



# Дев'ятнадцятий Лунок



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Ukrainian Golf Club Sydney

## 2014 Matchplay Final

The Matchplay final for 2014 was held at Lynwood Country Club in May. Roman Kaban, one of the inaugural members of the Ukrainian Golf Club, battled with our Club Captain and defending 2013 Matchplay champion, Todd Farmer.

Nobody could argue that these men did not deserve their place in the final. Roman, playing off a handicap of 21, defeated Steve Brecko (5 and 3) at Dunheved, Alex Ilkin, and incredibly, defeated Mark Lesiw in a playoff hole at Muirfield despite trailing by 4 with only 4 holes to play.

Todd, playing off a handicap of 10, had all 3 of his matches decided on the final hole. He first defeated Steve Prykaza (2 up) at Penrith, Chez Kaban (2 up) at Richmond, and Phil Wallace (1 up) at Muirfield. Only Roman stood in his way of becoming back to back Matchplay Champion, a feat only achieved by one player, Mick Wowk, who incredibly won this event 3 years in a row between 1984 and 1986.

The match began on a brisk late autumn morning at Lynwood Country Club (which for those of you who aren't familiar with Sydney it's literally country side), bathed in sunshine and a gorgeous 25 degree day, perfect for golf.

On a tough links style course (as it should be for a final) we played off the members markers, adding those extra meters, as if the course wasn't hard enough already. The first hole required a 130m water carry into a long 500m Par 5. With Todd's long game on song he was out of the blocks early, but to Rom's credit he hung in there and by the 5<sup>th</sup> hole it was all square, after a handbag moment.

Rom then began to sink some putts and Todd missed a few, handing Rom the lead on the turn. With 11 shots to give over the round, Rom was looking good, 3 UP with a further 6 shots up his sleeve.

Buoyed by the fact he was ahead, Rom stepped up to the 10<sup>th</sup>, another 130m water carry, but put his tee shot in the water, and Todd sniffed a chance of a comeback. Unfortunately missing the crucial putt and squaring the hole. Todd then lifted his game and won the next 2 holes comfortably, reducing the deficit to just one.

Stepping up to the 15<sup>th</sup> it was still 1 the difference. Pressure was on! Who was going to falter first?

Rom took ascendancy by sinking a clutch 10 foot par putt, whilst still having 2 shots up his sleeve going into the last 3 holes. 2 UP with 3 to play. 16<sup>th</sup> hole Par 5, again well over 500m. Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> shot just over the back of the green, with Rom some 110m short of the green. Todd is on for 3, Rom on for 4. Rom is up first and misses his par putt from 20 feet; Todd 5 putts to hand Rom the win.

Roman congratulations! you held it together well, unfortunately Todd it just wasn't your day.



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## from the treasurer

As many Ukrainian golfers would be aware, the Karpaty Credit Union was a great supporter of the Ukrainian Golf Club Sydney. Their sponsorship first began in 1987 and continued for many years. In January of 2010, the Sydney Credit Union (SCU) merged with Karpaty.



The SCU have recognised the strong relationship Karpaty shared with our local Ukrainian community. In 2011, the SCU became our new sponsor and agreed to provide financial support for the following 3 years. The money SCU provided enabled our Club to purchase new playing shirts for all of our members, which are worn at all monthly games and interstate challenges. In addition, our sponsorship enabled us to subsidise yearly memberships, monthly match fees and prizes.

In 2014, the SCU agreed to continue their sponsorship of our Club and provide further financial support. Our partnership will continue to enable us to subsidise memberships and green fees, whilst also assisting in upgrading our new and improved website.

The Ukrainian Golf Club expresses its sincere gratitude to the Sydney Credit Union for their continued financial support. Our Club continues to be a member of SCU and we encourage our members, their families and friends to continue, or consider becoming members of this supportive financial institution.

