

FAIRWAY NEWS



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Important Note from the Captain – playing by the rules

Golf is a sport rooted in integrity, functioning largely without referees and relying on players to uphold the rules, demonstrate etiquette, and foster trust. The "spirit of the game" requires respect for the course, other players, and the rules themselves.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have seen and heard of members and visitors not meeting this standard which is disappointing. Every player is responsible for learning the rules, following them, and holding their group members accountable to them. If you are unsure of a rule, ask. Either at the time of the shot or before you submit your score. The MiScore app has a link to the R&A website where you can find an answer to any query or just ask Google.

Miscounting your strokes or accidental breaches of rules happen to everyone, that is why your marker is there to back you up. Make sure you discuss any differences in a respectful manner and if you cannot reach agreement, request adjudication from your committee members.

I trust everyone will take this reminder as an opportunity to brush up on their knowledge of the basic rules, to apply them to our competitions and ensure all members and visitors continue to enjoy playing golf at Sandringham.

Cheers

Michael

Nothing says 'Welcome to 2026' like a reminder about playing by the rules! Pity there are lots of places in this world that don't do the same!

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28 Mar Stableford
4 Apr Stroke VGL Medal
11 Apr Par

Recent Results

- After a week off for the Australian Open competition resumed with a 4BBB event on 13/12. Ned Brennan and Luke Varalla won with 47pts. Julie Coupe and Belinda Anson were runners up on a countback from Cooper and Clayton Ford after both returned 45pts.
- There were solid scores all round in the pre-Christmas round on 20/12. John White's 40pts won the overall. Colin Hockley's 39pts won C Grade on a countback from Dan Harrison. Brad Zealley (38pts A Grade), Tim Clarke (39 pts B Grade) and Cathy Dixon (38pts Women's Division) were the other winners.
- Dan Harrision continued his good form and actually got some reward for it when his 42pts won the overall on 27/12. The score of the day was 38pts with all other Grade winners recording this score. Adam Canwell (A Grade), George Andreetta B Grade) and Stephan Vieweger (C Grade) were the winners. Pat Maginness (B Grade) and Trevor Schultz (C Grade) missed out on countbacks.
- It was countback city in the first round of 2026 on 3/1. Matt Scott won the overall with 39pts and Belinda Anson (37pts) won the Women's Division. A **six-way countback** for A Grade saw Tony Sun (38pts) get the nod from Archie Roberts, Tom Tomlin, Brett Ryan, Christopher Domingo and Michael Kent. A **four-way tie** in B Grade saw Bernie Bagley(36pts) defeat Alan Abbes, Mal McAfee and Dan Harrision (who continued his great form) on a countback. In C Grade Brett Smith and Tony Begg tied on 37pts with Brett getting the nod on countback.

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG



By the time of publication we will have all endured the stressful 1st round of the Club Championships....one down two to go. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable first up venture and no matter the outcome, keep smiling and think of the next week. Collective fingers are crossed that we have three consecutive weeks of favourable weather.

Something not to smile about is the much anticipated "gouge" from our course managers. This years 5% increase is more than a cost-of-living increase, but I assume that those doing the gouging are of the belief that everyone's financial situation is such that it is well within all our means. While the course is a great venue, we have to hope that the course Managers eventually realise that there is an upper limit to what the value of a weekly round is worth.... somehow the pessimist in me says "dream on".

Planning for a function post the "Clubbies" is now underway with an expected date for the event to be sometime in March. We are anticipating having the function at the BMYS (Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron). We are currently awaiting the venue managers to confirm availability.

A commentary on my game"I don't always slice, but when I do I commit fully"

Happy golfing everyone

Regards

Rob

VGL Men's 4BBB Senior Championship 12 February

Members are encouraged to enter and represent the Club in VGL events.

The first event of the year is the Men's 4BBB Senior (over 55s) Championship at Waverley (Rowville) Golf and Bowls Club.

Entries can be made through the VGL website and close on 7 February.

Recent Results (cont.)

