



Mens Championships

The second round of the Championships was washed out but were completed the following weekend. Congratulations to the champions for 2022.



Nathan Richardson - Club
Champion



Ray Perry - B Grade
Champion



Mick Watts - C Grade
Champion and Nett
Winner



Hayden Richardson -
Junior Champion



Mark Allison - A Grade
Nett Winner



Josh Lewis - Junior & B
Grade Nett Winner

Thirstane Cup



Josh Lewis- Thirstane Cup Winner

Thirstane Cup winner, Josh Lewis, had some serious competition to overcome on his way to the final. All matches were close, defeating Marc Turner 1up, Matt Clarke 1up, Roger Eadie 2up before defeating Mick Watts in the final 2 up. Well done Josh, who is following closely on the heels of his dad who won the Thirstane Cup two years ago.....look out Richard, he's behind you and catching up fast!!

Foundation Cup



Steve Morrison - Foundation Cup Winner

Foundation Cup – this event is a special and unique event for our Club. For those newer members who may be unaware of our history, the Foundation Members, listed on our honour board inside the Clubrooms, were a group of Members who contributed 10 years worth of membership fees up front to help fund the building of our golf course. Without these generous people, we simply wouldn't exist. Those who are still amongst us and playing golf keep contributing every year to sponsor the Foundation Cup.

Thank you Katrina for the many photos and information you have supplied.

Turning 80 and Shooting 80!

Having just turned 80 Rob Beveridge played recently in the Veteran's Gold Medal Competition and equalled his age off the stick with an 80. Handicap of 18 and a Nett 62. Well done and congratulations for a great score Rob. It is very rare for a golfer to have a gross score equal to or better than their age.

From the President

Christmas is upon us again.

This will be the last news letter for 2022 and many thanks to Liz Sumpton and Wendy Smith for keeping this great communication tool of our club operating. Please remember our news- letter is only as good as the material provided to Liz and Wendy. 2022 has been a trying year. We have had a lot of rain which has made keeping the course in top condition rather difficult at times. On the bright side if we do ever get some warm weather our dams are full so maintaining the greens and fairways will not be a problem.

For many years Rodger Paice sponsored a barbecue for the work crew. Last year we tried a new formula and invited all members who contribute in any way to the advancement of the club. Rodger spoke to me last week and recommended we carry on with recognising all club volunteers. I intend to do just that and in early January will have a luncheon for all the volunteers of this great club. I will email details of arrangements for that luncheon when things are finalised.

I will be spending Christmas with my Victorian family so will not be around. May I wish all club members an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

Kind Regards

Bevis Dutton

Coring the Greens

Some photos from the working bee to core the greens. A huge thank you to all who contribute their time and effort in keeping our course looking so magnificent.



International Bowl



Glenda MacDonald with her Runner Up Bronze One Medal, an annual competition held by Golf Australia Tasmania between all affiliated clubs in the state. A winner from each club is decided by clubs holding 2-3 individual stroke events.

Glenda MacDonald with her medal

From the Ladies President

With 2022 drawing to a close it is interesting to reflect on the past 12 months and to note the successes, both on the course and socially that the Thirlstane Golf Club ladies group have achieved.

For myself, I feel that the year has been busy, and overall, we have been a very relaxed, happy group who have worked well together throughout the year to achieve our aims.

It is pleasing that we have had a good number of members participating in Invitations days and major events along the Coast and in the North of the State. We are particularly proud of our members who have won major events. Those of note being Suzanne Sykes winning B Grade North West Championships back in February, then Katrina Mitchelson & Janelle Thompson taking out the Champion of Champions (along with Net runners up and Gross winners) of the North West Coast Foursomes

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Championship and then Janelle and Katrina followed up with Liz Sumpton and Suzanne Sykes to win the Barclay Shield. A small group “punching well above our weight” I think. Well done to all our golfers who have represented us in many events this year.

Socially we have also had a busy and very successful time.

A new innovation for fundraising this year was a Fashion Parade, which was a huge success. Jan Gamble headed a small group of ladies who organised this event and we had over 100 people attending. We also were very ably represented on the catwalk by our members Linda Baggott and Lois Richardson. It was a great night socially and financially. Another highlight this year was our Ladies Golf Trip (without golf clubs). 25 of our members had an enjoyable 2 nights in Launceston and had great fun on a full day Wine Tour of the Tamar Valley. We are all looking forward to another trip next year.

Suzanne Sykes has also been proactive and has organised a card group once a month on a Friday evening. This has been well attended and is also a great way for our members to socialise.

