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## Div 4 NW Pennant Winners 2017



Pictured above, (back row) Rick Timmerman (Captain), Anthony Webb, Darren Richardson, Dean Smith, Tim Maxwell, (front row) Kodie Clarke, Matt Clarke and Glen Janke.

Congratulations to our Division 4 Pennant team who won the grand final against Ulverstone at Devonport last Sunday 21 May. Our team won 5/2 with Glen Janke winning 4/3, Darren Richardson winning 6/5, Tim Maxwell winning 2 up, Kodie Clarke winning 3/2 and Rick Timmerman also winning 3/2. Dean Smith lost to G Ramsdale 4/2 and Matt Clarke was defeated by R Speglic 1 up. Kodie Clarke (pictured left) also won the pennant player of the year. The criteria for pennant player of the

year is points are awarded to each player after each game. 2 points for a home win, 4 points for away win, 1 bonus point for 5/4 or better and 0 points for a loss. Kodie missed the first two games due to cricket commitments and was unbeaten throughout the pennant season including the final. Well done Kodie.

## **Thirlstane Wins Boags Country Championship 2017**

On Sunday 28 May Thirlstane won this year's Boags Country Championship beating their next closest rival Exeter by 57 points. Thirlstane finished with 395, Exeter 338, Deloraine 323 and Sheffield 163. This is an annual competition between Thirlstane, Sheffield, Deloraine and Exeter where up to 4 teams of 4 from each Club compete for the long standing trophy. Thirlstane and Exeter managed to field full teams of 16 whilst Sheffield only managed 6 players and Deloraine had 13.

The weather forecast may have deterred some but the rain stopped just before the competition started and wasn't to be seen again for the day.

This is only the 4th time in over 40 years that Thirlstane has won the shield so well done to those who played in the event. It was great to have some ladies join the team this year.

Thanks to Boags for their continued support of this event.

## **Accolades to our Ground Staff crew**

We keep hearing it from members and visitors alike, our course looks absolutely magnificent which is all down to our regular ground staff with the ad hoc assistance of many of our members. Everyone who has played any part in ensuring that our course is kept in tip top condition should be rightfully proud of their achievements.

In particular, the people who come out here every week, and in many cases two or more days a week are the ones who deserve the most credit for their continued hard work.

Apart from the small honorarium Rodger Paice is paid which goes nowhere near covering the amount of time and effort he puts in, the regular staff undertake their duties on a voluntary basis and some don't even reap the rewards of their labour because they don't play golf anymore. The Club recognises the efforts in particular of the following regular volunteers, Dennis French, Geoff Norris, Rod Morriss, Dave Cole, Jim Brooker, Alex MacDonald, Bevis Dutton, Tony Dick, John Crawford, Philip and Dawn Walkden and Garry Oliver.

Without the hard work of these members, this course would not look anywhere near as good as it does.

A relatively new edition to the regular team, John Crawford brings with him some past curator skills as a retired bowls green keeper at both East Devonport and Railton. John has undertaken to take responsibility for the maintenance of all of the tee beds including repairing and levelling the existing tee beds as well as sowing down and maintaining the new beds. The old greens



mower has been revived for John's use and members will no doubt have already noticed that there are no grass clippings left on the tees anymore. It is great that the Club is able to benefit from the skills that John is happy to share. John is pictured on the left.

Two other relatively new regular volunteers, although they have been part of the furniture for a couple of years now, is the Club President Bevis Dutton and Vice president Tony Dick. Bevis has taken on the role of maintaining the bunkers and moving the holes on the greens, that is when he isn't cleaning up debris, supervising major clearing works, re-sowing bald patches and starting fires around the course. He has taken over the resident firebug role from Geoff Norris. Bevis looks more at home in the bush than he does at the Board meeting.

Tony is kept busy not only by doing many regular maintenance jobs around the Club house but also doing a lot of the jobs about the course that others might shy away from; the dirty work including clearing undergrowth, cutting and splitting timber and generally tidying up around the place.

Thank you to all our volunteers and in particular to our regular maintenance crew.

## President Steering a Steady Ship



Bevis Dutton was re-elected unopposed as the Club President for the forthcoming year. As stated earlier, he looks more at home in the bush than at the Board table but he has done a great deal of work in both areas.

Under Bevis's reign there has been a significant amount of work done around the course by many members which has contributed to the continuous accolades about its present condition. Bevis himself puts in a least two days a week and has been responsible for a mountain of work around the course. He is certainly leading from the front.

This year Bevis aims to have a strategic plan developed which will assist the Club with future changes and being better prepared for unforeseen events.

