

July 2024

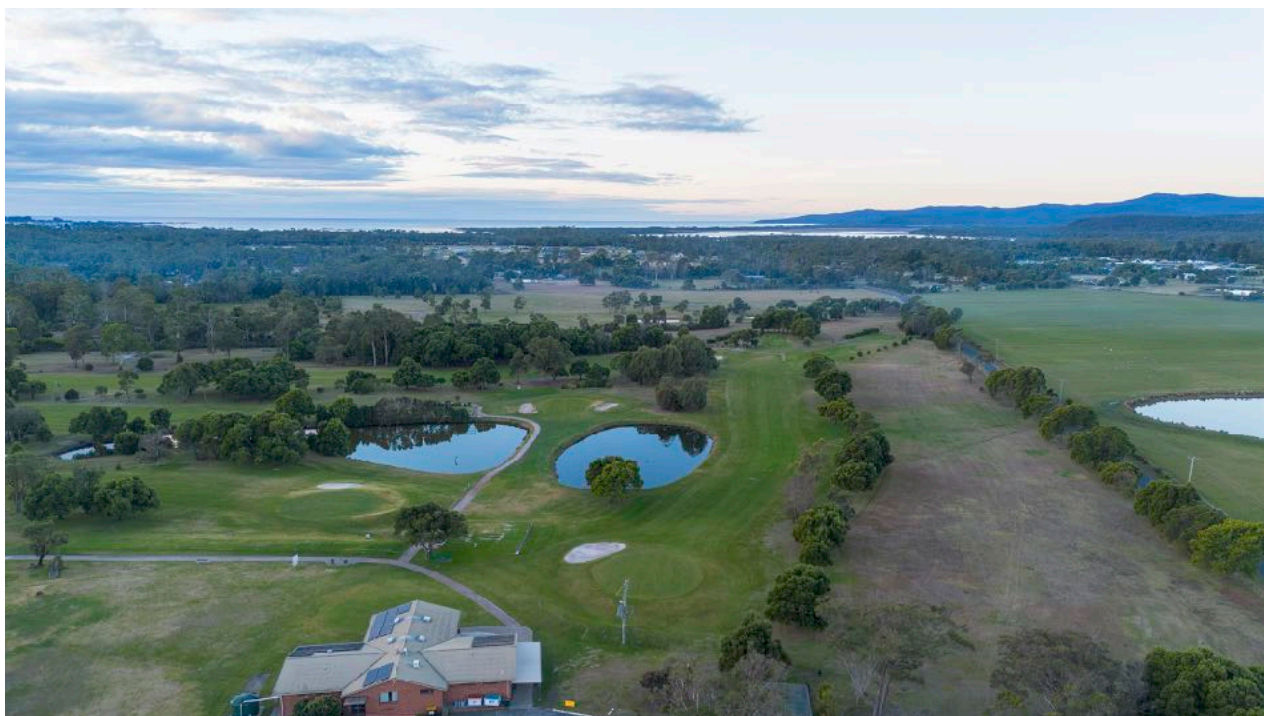


Photo Geoff Pile

## Cock O Walk 2024

Cock O Walk will be contested from Saturday, 24th August with the qualifying round, played as a 2 BBB Bogey and then every Sunday until the Final on Sunday, 22nd September (no games will be played on Sunday, 7th September being Father's Day). 16 pairs will qualify into the first round, 8 pairs into quarter finals, 4 pairs into the semi-finals and 2 pairs into the Final. These rounds will be played as match play.

The draw for this event will be done on the morning of Saturday, 17th August with the Calcutta being held after presentations. Again, our Auctioneer for the day will be our own Wazza Viney. Tickets for the Calcutta will be available from Saturday, 27th July & every Saturday up until the 17th August. Tickets will also be available on Wednesdays.

Dates: Saturday 24th August – Qualifying Round  
Sunday 25th August – Round of 16 – from 9.00 a.m.  
Sunday 8th September – 8 Pairs – from 9.00 a.m.  
Sunday 15th September – 4 pairs – from 9.00 a.m.  
Sunday 22nd September – Final – 9.00 a.m. Start

Replace Divots

Repair Pitch Marks

No cigarette Butts on the Course

All Sunday games must be played on the above dates, so please check that you & your partner are available if you qualify.

Entry sheet is on the back wall in the spike bar & close Friday, 16th August.