- Windy conditions and the smell of ash in the air made for difficult conditions on 10/1. Only 5 players scored 36pts or better. Andrew Salipas showed it could be done with 39pts to take the overall. Next best was Ruth Branagh's 37pts to win the Women's Division. Brent Hodson(36pts) won C Grade. Tom Tomlin (36pts) won A Grade on a countback from Timothy Stickland who was unlucky to miss a prize. Drew Hudson(34pts) won B Grade on a countback from Bartholomew Beecroft.
- Tough conditions again saw only three plus scores in the Par round of 17/1. Visitor Matt Halford's +4 was the best score and won the overall. Ilja Sidoti returned the (+2) won B Grade and Liz Mann (+1) won the Women's Division. Grant Nicholson (Sq) won C Grade and Clayton Ford (-2) won A Grade. Andrew Preston (Sq) had the equal 4th best score of the day but missed out on a prize.
- Scoring improved on 24/1 with veteran Trevor Schultz's 42pts winning the overall. Sean Paterson (40pts A Grade), Kelsey Krakauer (40pts C Grade), Ruth Branagh (33pts B Grade) were the other winners.
- There were some excellent scores in the first round of the Club Championships on 31/1. Stephan Vieweger's red hot net 56 won the overall and the VGL medal. Florian Henkelmann (net 59) beat Tom Rogacki on a countback in A Grade. Simon Scott Branagan also broke net 60 and his net 58 won C Grade. Rob McDougall (net 64) won B Grade on a countback over Anthony Jean and Mal McAfee. Jo Rogers (net 63) won the Women's Division and the Club Stroke Medal.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hi members,

It seems like it was only last year I was welcoming all our members to a new and exciting year of golf. So here we go again with a new fixture packed with club championships, pennant, match play, major trophies, club and VGL medals, the charity day and a good smattering of Par and Stroke rounds to fill out the year with our favourite Stableford events. The separate Sunday competition is slowly building numbers and hopefully it gives members who cannot play the main Saturday event a good alternative for weekend golf.

I will also call out the VGL calendar of events for those members who want to play in tournament golf at different metropolitan and country courses, and as usual the club will provide free entry for any club members who participates under our banner and wears the club colours.

All this information is available on our club website and the 1Golf booking site, so please make yourselves familiar with the content and get the most out of your game.

Best of luck for everyone competing in the Club Championships. It's a battle to complete 3 consecutive rounds of Stroke golf, let alone score well enough to be in contention. If one of your mates is doing well, consider giving them a kind word of support or offer to caddy for them. You may end up claiming as assist.

Happy golfing.

Michael Kent



News and Notes

Royal Melbourne Course Director to step down

Richard Forsyth, Director of Courses at Royal Melbourne will be reportedly leaving his position in mid 2026. Richard has been in the position since 2009 and in that time, Royal has hosted two President's Cups, many major tournaments. Richard has overseen major course infrastructure and turf management projects - not to mention his key role in the development of Sandy Golf Links. He was inducted into the Victorian Golf Hall of fame in 2022. Richard has often been seen touring the Sandy course on a Saturday morning.

Register Please

Course Management has asked that members register with the café/pro shop before they tee off. Please take the time to let them know you are on course.

Do you know? Seniors/Concession Rates

Seniors and concession holders pay \$15 less for 18 holes all day Mondays and after 1pm Tues to Friday (except public holidays). Proof of age/concession status need to be supplied to the Pro Shop so it can be flagged in Quick18.

SGC Bag Tags Available

Yellow SGC Bag Tags are available from the Pro Shop at no cost. Just ask the staff.

Club apparel

The Club has Men's and Women's Polos and Caps for sale. See April 2024 issue for pictures of these items or admire from afar fellow member who wear them with pride. To inquire or purchase Email:

memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au OR send a message on the website's [Contact Who](#) page

Scoring has been hot

There have been some excellent scores recorded in recent months, and new entries have been made in our club records.

Following Cooper Ford's club best score 66 in November reigning Club Champion Andy Moratis recorded the second-best gross stroke score in SGC stroke competitions on the new course posting a 67 in the first round of this year's Championships.

On the same day Sean Paterson's 70 equalled the 5th best gross score and Stephan Vieweger's net 56 was the equal 3rd best net score.

The week prior playing in the Stableford mid-week competition Matt Scott returned a score of 42pts off a handicap of 7. Matt shot 1 over on the front nine and finished with 10 straight pars to shoot 66 off the stick. This would have tied Cooper's record score but because it was not in an official stroke round it is not recorded as such.

On 19/1 Cathy Moore scored 47pts playing in the mid-week Stableford comp. This equalled the second-best Women's mid-week Stableford score behind Simone Andrews 48pts in 2022.

