

# THIRLSTANE GOLF CLUB ON PAR

## *Merry Christmas Everyone*



The Christmas trees are popping up, festivities are beginning and there are not too many people that will be unhappy to see this year gone.

Whilst things are starting to get back to normal, what a year it's been.

At least members of this Club were able to continue to play golf in one form or another earlier in the year.

We must not become complacent and there are still rules to follow regarding Covid 19 but at least there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. Let's all hope that 2021 is better than this one. Have a very merry Christmas everyone.

## Mixed Foursomes Championships

Congratulations to Katrina Mitchelson and Jason Sims for taking out this year's Mixed Foursomes championships earlier last month. In a tight finish, Jason and Katrina won with 127 off the stick for 27 holes, followed closely by Kodie and Leonie Clarke with 128 then followed Janelle Thompson and Tony Sherriff with 129. Kodie and his mum won the net trophy with 107. Congratulations to all who participated



## Ladies Invitation (Pink) Day Raising Awareness of Breast Cancer

Lorraine and Neville Smith have been sponsoring the 'Pink Day' for many years now and it has become a very popular event for ladies from across the State. 66 ladies played in the competition and several others attended to lend a hand to ensure that the day ran smoothly and everyone was well looked after. Ladies from Port Sorell, Woodrising, Penguin, Ulverstone, Wynyard, Sheffield, Prospect, Bridport and Gordon Golf Club in Sydney came to play. All the ladies arrived wearing lots of pink as pictured.



Lorraine and Neville were very grateful for the support they received from many club members who were thanked in an email from Lorraine following the event but the day was certainly punctuated by the guest speaker, Robyn Sutcliffe. Robyn is a Breast

Cancer survivor and her story from getting breast cancer at the age of 31 with a 5 month old baby girl was extremely touching and a huge insight into what Cancer patients go through. About \$1600 was raised for the cause which is a fantastic effort. Well done Lorraine and Neville. Great effort.



## Melbourne Cup Day 2020

Once again the Ladies had their annual Melbourne Cup Day competition where they traditionally invite the men to play and the game is always followed by great fellowship and a very nice spread. The best score of the day was 40 points by Charlie Sienesi and Wayne



Norris had 37, whilst for the Ladies the winners were Wendy Smith with 36 points and Leonie Clarke had 35 on C/B from Janelle Thompson.

Looks like some keen punters urging their favourites to come home.

## Who had a day out recently?



The Ladies Mary Champion Memorial Day and monthly medal for November was a day Janelle Thompson won't forget in a hurry. Janelle had her best ever score for a round with a 65 net, playing off a 14 handicap. When she is not playing golf, Janelle has been busy designing a new web page for our Club. It is not on-line yet but if the previews are anything to go by, you should be impressed by the end result. Watch this space.



## Husband of the Year Award-2020 ➡

Goes to Paul Baggot who recently purchased a new faster zero turn ride on mower for his wife Linda. Paul said Linda was so pleased she now has more time to devote to other home duties.

## Foundation Cup 2020

The Foundation Cup was the start of what for the Club was a huge weekend celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A large field of 88 contested the trophy on a magnificent day for golf. The best net score of the day and the winner of the trophy was John Humphries who came in with a 66 net. Frank McConnon had a net 67 and Dennis French and Mik Danos had a net 68. Just to prove how good the conditions were for the game, the top 15 scores were all under handicap. A close contest but in the end the accolades go to John Humphries. Congratulations John.

## The Inaugural Barrie & Thea Iles Perpetual Trophy



This trophy was commissioned by Barrie's daughter Wendy in France and it is handmade, blown glass with gold leaf inserts. It is truly one of a kind and that was the trophy on offer for the mixed Canadian foursome to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Thirlstane Golf Club on Sunday 22 November. This will become an annual event which can be played by all members and guests who play with a member. Two smaller versions of the trophy were given to the winners of the 18 hole event, Katrina Mitchelson and Anthony

Toogood with the winning score of 73/67. The rules required that the trophy could only be won by a mixed team and one of the two players had to be a member of the Thirlstane Golf Club.

It was fitting that the inaugural trophy was won by the daughter of Don and Audrey Mitchelson from whom the land was purchased to build this golf course and the son of the course designer, Peter Toogood on this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the course.