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Club's AGM was held on 16 May which saw two new members, Alex MacDonald and Kevin John Jones being elected, unopposed to the general committee.

### *Paul Baggott*

Paul Baggott did not stand for re-election following his two year tenure on the committee. The President thanked Paul for his valuable input on the committee during his term and also recognised the fantastic contributions Paul made in utilising his substantial construction skills in several projects around the course. Paul's major projects included considerable assistance in building the on-course toilet facility, a number of concrete culvert constructions including the most recent bridge over to the new tee bed site at the 4th/13th, the repairs to the car park and a project that is currently under way, the bulk storage facility for sand.

Whilst electing not to re-stand for committee, Paul indicated his willingness to continue to assist in construction projects and remain on the Course Development sub-committee. The Club thanks Paul for his contribution and recognises that it is members like him who not only suggest that things should happen, but make them happen.

### *Peter Bonney*

Many members would be aware that Peter Bonney is currently recovering from major surgery after being recently diagnosed with bowel cancer. Peter's health issue has forced him to resign from the committee half way through his second two-year term so that he can direct all of his energy on a full and complete recovery. To say that Peter has made a significant contribution to the Club during his time on the committee is an understatement. After reviving the idea of the development of alternative tee beds on some holes, Peter submitted a proposal to the committee two years ago to establish the Course Development committee. Following its approval, the committee, driven by Peter went to work and the fruits of their labour are continuing to evolve with the new tees at the 7th, 18th and 12th already commissioned and the new 4th/13th under construction and due to be completed next summer. The new 12th is now considered to be one of the best looking tees on the course. Tony Dick has stepped up to take on the role as Chairman of the sub-committee to complete the task. Well done Tony.

The Club thanks Peter for his contribution whilst serving on the committee and for his drive and commitment in making the developments happen and wishes him all the best for a full recovery.



### *Alex MacDonald*

Alex joins the general committee for a two-year term. No stranger to the Club, he spends more time on the course contributing to its general maintenance than he does playing. He also maintains the on course toilet, cleaning it at least twice a week. Alex is looking forward to making a valuable contribution to the management of the Club through the committee.



### *Kevin John Jones A.K.A. KJ*

K.J. joined the Club 18 months ago after being heavily involved in the NWFA as the President of that organisation. Kevin, who is known at the Club as K.J. so as not to be confused with the other Kevin Jones brings to the committee his experience in the management of small Clubs and he is keen to be involved.

The other committee members remain unchanged. So the general committee for 2017 is:

President	Bevis Dutton
Vice President	Tony Dick
Deputy Vice President	Mark Atkinson
Treasurer	Rodger Paice
Secretary	Hank Timmerman
Captain	Anthony Webb
Committee	Shane Wootton Alex MacDonald KJ Jones
Ladies President	Pat Archer
Veterans President	Rob Beveridge

## Ladies Committee 2017

Following the Ladies AGM last month the following members were elected unopposed

Patron	Audrey Mitchelson		
President	Pat Archer	Vice President	Sue Westlake
Captain	Liz Sumpton	Vice Captain	Lorraine Smith
Secretary	Wendy Smith	Treasurer	Jan Gamble
Committee	Dixie Williamson, Marj Robson and Fran Hamilton		

## Veterans Committee 2017

The Veterans Committee for 2017 is

President	Rob Beveridge	Vice President	Greg Boyd
Secretary/Treasurer	David Dunham	Asst Sec/Treas	Frank McConnon
Captain	Warren Snashall	Vice Captain	Scott Westlake
Committee	Peter Skirving, Mik Danos, Denis Phipps & Paul Glover		

## Reappointment of Club Patron

The Annual General Meeting unanimously agreed to the re-appointment of Don Mitchelson as the Club Patron. Don has been the Patron for many years and deservedly so. The land on which the golf course is situated was purchased from Don and Audrey Mitchelson 46 years ago.



Don now 96, has not played golf for a number of years and it has been a while since he has actually had a good look around the course so a tour was organised for him after a very informal lunch with the workers.



Don was absolutely amazed that the course was in such good condition. He marvelled at the new tee beds (pictured here looking down the 3rd/12th fairway from the new 12th tee bed) and couldn't believe the great job done building the on course toilet. His only disappointment was that he was no longer able to enjoy playing.

The ladies also gave a tour of the course on the day of their AGM to Audrey Mitchelson and Sheryl and Carlene Rockliff. They were absolutely amazed with how the course looks now.