Any queries please see Captain Matt or Vice-Captain Kodie

## We Welcome the Following New Members

Full: Beau Grundy, Danyon Jones, Micheal Hayward, Brenden Keep, Simon Parsons, Ben Walker

Country: Daniel Jacklyn

Junior: Jaden Etchell

## Zipper Club

The Zipper Club was formed 2 years ago and is made up of members of the Vets group who have all undergone open heart surgery and lived to tell the tale.

Group members Rob Beveridge, Terry Bird, Mik Danos, Brian Lucas, Ray Perry, Steve Revell, Neville Smith & Scott Westlake donate all the competition prizes for the day.

Photo shows 2024 Zipper Club winner A.T. Dick receiving his trophy from Mik Danos.



## From the President

### Item 1

On May 14 the Annual General Meeting was held at the clubrooms. 33 members attended and 13 apologies were recorded. Following reports from the President, Captain, Veterans, Lady Members and financial/auditors the election of officers was conducted. Congratulations to all those who have volunteered for office/committee roles.

President : Roger Eadie  
Vice President: Chris Hallam  
Deputy Vice President: Jason Sims  
Treasurer: Katrina Mitchelson  
Secretary: Greg Boyd  
Ladies Representative: Sue Westlake  
Veterans Representative: Warren Snashall

Committee: Darren Richardson  
Committee: Karen Hall  
Captain: Matt Clarke  
Committee: Stephen Morrison  
Patron: Rex Richardson  
Auditors: Willing and Associates

We thank outgoing President Bevis Dutton for his tireless efforts over the past 8 years as President and outgoing Vice President Anthony Webb who has endured the burden of significant travel in completing his service on the committee.

The club is in a sound position thanks to the astute management of our course and club finances. There are several projects the incoming committee are faced with and we look forward to regular updates re future directions.

## Item 2

At the AGM Phil Walden was nominated and unanimously voted in for Life Membership. A brief summary of Phil's involvement includes:

### Service

Joined Shearwater GC 1978.

- Foundation Member.
- One of those appointed to collect subs from Foundation Membership applicants.
- Chairman of the Building Committee. Provided support/liaison/advice during the building of the clubhouse, particularly around council planning and permit requirements.
- Junior Vice President 1985
- Senior Vice President 1986
- President 1987/1988
- Secretary of the Match Committee
- Spotter for Vets Tournaments
- From 2006 – current, has worked on Mondays and Thursdays collecting sticks, bark and litter from the fairways. (18 years service)

### Golfing Highlights

- Hole in one 1994, 2nd hole
- Hole in one 2007, 15<sup>th</sup> hole
- Scored 50 points in a Saturday comp.
- Vets Gold Medal 2010
- Vets Perfect Card 2020
- Vets Perfect Card 2023

Congratulations Phil and we thank you for your outstanding service to the club over the past 47 years.



## Our History: Thirlstane Golf Club Name Change

On Saturday September 20, 1997 the name of the club was changed from Shearwater Golf Club to Thirlstane Golf Club. When the club moved from the original location at the Shearwater Country Club, we retained the name Shearwater Golf Club, based at Thirlstane. The Port Sorell Golf Club was formed, based at Shearwater and from that point onwards, many people were confused with the location of the two clubs. The committee at the time under President Rex Richardson decided to change the name of the club, and attached is the formal declaration of the name change, along with some interesting history of the area we are currently located at.





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Saturday 20th September 1997.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Welcome here today.

Today is a very significant event in the history of this golf club, we are changing the name to The Thirlstane Golf Club Inc.

While searching for a few historic events to mention it has been amazing to find out what this community has achieved since early settlement.

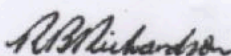
In the 1920's Thirlstane had it's own race course on the northern side of our boundary. A Ladies hockey field. The team captained by Jocelyn (Bud) Parsons. Cricket has also been a strong sport in this area and the district had it's own ground very close to the area planned as a township. Donald Green was Captain in 1925 with Bob Parsons as Secretary. The Second World War interrupted this sport and it recommenced in 1945. The club was closed in 1952 with the players moving to Moriarty. One of the most unusual sports recorded is the Thirlstane Quoit Club. This was played around 1931 with teams of 4 players challenging players from Moriarty and New Ground Clubs. Ploughing has also featured in the district with Mr. Bill Green winning State and National Championships. These events were held on the present practice fairway site. The district was also served for 95 years with its own Post Office. On June 6th 1994 the Post Office closed. Mrs Marjorie Cross had operated it for the last 42 years. Mr and Mrs Cross still reside in the district.

