



# Association of Ukrainians in Victoria - Golf Club AUVGC

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## President's AGM Report 2020/21 & 2021/22

The last two years have seen us living in a very different world, mainly due to COVID-19 pandemic and now the invasion of Russia on Ukrainian territory, which has had severe effects on our lives and golfing activities.

A pseudo AGM was conducted in August 2020 by Marijka Kohut due to the COVID-19 situation where she made the decision to stand down as President and I agreed to take on this position. I would like to acknowledge her four year tenure as President, where her unwavering commitment to the club ensured it kept running smoothly to a high standard. I would also like to thank the committee members who remained in their roles over this last two year period and took on additional vacant positions of Club Captain, Secretary and Match Committee Member. Peter Casey your hidden secretariat, merchandising skills and George Makohon effortless coordination of games as fill in Club Captain ensured the running of the club continued.

The 2021 calendar year was exceptionally challenging, as from the 11 scheduled games, only 6 went ahead. The remaining games and AGM needed to be cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions. We were fortunate enough to be able to hold our club championships between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 up in Lakes Entrance. I would like to congratulate all winners from this championship event. All results and events are posted on the golf clubs webpage [ukigolf.org.au](http://ukigolf.org.au).

So far 2022 has been good to the club, with only one cancellation in February 2022 due to a planned Stand With Ukraine rally. I thank all members for their support and understanding as this is a difficult time for the Ukrainian community. The January 2022 scheduled game enabled us to complete the final of the Match Play Champion, which was prolonged due to game cancellations in 2021 due to COVID-19. The Myrtlefold & Bright Club Championships held over the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 was another very successful event (despite a few club members falling ill with COVID-19). Congratulations again to all the winners with official results able to be viewed on the club webpage.

During 2021, our Website Editor had difficulties with the website provider which resulted in the website being closed down in December 2021. Marijka Kohut immediately volunteered to join the committee and take on the Website Editor role, and with the help from Peter Casey, and a new provider Bounce Interactive, were able to reinstate the website using a new platform. Thank you both for your time and effort in managing and rectifying this issue for the club.

The club finances are in a stable position. The only income it receives is from membership fees. A review was undertaken by the committee on the club's income and expenditure, which identified that the club's expenditure exceeds its financial incomings. If this is to be maintained, club funds would be depleted. As a result, the committee implemented changes to increase club membership fees to \$50 and added a competition fee of \$5 per person to the payable green fees. Vouchers have been replaced with a \$50 credit to the competition winner's name. These changes came into effect from 1 July 2022.

The golf club has supported the Association of Ukrainians in Victoria (AUV), in various organised events over the last two year, which have included the AUV raffle, Australia Day celebrations and contributions to the AUV newsletter. The golf club is pleased to support and participate in such events.

There were a few sad moments for some of our members, with the passing of their loved ones. On behalf of the committee, I extend our heartfelt condolences to all our members and their families. Vichnaya Pamyat – Eternal Memory.

The club has seen some growth recently, as we have welcomed 8 additional members to our golfing family. I extend a hardy welcome to Mykhalo Dyachkov, Paul Herczaniwski, Stephen Polatajko, Taras Selemba, Adam Semciw, Ross Ocidacz, Paul Moskaljuk and Michael Ward. Hopefully we may see potential new committee members to maintain the running of our golf club.

To my fellow committee members, a big thank you for your efforts, support and commitment in ensuring the club performs at its highest level. To all our members I thank you for your membership and involvement in organised games, however I encourage you to nominate for committee positions at our incoming AGM, being held at Melbourne Airport Golf Club on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

Looking forward to continuing our golfing journey together.

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AUVGC President