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Brett Hall's Ace

Being the quiet shy kind of bloke that he is, many members wouldn't realise that Brett Hall scored an ace on the 2nd/11th on Saturday 16 July 2016 during the 2 Ball stableford multiplier. Brett's playing partners Mike Smith and Wazza told of the magnificent shot that never wavered all the way to the hole. Congratulations on your hole-in-one Brett.

And it's still Wet.

With one of the wettest winters this place has seen for a long time, the wild and woolly weather continues making course maintenance very difficult. The ground is so soft that it has been almost impossible to get the mowers onto the fairways, then up comes the wind and blows down a few more trees. Several trees have fallen victim to the weather over the past few weeks which have added to the tidy stacks of firewood seen dotted around the course. That firewood is for sale and much of it is sold as soon as it has been cut and split. As the trees fall, President Bevis Dutton along with



Vice President Tony Dick, John Crawford and others race out onto the course and clear the mess before the tree has even stopped shaking. If you are interested in buying any firewood at \$50 a metre you had better place your order with Bevis; but you may have to wait for the next tree to fall. The pictures show a fallen tree on the 2nd and what happens to it within about two hours when the work gang attacks it.



Vale - Sam Upton



The Club is saddened by the passing of esteemed member Sam Upton following his recent illness, he was 80 years old. Sam joined the Club in 1980. He was a good friend of Rodger Paice who he worked with for many years. Carl and Rod Brown will certainly miss Sam who was their mate and member of their Master Chefs BBQ cooking team for the Veterans BBQ's. In the words of the Vets Captain Warren Snashall, their BBQ's will never be the same. Sam was a loveable larrikin who could give as good as he took. The Club offers its sincere condolences to his wife Judy, and children Phillip, Steven and Jane. RIP Sam.

Foursomes Championship Re-scheduled

The foursomes championship has had to be re-scheduled due to the weather conditions that have continued to prevail. That game will now be held on 24 September which will hopefully give the course a chance to regenerate and provide much more pleasant and conducive playing conditions. Ride on carts should also be allowed back onto the course by then giving more members an opportunity to participate. There will be a redraw for the event on the Wednesday before 24 September.

Standard Monthly Working Bees

As indicated in the last newsletter, standard monthly working bees have been scheduled for the first Thursday of each month to do those jobs that you would otherwise say "I wonder when 'they' are going to do". There are a lot of jobs to work on and the first working bee will concentrate on clearing some drains as well as cleaning up around the course in the areas of the rough, particularly between the 2nd, 3rd and 4th holes and on the western side of the fourth fairway. The BBQ area also needs some TLC but we'll see how we go for numbers and time. All you will need to bring is a willingness to lend a hand.

Some of the ladies have expressed a desire to help by catering for lunch for the volunteers which is a most welcome gesture. A bit of notice will be required to give the ladies an indication of how

many to cater for so a list has been placed on the noticeboard for you to put your name on. Please get your name on that list by the Saturday immediately before the Thursday working bee. If you do not wish to or cannot stay for lunch, please write 'no lunch' next to your name. Your assistance in this regard will be very much appreciated.

Shotgun Starts - A Popular Move

The vibe around the club rooms following the recent shotgun starts and the positive feedback received by many committee members indicates that they are certainly popular and are the way of the future, for winter competitions in particular. The later starts remove the worry about whether frost might hold up the start of the field and on the more popular days will lessen the likelihood of any group finishing in the dark. The 10 am starts have seen all players back in the club rooms by no later than 3.30pm and the presentations have been concluded by 4.30pm. It's great for the sponsors too with a couple of sponsors recently being a little overwhelmed by the numbers in the Club rooms at the end of the game. Sounds like a win win all round.

Newspaper Results

Fairfax Media, which includes The Advocate as well as the Examiner have recently changed the way they accept the sport results. Up until the 14th of last month, the Club could ring through or email/fax the handwritten score sheets and the newspaper would take care of the rest. All has now changed. Sports Clubs must submit their own scores to the newspaper via a website and the Club is now responsible for typing up the results exactly as they will appear in the paper. The website is not all that user friendly as you cannot see the full page of what you have typed, you can't just cut and paste into the window and we don't have a plethora of members with professional typing skills.

The Match Committee are currently working on a solution to this change and would welcome any volunteers with good typing skills to put up their hand. It will mean someone has to type out the results into the website following each game and draw. Of course this can be done from home by anyone with internet access. Any takers?

Masters Games on the NW Coast in 2017

The Australian Masters games is coming to NW Tasmania from 21 to 28 October 2017. Here is a chance for members to play on a big stage. The event is open to anyone. The only criteria to compete in the Australian Masters Games is that you must meet the minimum age requirement, which in most sports is 30+ years. It does not impose qualifying standards and welcomes participants from all over the world.

The organisers for the golfing events are looking closely at venues on the NW and it might even be possible that the Thirlstane Golf Course is one of them.

For more information about the games check out their website. This newsletter will keep you posted about the golfing events in due course.

October is Golf Month - Golf Tasmania

Golf Tasmania is offering \$250 to every nine hole course in Tasmania if they organise a golf event to either attract new members or entice back members who have let their membership lapse. Called **Rediscover Your Drive**, there are no strings attached and a bonus is offered if any of the participants in the event actually join the Club during October. It certainly is good to see Golf Tasmania actually giving something back to the Clubs when you consider the amount of affiliation fees paid.