Some of the early history of Thirlstane dates back to a Mr. James Fenton, who wrote in "Bush Life of Tasmania" that in 1838 he visited the settlement at Burgess (Port Sorell). It is recorded where he went to a hut at Parkers Ford to superintend the shearing of a small flock of sheep which a Mr. George Hall had running over those Wretched plains that lie along Muddy Creek. During this visit he gained a good knowledge of the country, following Muddy Creek south until he reached the New Ground (as it is named today) about 5 miles up the creek. It was a forbidding wet swampy looking place at that time with a mob of the wildest cattle running over the margin of the marsh. He reported that the "New Ground" marsh was capable of improvement. Extract from his book show where in 1839 640 acres was sold at auction at "New Ground" and was purchased by William Gardener Sams at 5/- per acre and this became The Hermitage. In the same year Sams also took up most of the "old" New Ground Grant of 1700 acres which became known as the Thirlstane Estate. In the late 1850's the Thirlstane Estate was sold to the Dunlop family and was leased out in quite large lots to tennant farmers. In 1888 it was sold to Robert Stewart with the exception of 200 acres which George Aitken acquired. The Estate was subdivided into 9 farms, clearing and drainage works were carried out. A Wesleyan Chapel and Public Hall were built and a town plan was laid out. (The hall is now part of Mr. Phillip Parsons buildings) Unfortunately these plans came to nothing as the depression of the late 1890's forced Mr. Stewart to sell off the Estate. The 1896 Chart maps indicate the late Tommy McDonald as the owner of the property which the Thirlstane Golf Club is now located. The land was passed to his son Cecil McDonald who later sold the property to a Mr. Frank Cotton and then in May 1955 Mr. & Mrs Don Mitchelson became the owners. In 1980 The Shearwater Golf Club purchased the land to develop their new golf course.

The development of the golf course at Thirstane created an unsurpassed community involvement. Irrespective of whether people played golf or not they all became a part of a wonderful team of people assisting in whatever way they could. The whole project was established on a voluntary basis. The first 9 holes were opened on Dec. 11th 1982 by it's designer Mr Peter Toogood. While the golf course was being developed plans for the club house were approved. The club house was officially opened on April 12th 1985 by the then Premier of Tasmania Mr Robyn Grey. In 1997 the Club has a total of 502 financial Members Committee members at the name change are Patron Mr. Ken Champion, President Mr. Rex Richardson, Senior Vice President Neville W Smith, Vice President Brian Richardson, Secretary Bill Edwards, Treasurer Rodger Paice. Captain Jim Ellis, Committee Members Tony Dick, Graeme Osbourne & Drew Kent. Associates Patron, Mrs Mary Champion, President Mrs Sheryl Rockliff, Vice President Mrs Mary Mathew, Secretary Mrs Beverley Williams, Treasurer Mrs Sue Brown, Captain Mrs Judy Rayner, Committee Mrs Elaine Bramich & Miss Ruth Emmerton.

Ladies and Gentlemen in closing I present to you,

**The Thirstane Golf Club Inc.**



R.B. Richardson President

## Club Records


<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>Stroke Gross</b>	<b>Stroke Gross/Blue Marker</b>
23/09/2023 Janelle Thompson 75	04/05/2024 Darren Spencer 67
<b>Stroke Nett</b>	<b>Stroke Nett</b>
19/02/2021 Leonie Viney 64	07/12/2022 Rob Beveridge 62
<b>Stableford</b>	<b>Stroke Nett/Blue Marker</b>
01/12/2020 Fran Hamilton 44	02/12/2023 Declan Gardam 62
<b>2 Ball Aggregate Stableford</b>	<b>Stableford</b>
14/01/2020 Gina Philp & Liz Sumpton	11/11/2020 Tony Sherriff 46
	<b>Stableford/White Marker</b>
	18/05/2024 Steve Revell 46
	<b>2 Ball Aggregate Stableford</b>
	26/09/2020 Hayden Richardson & Nathan Richardson 76
	<b>Multiplier Stableford</b>
	20/08/2022 Ben Smith & Ryan Milton 93
	<b>2BBB Stableford</b>
	27/04/2024 Ben Smith & Ryan Milton 52



