



# ON PAR

## 2016 Club Champions

This year's Mens and Womens Championships have been run and won and the winners are, Mens A Grade - Stuart Mathewson (left) who won the overall championship as well as the A Grade nett with a score of 235/223 over the 54 hole event.

The B Grade Gross was won by Bill Russell with a 276/237 off a 12 handicap and the B Grade Nett was won by Dennis French with a score of 282/228 playing off 18.



The C Grade Gross and Nett Champion is Roger Eadie with a final score of 291/231 playing off 20.

Stuart took a hat trick after winning this year and Roger is on a hat trick for next year if he remains in C grade.

Whilst the weather conditions weren't great, nevertheless the course was presented absolutely magnificently with the condition of the greens being arguably the best they have ever been. Full credit to Rodger Paice and his dedicated ground staff team for yet again producing a course that we can all be very proud of.

## Ladies Champions



Pat Archer won the A Grade Ladies Championship again this year with a score of 289/244 off a 15 handicap. The runner up was Liz Sumpton with a 292/238 score playing off 17.



The B Grade Champion was Glenda McDonald with a 298/238 off 20. Glenda also won the overall Nett Championship on a count back from Liz Sumpton. The runner up B Grade winner was Suzie Atkins with 304/247 also off 20.



The C Grade Ladies Champion is Pam Tampalini with a 363/280 off a 29 handicap and the C Grade Runner Up was Jan Richardson with a 367/274 off 32.

Congratulations to all of the winners and everybody who played in the Mens and Ladies Championship events.

A big thank you too to everyone who assisted behind the scenes in ensuring the events ran smoothly. Appreciation is particularly extended to Tony Vaughan who worked tirelessly over the two Saturdays of the Mens Championships entering the scores and providing a real time leaderboard for the duration of the event.

## Vale - Doug Blenkhorn



Members mourn the loss of Doug Blenkhorn who was a staunch member of our Club and will be sadly missed by all. Following the death of his daughter Sally in 2008, Doug and Beth worked tirelessly and selflessly establishing the Sally Blenkhorn Foundation to raise money to help the poorest of the poor in the Phillipines assisting those in need. Doug is survived by his wife Beth and children James, Maree and Sarah. The President, on behalf of all members extends his condolences to Doug's family on his sad passing.

## New Tee Beds now in Play

Following an egg and bacon roll breakfast cooked to perfection by Tony Dick and Tony Vaughan, play in Saturday's popular Irish stableford was underway. It was the first official competition to include the two newly completed tee beds at the 7/16th and the 9/18th and haven't they made a difference to the way those holes have to be played. The course development committee members Peter Bonney, Tony Dick, Dennis French, Neville Smith, Paul Baggott, Rob Beveridge, Scott Westlake and Stuart Mathewson are congratulated for their initiative and hard work in providing these improvements to our course with more to come in the future.

## Boag's Country Championship

Bad weather was the cause for the initially postponed Boags Country Championship between Sheffield, Thirstane, Exeter and Deloraine at Sheffield and it was almost a washout again on Sunday October 16th when 14 players from our Club braved the elements only to have the competition halted after nine holes because of torrential rain. Not surprisingly Sheffield took out the trophy with a full team on their saturated course and Thirstane finished a credible second. Well done boys.

## Come and try a 'counter' meal at the Club

New and entrepreneurial country member Gina Philp, who is a chef by trade and operates under the name of "Evandale Gourmet Catering", is offering meals at the Club for members and their guests with the first dinner being offered on Friday 9 December from 6pm. On the menu is Tasty Gummy Flake, beer battered with chips and salad or Oven Baked Chicken Breast with jacket potato, salad and mushroom sauce. The meals are \$22 each and they must be pre-ordered before Friday 9th. There is an order form over the bar and members are asked to include the number and selection of meals as well as their preferred time. Meals need to be pre-paid at time of order. Numbers are limited to 40 so first in, best dressed. The success of this offering will no doubt determine the possibility of future similar events at our Clubrooms.

Gina has already tempted several members with her scallop pies being very popular on their first release a few weeks ago. No doubt further culinary delights will be on offer in future.

## Meet our first New Lady Full Member



This is Irene Page who joined our Club in July this year and played in her first competition on Saturday 29 October. Although Irene said she was a bit nervous playing in her first event, nevertheless she showed she has good style and far more finesse on the course than husband Brian. Irene is our first Lady member who has joined under the revised membership rules where all new lady members now join as full members, paying the same subscription and having all of the rights of a full member of our Club. Welcome aboard Irene, we hope your association with this Club is a long and enjoyable one.

## Cup Surrounds

The Veterans have sponsored the purchase of cup insert surrounds for the holes on the greens that will no doubt highlight the cups and improve the aesthetic of the holes. The inserts are made from quite thin plastic material that will be susceptible to movement and damage if they are disturbed once in the holes. Extreme caution is therefore to be taken when removing your ball from the hole when these inserts are in use. Members using various means of ball pick-ups on the end of their putters will need to ensure that they retrieve their balls without touching the side of the cups. Scooping your ball from the hole using your putter head will surely damage the hole inserts. If the inserts are raised even a fraction above the holes it will cause balls to 'lip' the holes. Rodger Paice, the course superintendent is prepared to trial the new inserts however they will be quickly removed if they cause ball deflection from the holes.

