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## 2016 Veterans Champion



Congratulations to Gary Wells for winning the Veterans Championships for 2016.

The competition was played over two 18 hole rounds on 6 & 13 April. Gary played two consistent rounds with a 71 and 68 nett respectively to win the title by one stroke from John Humphries who was runner up on count back from Bevis Dutton.

The course was in excellent condition for the first round but unfortunately the scheduled greens scarifying and sanding the day before the second round made putting conditions less than favourable on the last day.

## Gold Medal Winners 2015/16

### *Mens Winner*



Rodney Morriss took out the coveted Men's Gold Medal event this year with a steady 72 nett, winning on count back from Darren Richardson who scored 78 off the stick on April 2. Congratulations Rod.

### *Ladies Winner*

Congratulations are also extended to Ruth Emmerton who won the Ladies Gold Medal this month for 2015/16. This is not the first time Ruth has taken out the award with



the honour board showing three previous wins . Now that is consistent good golf.

## Thirlstane Ladies Open Champion 2016



Congratulations to Sheelagh Down for taking out the 2016 Tasmanian Consulting Services Thirlstane Ladies Golf Open Championships on Friday 29 April in conditions that could not be described as great for golf, but they were excellent for the course with steady rain falling nearly all day.

Thirty five ladies started in the field including several representatives from other northern Clubs including Scamander, Georgetown, Wynyard, Penguin, Ulverstone, Devonport and Port Sorell.

For once, high scores were not the order of the day with Sheelagh winning with 33 points in Division 1. Division 2 was won by Eunice Ray from Penguin on 31 Points and Pat Timmerman took out Division 3 on count back with 29 points.

## Tony Coates adds another Australian Title



The Australian Amputee Golf Open Championship was held in Victoria earlier this month at Sandhurst. Tony competed against Australia's best and took out the Australian Seniors Championship with a three round total gross score of 256 (87,81,88). Shane Luke, a leg amputee won the overall gross event for the 7th time. Tony beat him by one stroke on handicap though, making him a real threat for the upcoming World Championships which may now be held in the USA in August. If Tony gets the opportunity to attend the world games, he will be the only Tasmanian representative on the team which would present a fantastic opportunity for a prospective sponsor. Tony is open to offers.

## Don't Forget the AGM - 17 May - 7.30 pm

Tuesday May 17th at 7.30pm. All members welcome. Supper will be served, provided you bring a small plate of nibbles. You have until 7 May to nominate for a position on the committee. The forms are on the notice board in the spike bar as are the names of those already nominated.

A matter up for discussion at the AGM is the review of membership categories. Some of our current categories include separate male and female rates for juniors, intermediate and country members with relatively insignificant differences in rates. Arguably, the various different categories are no longer relevant so the committee is seeking to amalgamate and reduce some of them and welcome your input.

## New Tee Beds

The new tee beds which will become the 16th and 18th are coming along very nicely and they have certainly been the cause of considerable discussion amongst members. Many members are looking forward to the changes whilst some are disappointed that there was lack of consultation with members prior to the works being carried out.

Members may recall that they were consulted about the proposal on the design of a new covered area recently. The result of that consultation was that there were so many differing and dissenting views that the committee determined that the best solution was to do nothing.

It is apparent that had there been a similar consultation process provided regarding the proposed new tee beds, the same outcome would have resulted.

The sub committee authorised to move forward with this project are all intelligent, hard working volunteers who should be congratulated for their hard work to date. Members should give this project a chance and save any criticism until the tee beds have been in play for a while.



## New Greens Mower

The Club took delivery of the new greens mower last week. This machine came from Western Australia and it is still the current model even though it is five years old. This machine has a 21 hp motor and the price paid for the mower was \$20,000 which is about a third of the cost for a brand new one. Looked after properly this mower should last the Club at least ten years.

The old mower will be converted to a greens scarifier that will be able to sow seed at the same time.

## From the Committee

### *Reciprocal Rights Restrictions*

The committee checked with the Clubs that have reciprocal rights with us to determine if any restrictions were in place such as the number of games allowed to be played. The Wynyard, Pittwater and Bridport Clubs have no restrictions on players from reciprocal Clubs and Deloraine have a limit of eight games per annum by members from their reciprocal Clubs.

The committee resolved not to impose any restrictions on members from other Clubs with reciprocal rights with our Club.

### *Club's Responsibilities for OH & S of Volunteer Workers*

The committee is waiting for a reply from WorkSafe Tasmania on when they can organise a workplace meeting at the Club. Members will be advised when more information is available.

### *Unauthorised Herbicide Sprayed on Course*

The Course Superintendent reported that unauthorised spraying of herbicide has occurred under several trees on the course. Any member who may be aware of who undertook the spraying is requested to let someone on the committee know.

It is preferred that grass under trees be trimmed rather than sprayed as spraying results in unwanted return of hardy weeds.

### *Membership Numbers*

The Membership subcommittee reported that 75 members are yet to renew their membership fees this year. Those members will not be eligible to play in Club competitions until their subscriptions have been paid. A reminder account will be sent but if they are still outstanding by 1 July, unfinancial members will be removed from the membership register.

### *Course Development Committee*

This sub-committee has completed the initial development of the 16th and 18th tee beds and they have also levelled half of the 2nd tee bed. They have completed the work so far well under budget, due to the generosity of the donated use of equipment and labour from Matt Carter as well as Mathew Ryan. Peter Bonney has also put in several man hours with his tractor. Over 60 metres of ag drain was laid and about 100 m<sup>2</sup> of soil was also moved.

