



Past Members Memorial Day

Although numbers were low and scores not quite up to par, the winner of the annual prestigious award for 2024 Roger Eadie is pictured receiving the Perpetual Shield from stand in Vets assistant deputy co vice captain David Dunham.

On the day we paid tribute to our past members, whilst at the same time welcoming members Graeme Clark, Rex Richardson, John Mitchell and Foxy Levett who came out for a glass of refreshment. They have contributed to our group for many years and are defying the odds to join the list.



From the President

Playing Condition Changes

At the last general committee meeting, two changes to playing conditions were approved. The first involves the creation of a drop zone for the fourth hole, which means if players put their tee shot into the dam or out of bounds, they have the option of playing the next shot from the fourth tee or from the drop zone which will be located between the dam and the thirteenth tee bed. If players use the drop zone option the ball must be dropped and played, not teed up. This change will come into effect once the signage is in place and the drop zone is identified appropriately.

The second change is in relation to the out of bounds area near the ninth/eighteenth green. To remove any confusion re out of bounds, all the hard surfaces surrounding the clubhouse will be considered out of bounds. Currently there are out of bounds pegs behind the green, and this will be extended to include the surrounds of the clubhouse. Appropriate signage will be created to confirm this change.

Firewood

Our volunteer work crew do a magnificent job maintaining the course, responding to the weekly chores required to present the course in exceptional quality. Occasionally we experience damage to trees requiring limbs to be removed and sometimes large trees to be removed. Working bees help with these tasks and trees are cut up into useable firewood which can be sold to members. Limited supplies of firewood are available for purchase at random times, due to the unpredictable nature of damage to the trees and the need to safely remove dangerous trees. If members are interested in purchasing firewood, please contact Scott Westlake who coordinates the firewood operations or any member of the committee. We are not in the business of producing firewood for sale but at the same time are happy to provide cheap firewood for members when the opportunity arises!

Email Issues

For some time now we have been experiencing issues with bulk emails being sent to members. The issue seems to be impacting gmail accounts primarily, but recently there has also been some delays in mail going to all members on time. We have been working on solutions to the problem and I would like to thank those members who have been offering help. Hopefully things will be back to normal soon.

Reciprocal Rights

We recently accepted an invitation from Newtown Bay Golf Club for reciprocal rights, meaning our members can now play at that club without having to pay green fees. If you intend playing at any of our reciprocal rights clubs, as a courtesy please contact the club to ensure the course is not being used for any special purposes.

We have reciprocal rights with Stanley, Wynyard, Deloraine, Bridport, Pittwater, Llanherne and New Town Bay.

Roger Eadie, President

From Behind the Bar

End of an era for Boags Premium Light kegs

We have been informed that Boags have made the decision to drop Premium Light from keg production, so sadly our remaining keg will be the last we will be able to have on tap.

Apparently Boags will continue to supply Premium Light in Stubby format, for those who still prefer to drink a light beer.

What to replace it with? We have the option to try Boags St George, which will mean that we will have three mid-strength beers on tap. This isn't set in stone as yet, but having another Boags product does work in our favour as we still receive a rebate on all Boags keg purchases. If anyone has any suggestions however, we would be happy to hear them.

Katrina

Cock o Walk Calcutta

The Cock of the Walk Calcutta was sold after golf on the 18th of August. Wazza was engaged as the entertainment for the night, as well as auctioning the teams.

A nice crowd was in attendance with at times some vigorous and not so vigorous bidding. Jason Sims and Shane Wootton attracted the top bid of \$420, closely followed by Rick Timmerman and Peter Baggott with a bid of \$400 with Mark Allison and Adam Clifford with a bid of \$320, rounding out the podium.

I've asked around and it appears that this is the first year we have had a syndicate of ladies own a team. The manager Liz Sumpton has promised Rohan and Kodie a glass of Sav Blanc each if they make the money round.

Prize money

1st \$2,000

2nd \$1200

3rd \$200

3rd \$200

Good luck to all and to those who make the playoff rounds.

Biff

Our History: From Neville Smith

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DEVONPORT City NEWS

Coastal golf Godsend

Disagreement brings change for the better

IN HINDSIGHT a disagreement over a lease way back in 1980 can be seen as a Godsend for North-West golf.

The then directors of the Shearwater Country Club (for golfers) and the new owners of the country club itself could not come to terms on a new lease arrangement and it was decided it was time for a change.

Land at nearby Thirlstane was pur-

chased and within six months the first competition on the new course was played.

