



2020 Foursomes Champions

Congratulations to Anthony Webb and Dean Smith for winning this year's foursomes



championships with a gross score of 122 over the 27 hole game. They finished 2 strokes clear of their nearest rivals Jamie Kunta and Tim Maxwell. They also took out the best nett score of the day finishing with 109.25.

The foursome's championships brings out the best and worst in many players. Some who strive hard not to put their playing partner in trouble only make things worse and end up having their partner play shots from places they didn't even know existed around (but not on) the course.

It's not a game for the faint hearted and can test many a friendship until the end of the game anyway. It is believed Dennis and Bevis are back on talking terms.

Gold Medal 2020 – Sponsored by the Parson Family

The Gold Medal competition is a play-off between players who have won a monthly medal in any division in the past 12 months. It is a stroke competition which starts the ball rolling for the following 12 month’s medal winners. The day has for many years been sponsored by the Parsons Family who have a long history and association with the Thirlstane Golf Club. The family are descendants of Bob & Betty Parsons who have both now passed away but their names are synonymous with the beginnings of the Thirlstane Golf Club. Both were Foundation Members and Bob spent several days a week helping to carve out this course from the bush. He was one of the original Presidents of the Shearwater Golf Club. Betty is fondly remembered for scoring a very unlikely hole-in-one on the sixth after the ball hit one of the red hazard markers on the side of the dam, ricocheted off it and rolled into the hole.

Gold Medal Winner 2020



Dean Smith (left) won this year’s Gold Medal with a nett score of 72.

Apart from donating the winning prizes for the day, the Parsons family also sponsor a perpetual trophy known as the Parsons Shield which is



won by the player with the best net score of the day, whether they are in the Gold Medal play-off or not. This year the shield was won by Hank Timmerman with a nett score of 66.



Unfortunately only a small contingent of the Parsons family were able to attend this year but their enthusiasm on the course was as lively as ever as they played off for their own Royal & Ancient Fractured Four Iron Trophy. This is not a trophy anyone wants to win as it is given to the member of the Parsons group who scores the highest number of strokes, commonly referred to as the NAGA.

Benny and Rob Parson, Brock Hanson and family friend Martin Owens set off on their mission and after 18 holes, the trophy was won by Brock with a gross score of 130.

The file photo above shows the usual mob that descend on our course once a year and they always have a great time.

Ladies 2020 Spring Cup

Congratulations to Greta Mitchell on winning this year's Spring Cup. This annual event is a medal stroke & putting competition sponsored by Ian and Leslie Young. The Young's have sponsored this event for many years and the Club is extremely grateful for their continued support.



Pictured is Leslie Young (left) with Greta (right) who won the day with a 75 nett, one point ahead of runner-up, Lorraine Smith.

Vale – Chris Boyes

Chris Boyes passed away on Monday 14 September in Victoria where he lived after he and Sue left our shores in February 2015 to be closer to family. Chris suffered dementia recently which progressed very quickly. Chris was 81. Both he and Sue were very active and valued members of our Club for many years and for those who knew Chris he will undoubtedly be sadly missed. The Club extends our deepest condolences to Sue and family at this very sad time. RIP Chris.

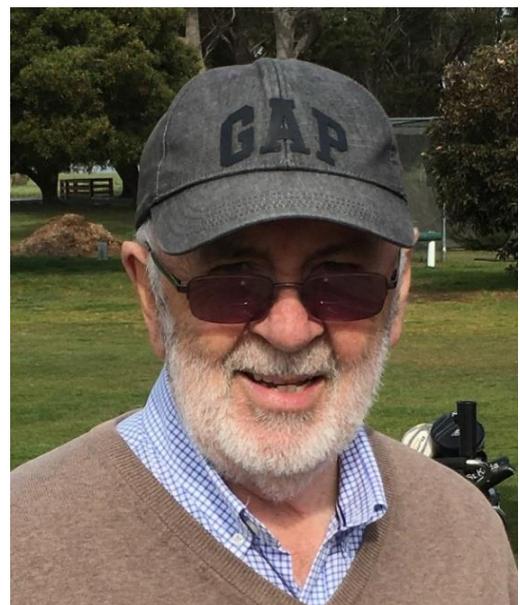


Covid 19 – We all have responsibilities to stay safe

All businesses, including licensed premises have mandated responsibilities to ensure the safety of their members and patrons at all times. The government has provided guidelines and rules that must be followed and are being enforced by health and other officials. Not only do we need to ensure that we follow the rules for our own safety, we must comply so that our Club can keep trading under present restrictions.