The Committee expresses its gratitude to Matt, Matthew and Peter for donating their time and equipment, and also appreciated the hard work carried out by Tony Dick, Scott Westlake, Bevis Dutton and Paul Baggott as well as the other sub-committee members on this project.

### *Donation from Shearwater IGA*

The Club acknowledges a donation of \$200 from the Shearwater IGA recently from the proceeds of their amusement prize machine in store.

### *Rejuvenating the Honour Boards*

The committee accepted a recommendation from the match committee that Damon signs be contracted to undertake rejuvenating work of the Ladies and Foundation Members honour Boards. These boards have deteriorated over the years with some of the names having fallen off completely. The quote for the work was \$1800 for the two boards and Damon signs have also offered to maintain the boards on an annual basis.

## **Ladies Committee**

### *Raffle.*

One of our lady members Margy Smith very generously donated a beautiful landscape tapestry that she spent many hours making as the first prize of the major raffle the Ladies held over the last few weeks which was drawn at the Ladies Open presentations on Friday 29 April. Second prize was a basket of fine wine donated by Vivienne Rush and third prize was an assortment of cheeses and other condiments donated by Linda Baggott. All three members are to be



congratulated of their generosity.

Margy and Vivienne spent several hours outside K-Mart and other Devonport venues selling tickets and a total of \$1,066.00 was raised. A fantastic result. Well done ladies/

### *Ladies Annual General Meeting - 3 May 2016*

The AGM for the lady members will be held on Tuesday 3 May at the Club rooms immediately following their game. All lady members are requested to attend.

### *Lamington Day*

The Ladies are having their bi-annual Lamington making day on Thursday 26th of May. The pre-order sheets are on the notice board so make sure you get your orders in well before the day or it will be too late. The price for a dozen on these magnificent delicacies is \$10 per dozen. They are always popular with members who, along with their guests are invited to come and lend a hand on what is described as a fun day at the Club.

### *Chairs have been Scotch Guarded*

The Ladies had an excellent assembly line working before their golf day on Tuesday 26 April and they scotch-guarded the 120 new chairs that now adorn the Club rooms. The operation was conducted at a fraction of a noted price from a professional, with the same result, so well done ladies, a great effort.

### *Health Inspector Visit*

The Club kitchen received the once over from the local Health Inspector recently (coincidentally after the Ladies had a working bee to tidy the kitchen up). Apart from a couple of minor issues, she was very impressed with the state of the facilities at the Club and again the Ladies are congratulated for their work behind the scenes to make sure the premises met the grade.

## **Membership Cards**

Just a reminder that if you a financial playing member, your membership card this year doubles as your bag tag. Your GolfLink card will serve as your wallet/purse card. Non-playing members receive a wallet size card to carry. If you have paid your fees and you have not yet received your card or receipt, it is most likely still sitting in the alphabetical folder on the counter at the starter's box as you enter the club rooms. If yours is not there and you have not yet received it, please let Tony Vaughan or Hank Timmerman know.

Cards will soon be mailed out to members who have not frequented the Club lately.

## Fixtures Books

If you are wondering where your fixtures books are, don't forget they will not be printed until after the AGM as the committee member details cannot be inserted until then.

Again, once printed, the books will be labelled with your name and placed in the alphabetical folder on the counter.

## New Members

The following applicants have applied to join our Club

- Full member            Ben Smith from Latrobe
- Full Member           Roger Scott from Shearwater
- Social Member        Gayle Waite from Shearwater
- Social Members       Tony and Sandra Walsh of Devonport

Nobby Walsh has also applied for a membership change to Social Member. Nobby has been frequenting the Club regularly with his family and it is great to see him getting in the exercise. Nobby's goal is to get well enough to play competition golf again.

## Resignation

Frank Kelly has officially resigned from the Club after selling his Port Sorell home and moving to Lakes Entrance on the east coast of Victoria. Frank has joined the championship course there that boasts 2 x 18 hole courses he describes as absolutely spectacular.

If you are ever travelling through that way and fancy a game of golf with Frank, he would love a phone call and is always willing for a game. You will get it cheaper playing with a member too.

## Golden Circle Draws - April 2016

|             | 2/4/16       | 9/4/16      | 16/4/16    | 23/4/16      | 30/4/16     |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>\$50</b> | W Beaton     |             |            |              |             |
| <b>\$30</b> | P Richardson | J Gamble    | A Webb     | J Maher      | A Beaton    |
| <b>\$20</b> | P Mitchell   | J Booton    | W Russell  | B Dutton     | H Timmerman |
| <b>\$10</b> | D Connelly   | H Timmerman | M Connelly | B Richardson | R Perkins   |

## Laugh For The Month

A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither of them was hurt. After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of 75 year old scotch didn't break. Surely God meant for us to drink this vintage delicacy and celebrate our good fortune." Then she handed the bottle to the man.

The man nodded his head in agreement, opened it, drank half the bottle and then handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

She replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too!

Men will never learn!

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## FOR SALE, LADIES R/H CLUBS

Near-new set of Wilson ladies right hand clubs with bag and buggy, all in good condition.

\$200 or offer - less than one third of new price.

Mainly used for air shots and lots of swearing practice !!

5-9 irons, PW, SW; driver, 3-4-5 woods, fairway wood, putter.

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