It resulted in four quality golf courses, Woodrising, Shearwater, Port Sorell and Sheffield, all within a small radius of each other, giving players plenty of options.

Golf had existed in the Port Sorell area on a recognised course since around 1970, but the action that took place 10 years later was to overshadow

any playing performances.

The debate over the lease agreement brought a rift in the community with existing members asked to choose between staying or going.

The new Shearwater Golf Club — the one at Thirlstane — had a membership of 270, that figure is now doubled.

Included in the original membership was a foundation scheme where 100 members

paid life-long subscriptions.

The first official competition on the new course was held on October 25, 1980, with a field of 45 members and 19 associates.

A caravan, loaned by member Leo Sheehan, was used as the starter's hut and post-match refreshments were served from the boot of a car.

A month later a reasonable size shed was purchased and the foundations laid not long after.

That shed was to later become the first clubhouse and then the machinery shed.

By 1982 the then club directors reported the highlight of having nine permanent fairways and eight permanent greens.

December 11, 1982, is etched into the club's history as its official opening date and the honour of performing that duty went to the course's designer, Peter Toogood, arguably



Members of the Shearwater Golf Club committee are — front (from left): Secretary Bill Edwards, president Neville Smith, treasurer Roger Paice and senior vice-president Tony Dick. Back: Club captain Rex Richardson, catering committee chairman Fred Hinds, social entertainment committee chairman Brian Richardson, vice-president Don Addison and Graeme Clarke.

Tasmania's greatest post-war golfer.

All of Shearwater's achievement to the end of 1982, which was just 26 months since the split, had come at a cost of only \$25,000.

It has been estimated that at least \$1m. worth of equipment had been seen working on the course, all at no cost to the club, but through the generosity of local members.

The manual labour from members and associates could never be estimated.

The clubrooms which exist now were officially opened in April, 1985, by the then premier, Mr Robin Gray.

Valued about

\$200,000, the 55 sq. m building boasts floor heating, spacious bar and dance floor, fully equipped kitchen, change facilities for members and associates and separate committee meeting room.

Head greenkeeper Jim Dick has been with the club since its inception, while his fully qualified offsider is John Stevenson, who started his apprenticeship at Shearwater in mid-1987.

Shearwater president, local businessman Mr Neville Smith, said club directors — in 1991 — bought an additional 2.83 ha. of land and a dam, capable of holding 5.45 million litres of water was installed.

Mr Smith said future works programmes at Shearwater included the sowing down of three fairways.

He added that although more land had been acquired, it was not envisaged to turn the course into 18-holes as the directors were concentrating on the present site being classed as a quality nine-hole layout.

An underground course watering system is also on the agenda for this year.

With events held on Tuesdays for associates, Wednesdays for veterans, Fridays for members and associates, Saturdays for members and Sundays for mixed events, the Shearwater course

staff are kept busy.

Mr Smith said any article written on the Shearwater Golf Club could not omit Bob Parsons, Roger Paice and/or Eric Holmes, who have all been honoured with life membership.

Mr Holmes is also a former secretary of the North-Western District Golf Association, a position he passed on to fellow Shearwater member Fred Hinds in early 1991.

At a length of 5296 m, the par 36 Shearwater layout is destined to become one of the most interesting challenges in Tasmanian golf in years to come.

1991-92 mens com-

mittee — Patron, Ken Champion; president, Neville Smith; senior vice-president, Tony Dick; junior vice-president, Don Addison; secretary, Bill Edwards; treasurer, Roger Paice; captain, Rex Richardson; committee, Fred Hinds, Graham Clark; handicapper, Graham Osbourne.

1991-92 associates committee — President, Vi Addison; vice-president, L. Lamprey; secretary, B. Williams; treasurer, Mary Mathews; captain, L. Young; vice-captain, Val Imlach; committee, Sue Rockliff, Doree Hanson; handicapper J. Rayner.

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Working Bee August

Approximately 10 cubic metres of firewood was split and stacked ready for sale to club members on August 19th.

The timber has been accumulating in the wood pile since the big clean up and tree doctoring by the professionals in May and June. Apart from all the heavy work a couple of notable events on the day was finding a golf ball living inside a tree. It must have been there the better part of forty years at least so ownership could be traced to one of our foundation members. If you lost a ball in the area behind the second green in 1983 or near abouts and wish to make a claim, please submit a letter providing evidence of ownership and I am sure President Roger and the General Committee will consider the claim fairly.

