to every player for each month that they attend (or pay for), plus there is the opportunity to win bonus tickets through the monthly skins 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. A big Jackpot can be a real boost for 1 person as was the case with Rick who won an 8 Hole Jackpot with his par on the 8th hole.

Skins won at Yarrambat were as follows:

Rick McEvoy x8
 Steve Powne x1
 Stuart Cooper x6

Daniel De Marinis	x2
1	Jackpot
2	Jackpot
3	Jackpot
4	Jackpot
5	Jackpot
6	Jackpot
7	Jackpot
8	Rick McEvoy
9	Steve Powne
10	Jackpot
11	Jackpot
12	Jackpot
13	Jackpot
14	Jackpot
15	Stuart Cooper
16	Jackpot
17	Daniel De Marinis
18	Jackpot

Handicaps

Under the tough conditions most players failed to play to their handicap so their handicap go out 0.1 shots for next month, Gerard gets a slashing and loses 1.3 shots hopefully that will make it a bit harder for him when he plays at Werribee.

	Was	New
Adam Cooper	2 games R'qd	
Brett Wallace	27.3	27.3
Brett Hansen	2 games R'qd	
Brian O'Connor	28.1	28.1
Dale Robinson	26.0	26.1
Damijan Kralevski	34.2	34.3
Daniel De Marinis	19.9	20.0
Darren Higgs	21.1	21.1
David Burns	30.4	30.4
Dean Fitzpatrick	29.4	29.4
Garry Couper	29.1	29.1
Gerard MacLssac	15.3	14.0
Greg Parsons	24.4	24.4
Ian Smith	26.2	26.3
Iness Ireland	1 game R'qd	
James Johnson	16.3	16.3
Jamie Brunton	28.8	28.9
Luke Dumbrell	29.4	29.4
Mark Fitzpatrick	19.6	19.6
Mark Sfiligoj	16.1	16.1

Matt MacIssac	31.7	31.8
Mick Morabito	23.3	23.3
Nick Brennan	16.9	17.0
Nick Hallahan	30.7	30.7
Nick Talevski	27.0	27.0
Peter Bennett	22.2	22.2
Rick McEvoy	2 games R'qd	
Rob Heward	32.1	32.1
Steve Powne	29.7	29.8
Stuart Cooper	17.7	17.7

It has been good to get attendance confirmation emails from players, it is a lot easier for us to book the course when everyone has given us a YES or a NO. It's a lot easier for you guys to send a simple message or to send a text than it is for us to chase everyone up individually. Jamie is offering regular players the opportunity to be an automatic YES which allows us to book for you each month unless you advise otherwise. This will make the administration a lot easier and helps us to plan each month in advance.

Thanks for those who have made suggestions to help make the club better. Some of the things we are looking to implement this year include:

***Mixing up playing partners**, rather than play in the same group each month we draw groups to decide who plays together this will give everyone the opportunity to socialize with more people.

***Introduction of an eagles nest**. Last year we had 2x Eagles 1x each by Rob Edwards and Nick Talevski which is a commendable effort, we also came very close to hole in ones by Gumpy and Steve Powne. The Eagles nest will start with a half dozen of golf balls and another ball is added each month plus any prize balls not won on Nearest to Pins holes will be added to it until the Eagles Nest goes off. An eagle can be a Hole in One on a Par 3, 2 shots on a par 4 or a 3 on a par 5. The Big Fella had an eagle Putt on Sunday when he hit a massive drive and hit his second shot with a 7 iron onto the green on the par 5, 7th hole.

***Introduction of a Penalty for having the worst score on the end of year trip**. It has been suggested that this year the person who comes last on the Saturday game in Toccumwal will be declared the "**Golf Wench**". That person will then be responsible for ensuring that everyone else's drinks are full for 2 hours after the round of golf. If you didn't come last you are welcome to call the Golf Wench, hand them your money and then they must go to the bar and get your drinks for you. This will make sure everyone tries right to the end not like last year when Fil gave up and went home just cos he had a hangover.

***Sunday morning Ambrose Event at Toccumwal will become a trophy event.**

***Automatic Bookings for regular players.**

Next month we are playing at Werribee park, which is also a very pretty yet challenging course it is worth the early start in the morning to get there and have a hit. The 2006 fixtures should have been handed out to everyone who made it on Sunday and for those that haven't played yet can get one off Jamie or pick one up next month. We have booked at this stage for a maximum of 24 players so please confirm your attendance ASAP.

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

At this stage the confirmed bookings for players at Werribee are as follows:

Brett Wallace	Unknown	Luke Dumbrell	Unknown
Brian O'Connor	Unknown	Mark Fitzpatrick	Confirmed
Dale Robinson	Unknown	Mark Sfiligoj	Unknown
Damijan Krlevski	Confirmed	Matt MacIssac	Confirmed
Daniel De Marinis	Confirmed	Mick Morabito	Unknown
Darren Higgs	Unknown	Nick Brennan	Unknown
David Burns	Unknown	Nick Hallahan	Unknown
Dean Fitzpatrick	Unknown	Peter Bennett	Unknown
Garry Couper	Confirmed	Rob Heward	Unknown
Gerard MacIssac	Confirmed	Steve Powne	Confirmed
Greg Parsons	Unknown	Stuart Cooper	Not Playing
Ian Smith	Confirmed	Rob Edwards	Not Playing
James Johnson	Unknown	Innis Ireland	Confirmed
Jamie Brunton	Confirmed	Tony MacIssac	Confirmed
Rick McEvoy	Confirmed	Adam Cooper	Confirmed

If you are marked as unknown please drop us a line to let us know if you expect to be playing.

Look forward to seeing a better turn out next month and hearing that someone clips Gerards wings. It will be good to see someone else at the top of the leader board but that doesn't mean Matt or Tony MacIssac either.

One last thing – it has become a very common occurrence for the beer money to pull up short. I can understand if some months don't reconcile but would expect those months on average to be over & under marginally and hopefully evening out over the course of the year, Sunday was a disgrace. We sold 24 beers and finished the day with only \$41 in the kitty - \$7 short. To be honest – the club made \$1 for its efforts after having to buy ice as well. Just a reminder – beers are \$2 each. If you come up short let someone know so they can chip in for you. The profit that the club makes from beer goes into the prizes for the end of year along with the monthly prizes. Therefore, the shorter we fall – the less chance of prizes as good as last year!!!! Hopefully Coups can do a little better than finding VB slabs for \$37 each as well – Next time don't buy them from Bar 20 on your way home.....

Happy hitting.