Kate does it again

Congratulations to Kate Caridakis who once again showed she is a force to be reckoned with. In early January Kate competed in and won the Keysborough Senior Open with a gross 78 (42pts).



The Rules of Golf – where to start

The best place to start on the rules is the R&A Rules website. It is interactive and user friendly, uses text and video and has a Player's Rule Finder which provides a visual map to the various rules (r). You can access the rules through the MiScore app where you can also find our Club's Local Rules. There are quizzes on the rules at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced that are a good way to test your knowledge.

Back in August 2021 Fairway News did a deep dive into the Rules of Golf (still on the website) if you want more detail.

Here are three questions from an Intermediate Level quiz which can be self-generated from the R&A site:

Question 1

A player is always entitled to free relief from tractor marks in the general area when the grass is cut to fairway height.

- A - True
- B - False

Question 2

A player makes a practice swing and accidentally moves their ball on the fairway with the club. What is the ruling?

- A - There is no penalty but the player must replace the ball.
- B - The player gets one penalty stroke and must replace the ball.
- C - There is no penalty, but the practice swing counts as a stroke and the ball must be played as it lies.

Question 3

In stroke play, a player's ball lies in a penalty area. When taking back-on-the-line relief, they may choose to drop the ball in a bunker.

- A - True
- B - False

For answers see later in the newsletter.

The R&A rules website can be found [here](#).



Major Competition News

Captain vs President - "A riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma"

Winston Churchill's quote above was trying to describe Soviet Russia's foreign policy in the early days of World War II (October 1939) but it could just as easily be applied to our annual Captain vs President's team event!

We can report that the 2025 edition of this event was played on 27 December and duly won by the Captain's team 691pts to 685pts. The rules and selection policy for this competition are a mystery (or maybe an enigma) known only to a few. Most players were not aware of the team they were competing for which severely restricts the ability to display team colours or have a team song. The nomination of a *Powerball* for each team (double points for a nominated player) potentially adds an element of strategy and intrigue but its impact is somewhat diluted when it is only known after the event.

The real riddle (or is it a mystery?) is what are the consequences of the match, and will the winning team members get to share the rewards after delivering a hard-fought victory for the Captain?

Match Play Competitions

Sandy has two Match Play competitions that run during the year. They are the John Pittard Singles and the Ian Fraser Pairs competitions.

Registrations are open until Feb 27 in the 1Golf booking system for each event. Register as a single in either competition or as a team in the pairs event. Please review the criteria and rules for the **Pittard** and **Ian Fraser** events on our website.

- Pittard registrations [here](#)
- Ian Fraser registrations [here](#)

Look for the draw after the entry closing date. First round matches need to be completed by:

- Pittard Singles – 25 April
- Ian Fraser Pairs – 6 June

Club Championships

Defending Champion Andy Moratis started his defence brilliantly with a 67 to lead by 3 from four-time Champion Sean Paterson. On the Women's side Kate Caridakis(78) opened strongly to lead by 5 from Sarah Adam Gedge. Still lots of golf to play.

J.C. Goudie Club Championship Trophy



Golf course architecture with an Australian view

A couple of issues ago we referenced some Australian golf podcasts. One we didn't mention then but should have was the "Australian Golf Passport" podcast. This show is focused on golf course architecture but does include news and information from the world of golf with an Australian focus. The presenters Scott Warren and Matt Mollica are very knowledgeable and have an easy-going style. Be prepared for phrases like "sits heavy on the land" and ongoing discussions on sandbelt vegetation!



At the end of 2025 they premiered their first ever ranking of the Top 50 Australian Golf Courses. They engaged a panel whose brief was:

"This is a ranking of golf courses. Not clubhouses, not practice facilities, not tournament history, membership pedigree or front gate exclusivity. 1st tee to 18th green is all we care about and it's all you should base your ranking on."

In this ranking they individually numbered the courses from 1-25 and then alphabetically grouped courses that were ranked from 26 to 35 and similarly for courses from 36 to 50.

Royal Melbourne West was a clear No 1 and Kingston Heath No 2 despite Rory McIlroy's comments in December.

Of interest to SGC members was that **Sandy Golf Links was included in the group from 36 to 50**. On their show they did give away that No 51 was Spring Valley GC as they felt it was so close to being included in that group.