## Club Membership

There are currently 365 members on our books. A breakdown of the number of members and the categories is

Full	161	(24 unfinancial)
Lady	35	(5 unfinancial)
Country	10	(2 unfinancial)
Country Social	7	(1 unfinancial)
Social	28	(9 unfinancial)
Juniour	3	(1 unfinancial)
Clubhouse	2	(1 unfinancial)
*Foundation	22	
*Foundation Non Playing	57	
*Full Honorary	8	
*Social Honorary	1	
*Life Member	2	
*Member For Life	19	
*Member For Life Hon	2	
*Member For Life Non Playing	8	

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There is a usual churn of approximately 50 members per annum. Overall member numbers have remained fairly static over the last few years.

## Golden Circle

	1 April	8 April	15 April	22 April	29 April
\$30	W Lockett	M Blythe	N Clarke	R Sullivan	T Griffiths
\$20	K Hall	P Skirving	D Phipps	M More	B Hall
\$10	C Mathew	C Sienisei	P Glover	D Phipps	R Clarke
	6 May	13 May	20 May	27 May	
\$30	C Mathew	D Dunham	S Morris	M Turner	
\$20	K Mitchelson	R Clarke	N Smith	T Vaughan	
\$10	M Matthewson	M Paice	W Lockett	L Beveridge	
\$50	Margie Brown				
\$100	G Dyke				

## Sick List

Dale Jenkins remains on our sick list however there is light at the end of the tunnel. Dale has just returned from six weeks in hospital in Melbourne after undergoing surgery. It seems the surgery was successful and Dale is hopeful that he will be back walking and on the course within three months. Here is hoping everything goes well for Dale's full recovery.

Des Hinds has also joined the list following an unfortunate accident whilst taking in the sights of Canberra recently. He broke his leg after a fall on the steps of the War Memorial. He fell flat on his face which also caused him to break his cheek bone. The good news is that no amount of plastic surgery could improve his looks so he elected not to have any. Des is currently in the NW General Hospital in Burnie and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Scott Westlake is also recuperating following knee reconstruction surgery and hopes to be home this week after some complications following his surgery. He is on the mend and in good spirits but will no doubt be laid up for a while.

Pat Timmerman is also recuperating from recent surgery which will keep her from the course for a few months.

As mentioned earlier, Peter Bonney is also recuperating from his recent operation.

We wish those members all the best in their recovery.

## Mid Year Club Dinner

The Ladies committee have organised a dinner to be held at the Club on Saturday 29 July. It will be a 60's night which promises to provide lots of fun, dancing, peace & love. Patrons are encouraged to get into their 60's party attire and join in the spirit although the dress-up is optional. The 2 course meal will be catered for by Gina Philp and live music is being provided by "Almost

Cactus", a local band featuring our very own Suzanne Sykes. At \$40 a head, this promises to be a great night and one that should not be missed. Invite your friends and join in the fun. You won't be disappointed. All reservations can be made over the bar at the Club. The bookings which are to be pre-paid will close on 22 July. Don't miss out.

## Ride on Carts on the Course

The course has recently been subjected to fairly heavy rain causing conditions to be wet and quite boggy in patches. Members with ride-ons are asked to exercise caution and avoid the wet areas. No ride on buggies are to be driven to within at least 5 metres of the greens. There will no doubt be occasions when ride-ons will not be permitted on the course at all and whilst that will be very disappointing for some of our members, it may be unavoidable.

Stick to the high and dry sides of the fairway and walk across to your ball and if everyone does the right thing our course condition will be preserved.

## Fund Raiser for Prostate Cancer Research

The Port Sorell Golf Club have organised a fund raiser for Prostate Cancer Research on Saturday 1 July at the Port Sorell Golf Club in honour of one of their members who passed away last year. Todd Hogarth was a well known and popular member of the Community. He was a member of a local band known as Kount 5 who used to play at the Shearwater Country Club in the cabaret room in the 70's. The other members of the band have decided to reunite and provide the entertainment for this good old fashioned cabaret night. A light supper will be included in the \$20 ticket price and all proceeds go to Prostate Cancer Research. Help support this worthy cause. Contact Di Atkinson on 0428 144795 for tickets.

## Laugh For the Month

Three Irishmen are sitting in the pub window seat, watching the front door of the brothel over the road.

The local Methodist Pastor appears and quickly goes inside.

"Would you look at that!" says the first Irishman.

"Didn't I always say what a bunch of hypocrites they are?"

No sooner are the words out of his mouth than a Rabbi appears at the door, knocks and goes inside.

"Another one trying to fool everyone with pious preaching and stupid hats!"

They continue drinking their beer roundly condemning the Vicar and the Rabbi when they see their own Catholic Priest knock on the door.

"Ah, now dat's sad." says the third Irishman.

"One of the girls must have died."