It is easy to become complacent because Tasmania has not recorded any new cases for a long time, however one only has to see what is happening throughout the rest of the world to realize that we could just as easily suffer another wave of Covid that could trigger further restrictions.

To ensure the Club continues to follow the rules, committee member Tony Simpson has taken on the role of planning and documenting our responsibilities. Whilst they seemed onerous at first, Tony has done an excellent job in preparing the appropriate documentation and putting processes in place for all members to follow. After all, Tony was an auditor with the post office in a previous life. Apart from practicing safe social distancing and ensuring hand cleanliness, all members are required to wipe their tables down before they leave with the cloths and sanitizing spray provided. Please follow all the directions put into place so that we can not only stay safe but can continue to trade rather than being closed down due to non-compliance.



Cash Register

The new cash register has arrived and will come into operation from 8 October. Members more likely to use the register have or will very soon receive training in its use although the machine is very intuitive and is easier to use than a mobile telephone (Just saying Tony Dick).

What this means for the Club is that every transaction either by cash or EFTPOS must be recorded on the cash register. Any person who intends to go behind the bar and put money into the cash register must enter the



product and value into the machine. Under no circumstances is the drawer allowed to be left open and items paid for without them being registered on the till. If you are not comfortable in operating the cash register you will not be allowed behind the bar. In any case it is against Liquor and Licensing laws to serve drinks from the bar unless you hold or are in the process of obtaining a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate. As severe penalties can apply against the Club for contravening those laws there will be no exceptions to these rules.

The new register will account for all funds received by the Club and will automatically allocate the funds to the appropriate accounting areas, making the treasurer's job so much easier, providing everyone who handles the register does the right thing. It will also allow for better future planning and stock control.

If anyone is doubtful about the use of the register, please see Hank Timmerman, David Dunham, Mike or Wendy Smith who will assist.

Club Hire Cart Maintenance

If you are asked or have taken it upon yourself to help by putting the hire carts back into the container shed, can you please ensure that

- before they are put away any rubbish in them has been removed and the carts are **clean**, and
- when they are put back into the container that the **key has been turned to the OFF** position. The charger plug must be pushed firmly into the socket under the centre of the seat. Once plugged in, wait about four seconds and the needle on the gauge of the seat. Once plugged in, wait about four seconds and the needle on the gauge of the charger should move past the 5 amp position. If the needle has not moved and no audible hum can be heard, **please check to ensure the plug has been pushed in far enough.**

Your assistance with these matters will ensure that the carts are always ready for re-hire and they will remain in service for an indefinite period.

New Members

Since the September committee meeting the Club has received applications for membership from the following

Steve Bambridge	Squeaking Point	Full Member
Greg Krushka	Port Sorell	Full Member
Joe Scavo	Leith	Full Member
Stewart Selby	Quoiba	Full Member
Cam Simonds	Devonport	Full Member
Graeme Sweetman	Shearwater	Full Member
Dennis Wragg	Shearwater	Full Member
Glen Muir	Latrobe	Full Member
John Kneebone	Devonport	Full Member
Nick Richardson	Latrobe	Summer Member



Pictured right is Marty Dwyer who joined us in August.

The President and Club welcomes the new members and we trust their association with the Club is a long and happy one.

Trivia Night

Lynne Dutton has put in months of planning and preparation to ensure that this year's Trivia Night will be lots of fun. It is one of the few organised social events the Club holds for members and their guests and in the past they have been very well attended and extremely well organised. So to join in the fun gather a group of six, nominate a team Captain who is to fill in the entry form and be at the Club on Friday 23 October, commencing at 7.30 pm.

There will even be a special music segment this year being put together by David Dunham who has put it in writing that if anyone scores a perfect score for that segment, he will buy that team a round of drinks.