The ranking can be found here:

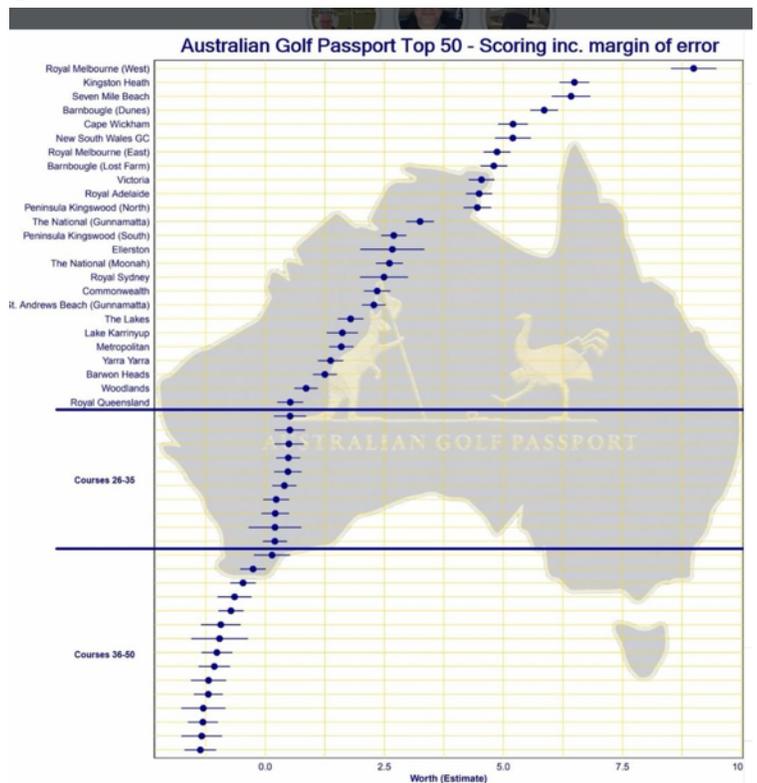
<https://australiangolfpassport.com/australian-top-50-list-2025/>

Their website has minimal content apart from the rankings but they have an active Instagram account, and their podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts and Spotify etc.

Of further local interest is their episode on Royal Adelaide Golf Club where they interviewed Terry Thornton brother of none other than SGC life member Geoff Thornton.

Other local rankings

In other smaller scale rankings, the YouTube channel *Under the Card- Golf* produced a short video ranking the **Top 5 Public 9-Hole Golf Courses in Victoria**. Local neighbour Cheltenham came in at No 2 whilst Spring Park Golf Course in Dingley was No 5. Other courses were Peterborough GC at No 4, Metung Country Club at No 3 and the Dunes Cups course at No 1.





Wednesday Whispers (Late Christmas Edition) from the News' ace rolling reporter

- *Santas helpers visited the Wednesday players recently when Santa decreed that the last player on a hole that three putted was to wear the Santas Hat.*
- *Here is Wayne Supa Glue teeing off at the 13th and Paul Watson wearing the hat to the car park after 3 putting the 18th. The following week there was a sudden improvement in putting forcing Tim Nash to wear the hat for 13 Holes.*



At the Australian Open at Royal Melbourne there were a few faces missing waiting a sponsors exemption

Lots of old golf balls at home? Here's a DIY project for you!

Adelaide designer Jake Rollins has been using old golf balls to create human scaled, functional objects. His SOFA 1(r) is a sofa made from 3,744 golf balls and tensioned cord. The piece won 2nd prize in the 2025 MAKE awards - a Biennial Prize for Innovation in Australian Craft and Design initiated by Australian Design Centre. Here's how Jake describes his work:



"GolfWeave uses cord and discarded golf balls to explore atomic geometries which are hacked and distorted to make functional objects. These golf balls are arranged as if they were each atoms of carbon. Hexagonal groups of six balls each share one border to make flat surfaces, while pentagons and heptagons are placed strategically to distort and warp, giving rise to the formation of seats, legs, arms and rests."



Congratulations to Jake!

Sandringham Performs Well at 2025 VGL Championships

Sunday 7 December wrapped up the 2025 VGL season at Churchill Waverley Golf Club with the Champion of Champions and Medallist of Medallists events. It was an exceptionally strong field, featuring 23 Club Champions and 31 Medallists from across Melbourne's public golf courses.

Defending champion Jack Jacobsen (Australasian) claimed his fifth title — and third in four years — finishing four shots clear.