The SCU continue to strive to be a financial institution that aims for the betterment of the community it operates in. Goran and his team at the local Lidcombe SCU branch offer specialised services whilst also employing dedicated Ukrainian speaking staff to assist our Ukrainian community. They are located at the existing Karpaty site; 27-29 Church Street, Lidcombe. Their trading hours are Monday-Friday 9.00am-4.30pm and can be contacted on (02) 9646 1377.



*The Ukrainian Golf Club acknowledges and thanks the Sydney Credit Union for their ongoing financial support. This is in continuance from our initial and longest serving sponsor in Karpaty Credit Union (1987-2009). The SCU and Karpaty Credit Union merged in January 2010.*

## 2014 Club Championships

Our much anticipated 2014 Club Championships will now be held at Worrigeer Links Golf Course in Nowra on the weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This traditional links-style golf course was opened in January 2005 and is approximately 2½ hours drive from Sydney. It is a Par 70 course featuring large undulating greens and wide fairways surrounded by 67 bunkers. It is a challenging yet very fair course which should suit all of our members for this 2 day stroke event.

Saturday and Sunday tee off times are at 945am (off the black markers). Accommodation is at the Springs Resorts Shoalhaven which is on-site, overlooking the golf course. Tee off times are available on the Friday. For those interested please contact the pro shop to make your booking (4421 7430). The committee are continuing to negotiate prices and packages for our members. Once these are finalised we will inform you of the total costs for the weekend.

Despite Kangaroo Valley being able to accommodate us on a different weekend, the committee unanimously agreed that, out of principle, we would decline their offer and choose another venue due to their overall irresponsibility in cancelling our booking without any correspondence

## facebook



The Ukrainian Golf Club Sydney has recently launched its own facebook page. This is not only designed to target our existing members, but to the younger generation of our Ukrainian community. The page aims to reach a larger audience and will provide information on upcoming club events as well as the latest results. This will assist us in promoting our Club, in the hope of attracting new members.

So please join us at [facebook.com/ukigolfsydney](https://www.facebook.com/ukigolfsydney)

## Interstate Challenge & Pennant Challenge 2014

At the beginning of snow season, the Ukrainian golfing community from Sydney & Melbourne gathered in Albury (which is about 3hrs north of Melbourne, bordering the 2 states).

On a gorgeous Saturday afternoon the Pennant Challenge commenced just after midday, with 6 players from Melbourne and 5 players from Sydney contesting the Pennant for only the second time (inaugural winner - Sydney). With a mixture of great drives and sprays on a challenging opening par 5 it looked like a serious competition was to be contested. The banter had already started before tee-off and continued throughout. This was a day for fun and socialising, with golf at the forefront. On completion of this round the scores were close, with SYDNEY edging out Melbourne 3 to 2½ and taking out the Pennant for a second year running.

Waking up after a few drinks the night before to a frosty winter's morning in Albury, we soon met up with the rest of the players and after a brief introduction from Melbourne's captain we were underway. The first four players all hitting down the middle of the fairway some 200m or more. It showed the rest of us it's not all that hard a game... Or is it?

The banter once again started before the first tee and continued throughout the round. As the morning wore on the sun began to shine and warm up. For some, this meant the start of a great round for others it was all about hanging in there. We were playing the course at it was designed to be played, off the back plates and although this sounds tough it was only an average 6m behind the daily tees. 13 players from Melbourne and 8 players from Sydney were contesting the Challenge.

With some fantastic shots to be seen alongside hilarious ones, the heat was being turned up in each group, with it all to play for. Most players felt confident they had done their bit to contribute to the winning team, even though most stableford scores were below handicap, it was still a great day out.

The presentation was held that evening at the Commercial, Albury Golf Club attended by players and partners alike. With prizes and trophies being handed out to those who played exceptionally well, it was time to announce the overall winners. Congratulations to SYDNEY for tying up the challenge 13-13 and to Todd Farmer the new Interstate Champion.

A great weekend was had by all, and looking forward to next year, possibly in Merimbula/Eden.