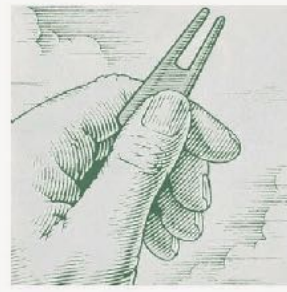
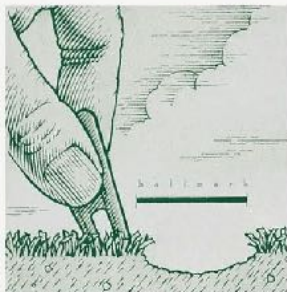
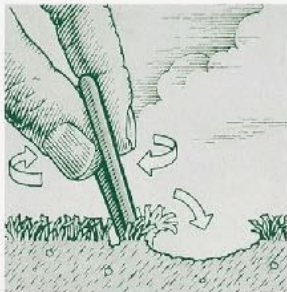
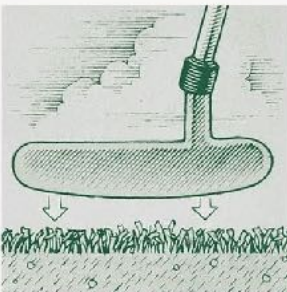
## Repairing Pitch Marks

Repairing a pitch mark on a green is one of the most effective ways to preserve the overall playing quality of a course. Here is how to do it properly.

### *The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark*



- 1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.
- 2** Insert at the edges of the mark— not the middle of the depression.
- 3** Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.
- 4** Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.

Source: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

It takes only a few seconds to fix a pitch mark, yet many players fail to do it properly (and they are usually the ones who complain the most about bumpy greens).

Here is the correct process for repairing a pitch mark on a green:

**Step 1: Have the right tool**

A dedicated ball mark repair tool is the best item for the task, though you could also use a tee, small knife, key or anything relatively thin.

**Step 2: Spot the Spot**

After you hit your approach shot to the green, take note where the ball initially lands on the green. This can be different from where the ball comes to rest (after bouncing and rolling, etc). As you approach the green, keep an eye on that spot.

**Step 3: Push and Twist (DON'T lift)**

Insert the ball repair tool into the outer edge of the mark, at a 45-degree angle. Gently work the turf back into place by pushing forward towards the crater, with a slight twisting motion.

**Note:** Do NOT attempt to lift the bottom of the crater back up – this will tear the roots of the grass. Repeat the repair for the entire circumference of the pitch mark.

## Step 4: Pat pat pat

Pat down the repaired area with your putter until the mark is as smooth and even as the surrounding surface.

## Step 5: Fix another

Always aim to repair at least one or two more ball marks on the green. Again, it only takes a few seconds, but can make all the difference to the course.

Remember:

- Unrepaired ball marks can take weeks to heal (if at all)
- Incorrectly “repaired” ball marks can take up to twice as long to heal as those that are properly repaired.
- It isn’t just about etiquette. It’s our obligation to take care of the golf courses we play.

Source: Social Golf Australia [www.socialgolfaustralia.com.au](http://www.socialgolfaustralia.com.au)

## Footy Margins 2024

Date	Name \$10	Name\$80	Name \$10	Margin	Serial No	Game
9/03/2023	C Hinds	W Viney	C Hinds	32	331798	GWS v Coll
17/03/2024	M Smith	B Hall	C Hinds	45	333114	Melb v Foots
24/03/2024	BA Hall	S Revell	N Smith	48	336000	Foots v GC
31/03/2024	W Viney	Pa Baggott		76	334199	Foots v WC
7/04/2024	D Hansen	M Smith	Pa Baggott	28	333599	GCoast v GWS
14/04/2024	S Gardam	M Smith	B Smith	75	332997	Geel v Nth
21/04/2024	B Harvey	B Hall	C Sienesi	53	332397	Syd v GC
28/04/2024	B Harvey	AT Dick	C Hinds	37	331797	GC v W C
5/05/2024	M Smith	A Spencer	AT Dick	54	331200	Rich v Frem
12/05/2024	M Alison	C Hinds	M Smith	66	335400	Coll v WC
19/05/2024	C Hinds	G Sward	C Hinds	40	331800	Ess v North
26/05/2024	S Vickers	AT Dick	M Smith	25	330600	Haw v Bris
2/06/2024	W Viney	B Hall	B Clarke	92	332999	Melb v Frem
9/06/2024	NW Smith	B Hall	M Smith	30	332399	Syd v Geel
16/06/2024	ATDick	B Harvey	P Kuipers	1	333000	Nth v Coll
23/06/2024	ATDick	M Smith	AT Dick	30	331799	Ess v W/Coast
30/06/2024	BA Hall	S Vickers	BA Hall	2	331197	StK v P/Adel
14/07/2024		BA Hall	D Hanson	14	331199	GC v P/Adel