The cost for the night is \$15 per person which includes the evening entertainment, supper, prizes for the winners, runner's up and losers as well as tickets in this year's huge raffle. Should be lot's of fun.

New Club Website to be Developed

The Club website is to undergo a major renovation to ensure that it can be easily updated and provide relevant and contemporary information to our members and visitors to the site. Luckily one of our members, Janelle Thompson is a website developer and administrator and after being approached, she put forward a proposal for the development of a new more user friendly website and offered a very generous discount by way of Club support. In accepting the proposal and recognising the very generous sponsorship offered,

the President expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Club to Janelle and the committee agreed to go ahead with the revamp as soon as possible.

What's in the little green sheds? – submitted by Neville Smith



Ever wondered what's in the green shed on the 5th and the green shed on the 4th? These are our pump sheds. The one on the fourth contains our transfer pump which transfers the water from Panatana Rivulet when it floods over into our little storage dam. We are only allowed to use the water that comes into our dam when the rivulet is high enough to let the water flow into the dam via our laser cut ditch which was precisely cut as per the requirements of the Rivers and Water Supply authority. The reason for this is that we are not to take all or more water than necessary so that properties downstream from us still have flowing water. Once there is a reasonable amount of water in the dam the pump is started to transfer the water to our main

storage dam to the south of the practice fairway. This system was originally installed with the aid of a dollar for dollar grant from the government and because we were utilizing water that would only flow out to sea and be wasted, it was considered the most purposeful grant application of the year.

The green shed on the fifth is our main pump shed which contains our 22 kilowatt irrigation pump, the 3 kilowatt jacking pump, the 2.2 kilowatt bore pump and all the solenoids and the computer that controls our course watering.

The main irrigation pump is the primary unit for pumping water out of our 2 dams either side of the 6th fairway all over the course to tee beds, fairways and greens. Under our course lies literally many kilometers of pipes of all sizes that carry the water when required (there are also many pipes under the fairways for drainage as well). The jacking pump is the pump that sends water to our solenoids to maintain constant water pressure on the system, when a solenoid is activated by the computer the sprinklers come up and the associated area on



our golf course is watered, whether it be a tee bed, a green, the fairways or the practice green. The jacking pump also operates the sprinklers on the dams which are a nice feature. The bore pump is simply an additional pump to supply water from underground into one of our dams to help with our supply. The bore pump is approximately 30 meters underground and it is under the little silver cover near the pump shed.



The main pump shed recently had an electrical upgrade with a new inverter and a new switchboard installed. The inverter was faulty and had to be replaced and the switchboard was



40 years old and needed upgrading to safer and better technology.

The inverter controls the main irrigation pump keeping the water in the pipes at a constant pressure and controlling the speed of the pump appropriately.

The water at the clubhouse is supplied on a different system, from the green tank beside the lady's amenities and another underground tank near the workshop. These both catch the rainwater from the workshop and clubhouse roofs.

A lot of money and time has gone into our watering systems with most of the time being voluntary.

All our systems are latest technology, reasonably complex, but maintain our course to the great standard that we have to play on today.

Editor's Note: The President & committee gratefully acknowledge the considerable work done voluntarily by Neville Smith in installing the new switchboard and inverter recently.

Joke For The Month

Did you know -

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes. (In my next life I want to be a pig)

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death. (Creepy) (I'm still not over the pig)

The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off. ("Honey, I'm home. What the....")

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field. (30 minutes...can you imagine??)

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet. (OMG...!)

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. (What can be so tasty on the bottom of the pond?)

Some lions mate over 50 times a day. (I still want to be a pig in my next life ... quality over quantity.)

Butterflies taste with their feet. (Something I always wanted to know)

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue. (Hmmmmmm.....)

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do. (If you're ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)

Elephants are the only animal that cannot jump. (OK, so that would be a good thing....)

A cat's urine glows under a blacklight. (I wonder who was paid to figure that out.)

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that.)

Starfish have no brains. (I know some people like that too.)

Polar bears are left-handed. (Who knew...? Who cares!)

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure. (What about the pig?

Do the dolphins know about the pig?)