The Match Committee is already planning an event to fit the criteria with a 3 ball ambrose game being organised for 23 October with invitations being offered to local cricket and football clubs to field teams to compete against each other. The Match committee believes this Club has a lot to offer members who are considering retiring from football or cricket, but not from sport.

Holden Scramble Date change.

Thirlstane will be hosting the Holden Scramble event again this year (we alternate with Port Sorell) and it was originally scheduled for the same day as the Boags Championships which is being hosted by Sheffield on 18 October. Thirlstane is also a major participant in that event. Darren Spencer has kindly agreed to change the Holden Scramble event to the week before, so it will now be played on Sunday 11 September.

Sponsor of the Month - Hill Street

Pictured below are some of the friendly dedicated staff at Hill Street North, Latrobe.



This month's sponsor of the month is Hill Street North at Latrobe. As you would know, Hill Street is the IGA Supermarket and Mitre 10 Hardware shop (formerly Wells & Son). They sponsored the 2BBB Stabelford event held on Saturday 30 July and the Club is very grateful for their support.

Manager Steven Longmore (the tall gent in the middle above) and his team are doing a fantastic job in Latrobe and they offer a wide variety of continental goods as well as a fantastic deli and the freshest fruit & vegetable available. The place is always buzzing and why wouldn't it be? There is loads of free parking and no self serve checkouts - just lots of friendly and helpful staff.

If you are looking for the best in fresh produce, competitive prices and friendly service seven days a week, you can't go past Hill Street, no matter where you live. Where else would you get a fresh food guarantee that includes replacement and a full refund if you are not satisfied.

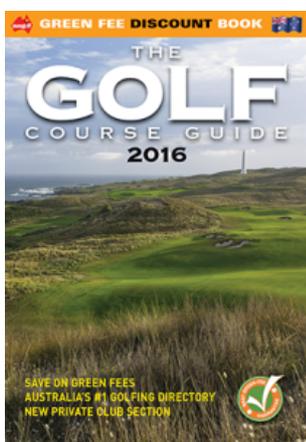
The Thirlstane Golf Club encourages all members to support our sponsors.

From the Committee

Unauthorised Moving of Tee Markers

It has been noticed that the tee markers, placed in their positions by the ground staff, have been moved from their original positions. The President has requested that all members be advised that the unauthorised moving of tee markers is prohibited, even if the lie of the tee bed where they have been placed may not be ideal. Remember a player can tee up, up to two club lengths behind where the markers have been placed so an ideal spot can surely be found.

Golf Course Guide 2017



Some members will be familiar with this annual publication which is a very comprehensive guide to many golf courses throughout Australia. If you are travelling and want a game of golf, this is the go to guide for discounted green fees at some exceptional golf courses. The book normally retails at \$40 and it only takes one or two games of golf using the offers in the book to recoup that cost.

This Club has committed to advertising in the publication's 2017 edition and will be offering discounted green fees to book holders.

When published, the book will be available for purchase by members at a discounted price.

New Tee Beds

The new tee beds for the 7/16 and the 9/18 holes should be in play by late spring. The committee has determined that the new tee beds will be permanently marked as the 7th for the 7th hole, making the existing tee bed the 14th. On the 9/18, the new tee bed will become the 18th and the yet to be completed tee bed at the 3/12 will be the 12th.

Water features on the Dams

Questions have recently been asked about the water features on the dams at either side of the

6th and why they don't get used anymore. The features certainly look good when they are going and it was felt they should be used more often, particularly on major sponsored events.

Whilst they do look good there are occasions, particularly during summer and autumn when the water in the dams becomes stagnant and algae grows on the surface. This causes a rather putrid smell to the water which is exacerbated when the fountains are turn on. Then with a stiff breeze, the smell from the water spray is carried even further across the course.

The fountains will be used in future for major sponsored events, providing there is no bad odour evident.

Golden Circle - July Winners

2 July	9 July	16 July	30 July <small>No Draw 23 July</small>	30 July
\$30 P Glover	\$30 L Beveridge	\$30 G Osbourne	\$30 M. Rataj	\$30 A Wild
\$20 L Boyd	\$20 D Phipps	\$20 G Oliver	\$20 G Eastall & R Emmerton	\$20 K Dixon
\$10 S Parsons	\$10 G Dyke	\$10 M Connelly	\$10 S Sykes	\$10 S Morris
		\$50 Lyn Beveridge		
		\$100 R Perkins		

Laugh For the Month

Tony is passing by Simon's farm shed one day when, through a gap in the door he saw Simon doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old John Deere.

Buttocks clenched, he performs a slow pirouette and gently slides off first the right strap of his overalls followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, lets his overalls fall down to his hips, revealing a worn and frayed flannelette shirt. Then grabbing both sides of his shirt, he rips it apart to reveal his stained T shirt underneath. With a final flourish, he tears the T shirt from his body and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay.

Having seen enough, Tony rushed in and says, "What the heck are you doing Simon?"

"Jeez Tony ya scared the bejeezers out of me", says an embarrassed Simon. "but me an the Ol' Lady been having trouble lately in the bedroom department and the sex therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor.

Boom Boom.