Sandringham had plenty to celebrate:

Andy Moratis delivered a brilliant performance, finishing second overall with a gross 75. In a field this strong, it was an outstanding effort — especially beating Chris Dunstone (Growling Frog), playing off +1, on a countback for the runner up spot. Peter Bowen competed in the Medallist of Medallists event and, while it wasn't meant to be on the day, he still came away with a highlight — winning Nearest the Pin on the tough 11th hole.

Both Andy and Peter represented Sandringham with great skill, composure, and pride, closing out the 2025 VGL season on a high for our club. You made us proud, well done!!

From our regular VGL reporter: Kate Caridakis

He's done it again! Hole in One Colin Hunter

We have our first ace of 2026.

On 24 January Colin Hunter scored his second hole in one on the 16th hole. He pulled out a 9-iron hit it sweetly and watched as it one bounced its way into the cup! Colin was having a bad day so his one for 5 pts helped his score but more importantly made his day!

Colin's previous ace on the 16th came in November 2022 where in more difficult conditions he used an 8 iron to get the same result.

A petition has been started to rename the 16th in Colin's honour – Colin's Cosy Corner, Hunting Ground...

We're a bit late this year. In 2025 the first hole in one came on 4 January! Colin's ace brings the total to 22 holes in one on the new course in SGC competitions. It was the fifth on the 16th hole.



A team of Sandy Women members competed in the Southern Golf Club Ladies Challenge Bowl on 2 February.

From l to r Belinda Anson, Glenda McDade, Julie Coupe and Liz Tanzimat.

Competing in local events is something our gentleman members could also consider. See VGL 4BBB Seniors event on P 2.



2026 Pennant Schedule

With one Pennant in the bag from 2025 here's hoping our Pennant teams can go one or even two better in 2026. The Seniors team seeks to go back-to-back starting on 19 February whilst the Scratch and Handicap teams start on 22 March.

Eligibility Requirements

As of the 1st January in the preceding year until the first round of pennant each player must return **at least EIGHT 18-hole cards (TWO 9-hole cards equal ONE 18-hole card) in singles competition played at the club they represent.** Extenuating circumstances will only be considered, by writing to the VGL match committee, 14 days prior to start of pennant.

A player competing in Senior's pennant must have attained the age of 55 years prior to the first round of the season.

Members will have already received a notice from the Captain asking for expressions of interest in playing pennant. Contact the Captain at captain@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au

	Scratch (Div 2)	Handicap (Div 3)	Seniors
Rd 1	Altona Lakes(A) 22 March	Ringwood(H) 22 March	Forest Hills (A) 19 February
Rd 2	Westgate(H) 29 March	Creekside (A) 29 March	Dorset(H) 26 February
Rd 3	Lakeside (A) 12 April	Royal Park (H) 12 April	Glen Waverley (H) 5 March
Rd 4	Altona Lakes(H) 19 April	Ringwood (A) 19 April	Forest Hills (H) 12 March
Rd 5	Westgate(A) 26 April	Creekside (H) 26 April	Dorset(A) 19 March
Rd 6	Lakeside (H) 3 May	Royal Park (A) 3 May	Glen Waverley (A) 26 March

Answers to Rules Quiz

Question 1

Correct answer B

Explanation: See Clarification Ground Under Repair/1. A rut made by a tractor is not ground under repair by default, but the Committee is justified in declaring a deep rut to be ground under repair.

Question 2

Correct answer B

Explanation: See Rule 9.4b and Definition of Stroke. If a player causes their ball to move they get one penalty stroke and the ball must be replaced. As there was no intention to strike the ball, the practice swing does not count as a stroke.

Question 3

Correct answer A

Explanation: See Rule 17.1d. The relief area may be in any area of the course except the same penalty area.

An Only Planet™ Guide to Professional Golf Land for 2026

Most golfers whilst preoccupied with their own game have at least a passing interest in *Professional Golf Land* that magical place of tee shots that go forever, 5m putts that are drawn to the hole, where everyone's immaculately dressed and for the top residents the "Ka-ching!" never stops. Here is a quick guide to help you plan your trip to Professional Golf Land in 2026 either physically or virtually.