Barrie Iles who is one of the founding members of the Club and the oldest Foundation member still playing regularly located the site for the course after a flyover in a light plane 40 years ago with our current Patron Rex Richardson. Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural trophy, Katrina and Anthony seen here being presented with the trophy by Barrie Iles.



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## New Hand Dryers installed in Ladies and Gents Amenities Blocks.

Many would have noticed the new hand dryers that have been installed in the toilets. The Dyson hand dryers were fully funded by the Tasmanian Government through a successful application lodged by the Club for their Covid 19 Tranche 2 grants administered by the Communities, Sport and Recreation Dept. The grants were for a maximum of \$3000.00 to assist community organisations with extra hygiene requirements relating to Covid 19. The dryers were purchased for \$2614.00 plus GST.

These dryers work using jets of cold air to dry your hands rather than warm air like most other hand dryers. The cold air makes the dryers far more hygienic as warm air assists in incubating germs. The dryers are reputed to dry hands up to three times faster than warm air models.

The hand dryers will undoubtedly save on paper towelling causing far less waste and untidiness in the amenities blocks.

A very big thank you to Neville Smith for installing the dryers that had to be hard wired in place. Neville, who still holds a current ticket, has done quite a bit of electrical work for the Club free of charge recently having also installed new electrical equipment in the pump shed. His input may not be noticed by everyone but he has put in many hours of hard work and he certainly saves this Club a lot of money which is greatly appreciated.

## Seeking New Editor for On Par Newsletter

By Hank Timmerman

I began producing the On Par newsletter in July 2014 and since then 74 editions have been circulated. It has been a useful media to keep members of the Thirlstane Golf Club informed about events, highlighting Club achievers, good news stories as well as decisions made by the committee.

Whilst I have enjoyed writing the newsletter over the years I have now decided to retire from it

If anyone is interested could they please talk to the Club President Bevis Dutton or myself.





## New Members

Margie Maxwell	Forth	Full Member
Paul Barker	Don	Full Member
Vicki Barker	Don	Full Member
Jaden Armstrong	Devonport	U19 member

The Club welcomes our new members and we trust that their relationship with us is a long and happy one.

Mark Atkinson has finally made it back to Tasmania and has re-joined. Welcome back Mark.

Damien Holland has resigned as he has moved to Queensland's Gold Coast. We wish him well for the future.

## Joke for the Month

Back on January 9th, a group of HELLS ANGELS, South Carolina bikers were riding east on 378 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Pee Dee River Bridge so they stopped.

George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says, "Hey Baby . . . whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"

While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," George also didn't want to miss this "be-a-legend" opportunity either so he asked . . . "Well, before you jump, Honey-Babe . . . why don't you give ol' George here your best last kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that . . . and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, George gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed.

## Left the Best till Last – Celebrating 40 Years

November 22 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Thirlstane Golf Club and to say it was one of the biggest days the Club has seen for many a year is an understatement.

The festivities and events did not happen by accident, they had been carefully planned for over a long period of time by a small but very dedicated sub-committee including Bevis Dutton, Jan Richardson, Neville and Lorraine Smith, Tony Dick and Garry Beaton. They did an outstanding job and are to be congratulated for the excellent and hard work they did to put the day together. Of course, many other members helped to ensure the day was a great success and everyone who had a hand in it should give themselves a hearty slap on the back for a job well done. From the ladies who worked slavishly in the kitchen to those who worked the bar and everyone else who helped with the competition, decoration and cleaning up, a very big thank you.

About 160 members, past members, and guests attended the afternoon celebrations which followed the inaugural annual Barry and Thea Iles Perpetual Trophy Mixed Canadian Foursomes event with a field of 74 players.

The clubrooms were adorned with memorabilia and photographs bringing back some very happy memories for many.

Those attending included the majority of Foundation members and all of our Life Members (pictured below) who are still living.



From left, Tony Dick, Neville Smith, Audrey Mitchelson, Bev Williams, Rex Richardson, Rodger Paice, Jan Richardson and Graeme Osbourne.

The following pages depict the success of the day, and if a picture paints a thousand words, then there are several thousand written here.





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