### from the vault

Each year, the Club have a number of trophies eagerly sought after by our members. In this issue we recognise those players who were the Inaugural Winners of these prestigious competitions.

**Club Champion** Terry Goot 1982

**Scratch Champion** Roman Kaban 1982

**Matchplay Champion** Harry Lesiw 1983

**Myron Shymko Pointscore Champion**

Steve Prykaza 1986

**Clubman of the Year** Bob Lanycia 1986

**Most Improved** Bob Stawiski 1987

**Sharpshooter** Bob Stawiski 1989

**Pairs Cup Champions**

Roman Kaban and Oleh Ostrowsky 1997

**Kon Medway Champion** Michael Brecko 2013

### recent results

#### Richmond Golf Club:

Winner A-Grade: Phil Wallace  
Winner B-Grade: Greg Hayduk  
Teams: M Lesiw / G Hayduk

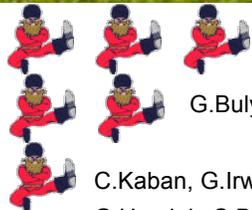
#### Muirfield Golf Club:

Winner A-Grade: Tony Mulukin  
Winner B-Grade: Steve Prykaza  
Teams: M Lisowiec / T Mulukin

#### Lynwood Country Club:

Winner A-Grade: Michael Brecko  
Winner B-Grade: Mark Lesiw  
Teams: M Lesiw / Z Rozek

## sharpshooters update



T.Farmer

G.Bulyk, T.Mulukin, M.Brecko, P.Wallace

C.Kaban, G.Irwin, A.Lulka, J.Whybrow,  
G.Hayduk, S.Brecko, M.Lesiw, B.Lanycia, P.Cassar

## pointscore update

Pos	Player	Total
1	P.Wallace	113
2	M.Lesiw	100
3	R.Kaban	75
4	S.Prykaza	67
5	M.Brecko	64
6	T.Farmer	59
7	G.Bulyk	59
8	T.Mulukin	59
9	J.Whybrow	58
10	G.Hayduk	55

## Kon Medway Shield update

Pos	Player	Total
1	S.Prykaza	43
2	R.Kaban	37
3	G.Hayduk	37
4	T.Cassar	37
5	T.Mulukin	36
6	M.Lesiw	36
7	M.Lisowiec	36
8	S.Brecko	34
9	P.Wallace	33
10	J.McEwan	33

### Remaining Kon Medway Shield fixtures

June - Fox Hills Golf Club

August – Cabramatta Golf Club

October – Glenmore Heritage Valley

## club news

### **Masters vs Apprentices**

The committee have decided to introduce a new competition in 2014, Masters vs Apprentices. This competition is designed for a bit of fun, and as the name suggests, will determine if golf is indeed a game of wisdom and intelligence, or youthful enthusiasm. This competition will be held at Cabramatta in August. As the median age of our Club is 40, those under 40 will represent the Apprentices whilst those over 40 will represent the Masters. The losing team will be obliged to buy their winning opponent a drink after the game.

### **Pairs Cup**

A reminder to all members that the "Pairs Cup" is fast approaching. This year's competition will be held in September (Rosnay) and October (Glenmore). Be sure to choose your partner wisely!

### **Website**

Additional information has been added to our new website, including a picture gallery, sponsors page, player statistics and a trading post exclusive for our members. Please visit our website at [www.ukigolfsydney.com](http://www.ukigolfsydney.com)

### **With Thanks**

The Club would like to thank the following members for their assistance in preparing this newsletter. Contributions by Steve Brecko and Peter Cassar. Compiled by Peter Cassar. Edited and formatted by Tom Cassar.

### **BBQ**

Our next newsletter will be issued at Rosnay in September. The Club will be providing a BBQ lunch with refreshments straight after our game.

## upcoming fixtures

Camden (Studley) Golf Club – July 20 – 6.45am

Cabramatta Golf Club – August 17 – 7.25am

Rosnay Golf Club – September 28 – 6.20am

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