The other notable event of the day were the sponge cakes cooked by Cecily Berglund for the work crew to enjoy at lunch time. Thanks to all members who helped on the day.



We Welcome these New Members

Full

Benjamin Clarke
Aaron Woods

Junior

Daniel Woods

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Our Loveable Leprechaun Mike George had his first venture into the starters box at a recent Vets Wednesday comp and has surprisingly progressed to his P's.

Trivia Night

Thank you to the many Club members who willingly contributed to another successful evening. I really appreciate the help that you gave. When you are becoming old and decrepit you NEED a bit of help!
Lynne



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Scorers: Bevis Dutton, Mike George, Greg Boyd



Winning Team: Catherine Claxton, Karla Dutton, Ian Dutton, Ben Dutton, Cecily Berglund, Ernie Berglund

Footy Margins

Date	Name \$10	Name\$80	Name \$10	Margin	Serial No	Game
9/3/2023	C Hinds	W Viney	C Hinds	32	331798	GWS v Coll
17/3/2024	M Smith	B Hall	C Hinds	45	333114	Melb v Foots
24/3/2024	BA Hall	S Revell	N Smith	48	336000	Foots v GC
31/3/2024	W Viney	Pa Baggott		76	334199	Foots v WC
7/4/2024	D Hansen	M Smith	Pa Baggott	28	333599	GCoast v GWS
14/4/2024	S Gardam	M Smith	B Smith	75	332997	Geel v Nth
21/4/2024	B Harvey	B Hall	C Sienesi	53	332397	Syd v GC
28/4/2024	B Harvey	AT Dick	C Hinds	37	331797	GC v W C
5/5/2024	M Smith	A Spencer	AT Dick	54	331200	Rich v Frem
12/5/2024	M Alison	C Hinds	M Smith	66	335400	Coll v WC
19/5/2024	C Hinds	G Sward	C Hinds	40	331800	Ess v North
26/5/2024	S Vickers	AT Dick	M Smith	25	330600	Haw v Bris
2/6/2024	W Viney	B Hall	B Clarke	92	332999	Melb v Frem

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9/6/2024	NW Smith	B Hall	M Smith	30	332399	Syd v Geel
16/6/2024	ATDick	B Harvey	P Kuipers	1	333000	Nth v Coll
23/6/2024	ATDick	M Smith	AT Dick	30	331799	Ess v W/ Coast
30/6/2024	BA Hall	S Vickers	BA Hall	2	331197	StK v P/Adel
14/7/2024	W Viney	BA Hall	D Hanson	14	331199	GC v P/Adel
28/7/2024		M Lowe	S Vickers	26	334800	Rich v Coll
4/8/2024	C Hinds	AT Dick	D Hanson	2	333600	GWS v Haw
11/8/2024	W Viney	B Clarke		74	330599	Cal v Haw
18/8/2024	NW Smith	C Hinds	M Smith	96	334200	Foots v N Melh
			M Smith	37	332400	Foots v GWS

Quolls

There are two types of quolls found in Tasmania, the eastern quoll which used to be known as a native cat and the spotted-tailed quoll which was called a tiger cat.

The larger creature is the spotted- tailed quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*). It is widely but sparsely distributed throughout the state but has been extinct on King and Flinders Islands since the early 1900's. It is a very good hunter which may explain why it is the second largest surviving marsupial in the world!

The smaller eastern quoll (*Dasyurus viverrinus*) is not as common now and it is considered extinct on the mainland because of dingos, foxes and cats. It is a largely solitary, nocturnal animal that hunts and scavenges and likes to feed on insects.



Spotted Tail Quoll



Eastern Quoll

Oh What a Night



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A group of lady members headed off to Launceston for a trip without clubs. Coffee at Exeter and a little retail therapy in the popular clothes shop. Gravelly Beach Metal works was next stop and then to nearby gift shop called My Tasmanian Home where we were made most welcome. A delightful lunch at Rosevears Hotel followed by a free afternoon. Some shopped, some tried their luck at the Casino and those left behind played cards where the stakes were not so high. Boulders for dinner followed by more cards.

A leisurely start the following day with a visit to the museum and Drummonds Golf before heading off to Evandale for a wander and lunch at the Clarendon Arms. An easy afternoon with nibbles and more cards before heading off to the show. Oh What a Night a tribute to Frankie Valley. Lots of singing along and a great show was capped off with some of the girls meeting the stars off the show.

The following day was home.

Many thanks to Karen Hall for organising our accommodation at the Casino Villas and Bev Sienesi for organising the entertainment.