We have had our usual events that have been very successful with the Melbourne Cup and our Christmas Party Day being well attended and a lot of fun. We also had a very successful Senior Ladies Tournament with over 70 players coming to our course. A big thank you must go to Marj Robson and Cecily Berglund who have been the stalwarts of our catering group for a very long time. We are also lucky to have Deidre Merrick and Kaye Dutton (non playing member) who also volunteer their time to help with catering for our major events.

The one disappointment this year was that our Pink Day/Invitation Day to be held in November was cancelled due to the wet weather. We have now rescheduled this for early February and are hoping for good weather and a large field.

Our beginners clinic, held each Wednesday evening has been a huge success with up to 32 participants attending each week. A big thank you to the 10- 11 helpers who are giving up their time each week to assist with this. We have currently 8 new memberships (of varying types) from this group and are hoping to have more players joining the ladies on a Tuesday. All in all, it has been a successful year to date, and I want to wish all Thirlstane Golf Club members a Merry Christmas and good golfing in 2023.

Bev Sienesi

Ladies President.

From Behind the Bar

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year and to say thank you all for your support and encouragement.

Now to the bit that nearly everyone has been expecting....the sad news that the price of beer and cider is going up from January 1. Whilst we have tried to absorb rising costs as much as possible over the last few years, we still need to realise that our prices cannot remain the same if we want to keep the Club financials ticking along. At this stage this means that beer and cider will increase by 50 cents. Unfortunately, I have heard that we have another two increases heading our way in February, the usual CPI increase plus a new levy on recyclable containers following the introduction of the new Tasmanian Government program of recycling bottles and cans. All bar prices will be continuously monitored and only be adjusted if and when necessary.

Draught Beer on tap – for those who drink draught beer on tap, you may have already heard that it may have been poured for the last time. The decision to pull it from service was because it was taking quite some time to finish off a keg and I wasn't keen on running the risk of serving customers stale beer. I have however, decided to give draught a reprieve, as we seem to have picked up a few extra drinkers lately and keep it on tap for the summer period, with another keg on its way next week. I will continue to keep track of how long a keg lasts before making the ultimate decision in the new year. The health and safety of customers will always come first. Thank you to those I have spoken to for your understanding.

On a brighter note, the sale of golf accessories seems to be going along quite nicely since updating what we have on offer. I have new stock that has arrived and will be available in the new year. All going well, I will also have caps available for sale soon. As it has been some time since we have been able to retrieve golf balls from our dams, I would like to ask if any members have any second hand golf balls that they would like to donate for the Club to sell? We have run out of stock and it may take us a little while to work out the easiest and safest way to dredge the dams, dodging the many eels and who knows what else is lurking down there in the depths!

Cheers,

Katrina

We Welcome our New Members

Summer Membership
Social Membership
Full Membership

Alanie Cripps
Dallas Cripps
Leonard Thompson

Port Sorell
Port Sorell
Latrobe

Lois's 80th Birthday

Lois Richardson was helped to celebrate her 80th birthday at Villarett Gardens where we all enjoyed a wonderful meal in a fabulous garden setting



Beginners Sessions

Beginners and helpers getting their instructions before either heading off to the driving range or out on the course. Wednesday evenings have been fun for both the beginners and helpers and I hopefully when these sessions resume our weather will be a little warmer.



Replace Divots



Repair Pitch Marks

No cigarette Butts on the Course

Ladies Patrons Day



Ladies Patron Bev Williams sponsored our Patron's day in November with Glenda MacDonald winning Division 1 and Irene Page winning the Division 2 Stableford event. We thank Bev for her continued contribution to our club and look forward to enjoying a Champagne breakfast on 20th December which along with Marj Robson she sponsors each year.

Captain Leonie Clarke and President Bev Sienesi with patron Bev Williams (centre)

Longford Trip For Two Veterans

Mike Smith and Tubby Ryan decided to attend the recent Longford Veterans Day. It was also decided that Tubby would tow Mike's cart to Longford. On the way they were held up by the road works at Paramatta Creek, whilst waiting Tubby asked if Mike had the key for the buggy. When they got through the road works they pulled off the side of the road to check in Mike's backpack for the keys and they could not be found. So a phone call to the wife at 7am to drive out and give him the spare key was done no problems. When Mike arrived home he emptied his backpack and low and behold there were the keys tucked away neatly in a pocket. There lies the problem - is it worse to forget the keys or is it worse to forget that you haven't forgotten the keys?

Christmas Party Day

This year rain reduced our golf game to nine holes only but that left more time to socialise and enjoy the wonderful food. Sheryl and Bill Rockliff have been sponsoring this event for over 20 years. Our Santa from years past has been unwell but fortunately a replacement turned up and seems to have enjoyed himself.