Must Sees - The Majors Enclave

It's all about the timing here. The Enclave has strict entry rules that are only relaxed 4 times a year for men and five times a year for women. Leaving aside the Masters in April (always top of the must dos) the 2026 schedule has some great names on the roster – Aronimink GC (PGA May), Shinnecock Hills (US Open June) and Royal Birkdale (the Open July). I mean the names are great and the tournaments should be too. Highlights on the woman's side are the US Women's Open at Riviera Country Club in June, the Women's PGA at Hazeltine also in June and the Women's Open at Royal Lytham and St Anne's in late July. Honourable mention to the Australian Open at Kingston Heath in December. Can Scottie Scheffler get the career Grand Slam like Rory did last year?

Guide Advice: Top of the pops

Slice of Life - Regular Tours

Here's where you need to pick your spots and maybe link the golf to other destinations on the bucket list. The PGA Tour has 38 events including majors and play offs but with so many events (nearly all in the US) it gets to be a bit same same. For a bit of exotica try the DP World Tour which has at least 42 events in 25 countries including Africa and India or the LPGA tour with 33 events in 13 countries including 7 in Asia.

Guide Advice: Be choosy

This Year Only - Cups! Cups!

Your cup runneth over in September if team golf is your thing although it will be hard to top the Ryder Cup in 2025. The *President's Cup* in late September will see the *International* team seek to record only its second win (and first on US soil) at the Medinah Country Club. Earlier in the month the question will be can the USA women do what the men couldn't and defeat Europe in the *Solheim Cup* to be played in the Netherlands.

Guide Advice: Identify the baddies early and go hard in your support for the goodies.

Emerging hot spots 1 - YouTube Tsunami

There seems to be no letup in the rise of YouTube golf especially now some golf professionals are involved. In 2025 alone we saw the establishment of the Creator Council, PGA sponsored Creator Classics, 48 creators compete in a \$US1m tournament complete with cheating scandals and Bryson De Chambeau soar to the top of the views charts with multiple videos – 5 million views for his Break 50 with Stephen Curry episode. In 2026 you can expect more of the same with content creators Good Good even sponsoring their own PGA tournament in November.

Guide Advice: Pick your poison.

Emerging hot spots 2 - New and Untried

Variations on golf as we traditionally know it keep popping up. We have LIV of course, but it seems to be moving back to a more traditional structure at least in how many holes it plays. Screen based *TGL* is in its second season (with a women's version starting in late 2026) and *Grass League Golf* is garnering attention for its high stakes, under lights, Par 3 tournaments (see later).

Guide Advice: Keep yourself open to new experiences!

Behind the Scenes - It's all happening!

One might expect a peek behind the scenes to reveal a finely tuned mechanism driving the whole ecosystem, but lifting the lid is more likely to show a creaking Heath Robinson structure held together with balsa wood and rubber bands. New leadership at the PGA, the LPGA and LIV have raised expectations for some more solidity and some change in the wind. New PGA head Brian Rollap has said each successful sports league needs three things – competitive parity, simplicity and scarcity. Good luck with the “scarcity” bit when the Tour's track record is one of trying to fill every possible weekend with golf.

LIV has had a troubled few months - Brooks Koepka left, the PGA welcomed him back with a “one off” amnesty designed to also attract other key players (Rahm, Smith, DeChambeau – an offer they quickly declined). Masters winner Patrick Reed has also left LIV and plans to play the DP World Tour in 2026 (in two events this year Reed has won one and lost another in a playoff) and is apparently eligible to rejoin the PGA in August 2026. Bryson was wanting to renegotiate his contract before all the latest developments and there is still no end game in sight. Another to watch is the growing resistance to the ball roll back proposed by the R&A and the USGA which is due to come in for the pros in 2028 and for the rest of us in 2030 (see later for an update).

Guide Advice: Ignore or dip in and out.

A not so helpful map of Professional Golf Land 2026



Grass League Golf

GRASS LEAGUE

Popping up in another corner of the golf world in the last couple of years is the Grass League. Starting in 2024 the Grass League is a team-based competition where players compete on lighted Par 3 courses.

The 2 person teams represent regional franchises with a roster of 14 players. In each tournament play is a 36 hole 2-ball scramble (ambrose for us in Australia) and teams accrue points for their team and their franchise. Not all 14 play in every event. Each event has a purse of at least \$100k paid to the franchise of the top ten teams

Borrowing a lot from the LIV model there are DJs, music and a party atmosphere especially around the closing holes. Being played under lights also adds to the atmosphere although many rounds start in the daylight.

