



## From The President

### Vale Bevis Dutton

The club has been saddened by the passing of Bevis Dutton who succumbed to illness at the beginning of the month. Bevis was President of the club for nine years and Secretary for the previous two years. Bevis made many significant changes to the administration of the club and was a dedicated leader of the volunteer work crew. His passion for flora and fauna has seen the presentation of the course flourishing to its current state. Bevis lived at Ulverstone but travelled numerous times each week to play golf and to tend to the various chores which were in need of attention. The Monday work crew were always well directed under Bevis's leadership and also were well fed by Lynne Dutton who provided lunches and nourishment for the workers. Our sympathies go out to Lynne and family.



### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on May 12, and nominations for all office positions and committee are now open. If you are at all interested in helping with the administration of the club, now is the time to step forward and nominate. Nomination details will be posted on the noticeboard in the spike bar. Please give it some thought.

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**Repair Pitch Marks**

**No cigarette Butts on the Course**

## Course Preparation

As we head into the cooler months, our work crew have been busy preparing the greens and fairways for the winter. All greens have been cored, sanded and fertilised and the fairways have also been fertilised. Following some recent rainfall, the course is looking a bit greener but this hasn't impacted the scores, with some good sub-par scores being recorded in recent competitions.

## Tee Times

The club will be following the tradition of no activity before 12.30 on Anzac Day, so there will be a shotgun start at 12.30. From then on, tee times will revert back to times starting at 8.30, with players experiencing a break after nine holes. Hopefully the wait is not too long as we continue to enjoy autumn conditions. Can members also please phone the club on the day if you are pulling out of a tee time. It makes it much easier for the starter to organise groups and avoids waiting for someone to arrive!

Happy golfing!

Roger Eadie

President

## Veterans' Report

The Veterans Group conducted their AGM on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clubrooms with 34 Members in attendance.

Office Bearers for the next 12 months are:

President: Arthur Johnstone

Vice President: Mike Smith

Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Hinds

Captain: David Dunham

Vice Captains: Ricky Jenkins

Paul Glover

Committee: Greg Boyd

Wazza Viney

Roger Eadie

Mike George

The Vets Group contributed \$23,000.00 towards the Clubs finances from the Wednesday competitions this excludes any bar sales from our competitions, so a very good result for our Club.

Over the next 2 weeks we have Port Sorrell on the 15<sup>th</sup> April and Longford Veterans 22<sup>nd</sup> April visiting our club for the inter Club challenges so David Dunham is not getting any time to settle in before the hard work of winning both titles, I am sure that our players will get him home!!

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As we begin the colder weather some of our members will be heading to warmer climates, we wish them safe travels.

We also thank those Vet Members who regularly play in the Tournaments offered by other clubs as this only ensures that when our event is held other clubs then reciprocate.

Happy Golfing and stay warm

Thank you

Arthur Johnstone

President Thirlstane Veterans Group



Rainbow on the 9th Tee - Photo Mike George

## **We Welcome these New Members**

Full Members

Julie-Anne Hall  
Ben Richardson  
Nicholas Richardson

## Thirlstane Women

Northern Golf hosted Country Week at the Mowbray Golf Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March, and twelve of us stayed at the Casino Villas. Card games were played and success for some at the Casino. It was our most successful Country Week in many years. We did not win the teams event, Penguin won that, but we had an individual and Foursome wins. We all received \$100 vouchers which were very generous.

Singles: Division 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Smith  
Foursome Stableford: Division 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Karen MacDonald and Liz Sumpton  
Division 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Bound and Dixie Williamson

Congratulations to the Foursome players for playing in the rain, thunder and lightning on Tuesday.

I had an interesting tour of Launceston with our Editor Liz in her new electric car, the car took us to the Basin, Blackstone Heights, East Launceston, Tas University and Meadow Mews to find a charging station. I think Eve the Grok lady got lost!