## Gravel in sand when green cored

The course superintendent apologises for the gravel that was inadvertently mixed with the sand when the greens were cored last week. Members were asked to collect the gravel from the greens during competition on Saturday 29 October and that saw the removal of most of the pieces from the greens. Thank you to all members who assisted in picking up the gravel.

## From the Committee

### *Buggy Storage*

Nineteen members have so far expressed interest in utilising buggy storage facilities at the club if a purpose built shed is provided. An indication now of the number of buggies to be stored will determine if it is feasible and the size/type of facility to be provided. If you think you might prefer to leave your clubs/buggies/carts at the Club in secure storage, please make sure you put your name on the list on the notice board. The Club will only consider such a facility if it can be cost neutral.

### *Golf Month Event*

The event planned in conjunction with the October Golf Month promotion failed to eventuate due to a lack of response from the targeted sporting clubs.

### *Buggy Blow Down Facility*

The Committee is keen to hear from members who have trialled the buggy blow down temporary facility that has been available near the wash down area of the work shed. A compressor hose and wand have been provided outside of the shed for members to use on a couple of occasions and before the committee commits to a decision, it would like to hear from members who have used it to determine the viability of establishing a permanent facility.

### *Sunday Competitions*

Several members have indicated they would like to play in organised Sunday competitions at the Club but none who want to play have offered to assist in the organising of such events. The events will not happen on their own and unless members take an active interest in running such competitions they will not eventuate. It is unreasonable to expect those members already committed to running current weekly competitions to volunteer more of their time without others willing to share the load. Anyone considering volunteering to assist will be given the necessary training which is not too onerous and requires only a basic understanding and navigation of the computer.

## **Ladies Committee**

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### *Melbourne Cup Luncheon*



The ladies have invited the men to join them in their competition and a luncheon afterwards on Melbourne Cup Day (1 Nov). If it is as good as previous years you really shouldn't have missed this opportunity. But if you are reading this and haven't yet put your name on the list, it is probably too late.

### *Lamingtons*

The ladies have organised another lamington making day for November 24. The order forms are on the notice board. These usually sell quickly so make sure you

get your order in early.

### *Course Staff Thanked*

The ladies thanked the ground staff for the excellent preparation of the course for the Ladies Championships.

## This Month's Sponsors

**big bargain bottleshop** have been sponsors of this Club for several years. Make sure you check out their specials at The Shearwater Tavern, The Argosy Motel in East Devonport, the Alex in Devonport and the Big Bargain Bottle Drive-in bottle shop in Spreyton. They are the sponsors for the Medal Stroke & Putting competition on Saturday 5 November.

*Dannebrog* **Bar & Grill** in Devonport are sponsoring the single stableford - Thirlstane Cup qualifier on Saturday 12 November. They always provide generous sponsorship by way of meal vouchers so make sure you patronise their establishment when dining in Devonport.

The **Foundation Members** are sponsoring the Foundation Cup on Saturday 19 November. This Club wouldn't exist today if it wasn't for the generosity and hard work all those years ago of the Foundation Members. Current and future members will be forever indebted to those original members for their input into this Club.

## Putter Patter

Don't tell the Feds but it seems that Rohan Clarke has been into money laundering of late. At least that is how it appeared to Leonie when she discovered a paper pulp in Rohan's jeans after they were washed. Turns out he left a reimbursement cheque from the Golf Club in his pocket.

If you are considering playing in a team event with Dougy Walton, make sure he hasn't put money on another team to win first. His team mates were left scratching their heads during a recent Irish stableford event when he could have scored 2 crucial points by tapping in a putt but picked up his ball instead.

## Golden Circle

1 Oct (draw 1)	1 Oct (draw 2)	8 Oct	15 Oct	22 Oct	29 Oct
\$30 M Moore	\$30 G Oliver	\$30 S Sykes	\$30 M Danos	\$30 R Richardson	\$30 S Sykes
\$20 P Preece	\$20 D Williamson	\$20 N Richardson	\$20 I Parton	\$20 P Glover	\$20 L Boyd
\$10 J Robson	\$10 B Hall	\$10 B Hall	\$10 B Iles	\$10 S Heathcoate	\$10 J Maher
\$50 G Dyke					\$50 Paul Baggott
\$100 R Jenkins					

## Hitting a Provisional

It seems that some members are still confused about the provisional ball rule.

In short, a provisional ball must be hit before the golfer moves forward to look for the ball he believes may be lost. The provisional ball must be hit from the same place as the previous shot

believed to be lost and it must be declared a provisional by the player before striking the ball. You cannot move forward, start looking for your original ball, then go back to hit a 'provisional'. If you go back and hit a second ball after looking for the original ball, the ball struck immediately becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance, regardless of whether the first ball is found. Refer to Rule 27 -2 of the *Rules of Golf* for the full details or refer to *On Par's* October 2015 issue.

## Laugh For The Month

### PUNOGRAPHY

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is  
Now a seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met her-bivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.
- This dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- PMS jokes aren't funny, period.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.

- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in London police stations have been stolen. Police say they have nothing to go on.
- I took the job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.