The number of tournaments is small (only 3 in 2025) with some dates and venues to be determined for 2026. The season opens with a 108-team 18-hole qualifier in April for teams hoping to be drafted by the franchises. If you ever fancied playing for the *Tampa Bay Swamp Dogs* or the *Dallas Horsemen* here's your chance.



The 2025 Grass League Championship was won by the Australian sister brother pair of Gabi and Ryan Ruffels(l) playing for the *Los Angeles Roses*. The *San Diego Munis* won the season franchise prize.

The final round was broadcast on the Golf Channel in the US but footage can be found on the Grass League website, and many contestants posted their own footage of the event.

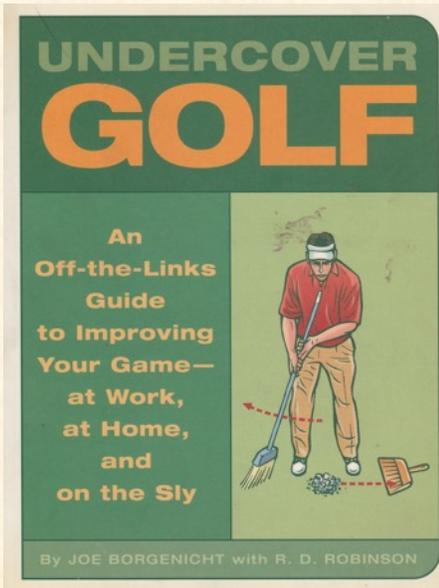
Fittingly the home course of the event is called *Grass Clippings Rolling Hills* in Arizona.

Golf Ball Roll Back – Potential change to implementation timeline

The R&A and the USGA have recently released a statement soliciting views on whether the proposed two-phase roll back (professionals in 2028, amateurs in 2030) should be replaced with a single roll out from 2030. There is speculation about whether this move is designed to appease manufacturers or to allow more time for some governing bodies to get on board – e.g. the PGA of America (not the PGA Tour which has signalled its opposition to the roll back)

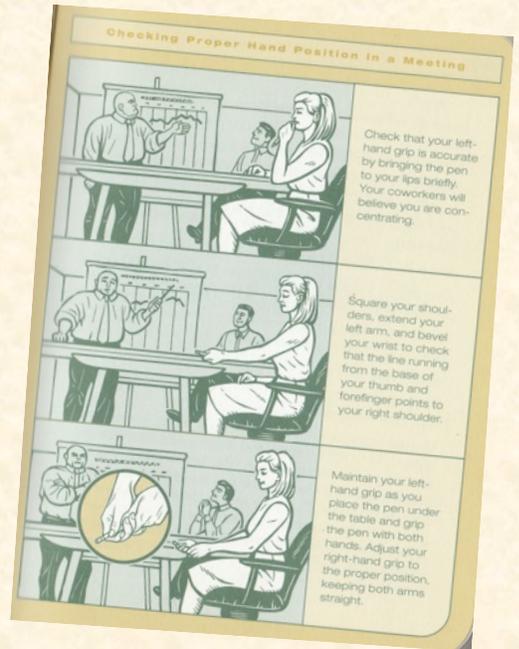
Feedback on the proposal is requested by 15 February.

Here's a book that can help turn everyday life into an opportunity to refine your golf!



Strictly for the golf crazy who doesn't care what other people think about them this book goes all out to give some weird and wonderful ideas on how to perfect your game in public and private.

Practising your grip in meetings(r)

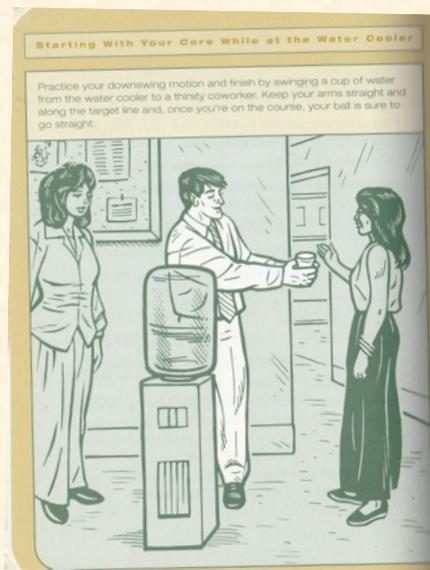


Turning your core while sweeping(l).

Reading greens whilst vacuuming(r)



Starting with your core while at the water cooler



And many more!