With our increasing numbers on a Tuesday, upwards of thirty, the Course is now closed between 9am and 1.30 pm.

Our Gold Medal playoff was held on the 7th April, sponsored by Darren Spencer and won by Loretta Bissett with a nett 71. Congratulations and well done Loretta.

Wendy Smith



Wendy Smith  
Division 2 Singles



Karen Macdonald and Liz  
Sumpton  
Division 2 Foursomes



Dixie Williamson and Sue Bound  
Division 3 Foursomes

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Gold Medal Winner Loretta Bissett

## Footy Margins

Date	Name \$10	Name\$80	Name \$10	Pts	Serial No	Game
8/3/2026	BA. Hall	BA Hall	R McDonald	12	327812	Coll v StKilda
15/3/2026	B Smith	T Ryan	A Johnstone	46	327815	Nth Melb v Pt Adel
22/3/2026	BA. Hall		M George	63	332916	Pt Adel v Ess
29/3/2026	AT Dick	M Jago	C Hallam	2	388848	Pt Adel v W/ Coast
5/4/2026		L Viney	M Smith	20	388868	Melb v G/ Coast

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## Chicken Run Monthly Winner

Sponsored by Ghost Rock Wines

This month's winner was Tom Bell with 26 points

## Parsons Shield



Lucie Bramich with Ben Parsons

Congratulations to Lucie, the first woman to win the Parsons Shield.

At the Parsons family shield presentation Ben Parsons outlined the history of the Parsons family. The family first settled at Thirlstane in the early 1800's just a kilometre or two south of the Thirlstane Golf Club.

Bob was born in 1915 and apart from serving in World War 2, where he was one of the infamous members of the "Rats of Tobruk" worked the family farm until 1975 when he retired.

Retirement saw Bob and wife Betty build a new home near the second green at the now Port Sorell Golf Course where they intended to take it easy. Their retirement was short lived however when due to a dispute over the lease of the Port Sorell course it was decided to buy land at Thirlstane from the

Mitchelson family and move to our current position. For many years Bob spent the bulk of his time working tirelessly to help make the club and course what it is today.

Bob was President in 1978 - 1979 and was made a life member in 1984. Betty also an active member, was a school teacher during her working life and taught quite a few of the people she later played golf with.

Sadly Bob passed away in 1992 at the age of 77 but left a lasting legacy at the club. Bob and Betty's immediate family have sponsored the Parsons Family Shield for over 30 years and our members regard it as a prized event to win.

Thank you Ben and family

Tony Dick

## Thirlstane Thistles Trip

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 as is the norm prior to boarding the Spirit of Tasmania Wazza, Leonie, Brett, Karen, Paul, Vicki, Rev, Wombat, Max, Chris, Bill and I headed over to the Argosy for pre boarding drinks. Now you might find this hard to believe but a man who has spent a fair amount of his life in East Devonport lost his way between the Pub and the Ship. Blamed the road works going on at the moment.

The trip from Geelong to Barooga was quite uneventful for us all, which in its self is very unusual as a particular car is always well behind the others to arrive. It did mean we could all have an eighteen hole loosen up on the Old Course in 35 degree heat, which was a bit of a shock to the system. Rev came away with the loot.

On Tuesday we played eighteen holes on the Western Course with debutant Max taking the money. Max also followed up with a win the next day at Tocumwal. Thursday saw us venture over to Yarrawonga with our game coinciding with their Vets Day. We all thought numbers on our day were terrific but the number of Vets at Yarrawonga were very very impressive. Vicki took the honours with a good performance on a tough track.

Friday was the first round of the time-honoured Brian Youd Memorial (Green Jacket). This was played at the Old Course at Barooga with Wazza scoring 36 points (which was a very good score) and Karen having 33 points. Wazza was the "P" going into the final round of the Green Jacket. Saturday was a free day with the girls heading into town to do some shopping. Meanwhile the rest played a relaxed game in the 35 degrees plus heat. One thing that was very vexing was the noise the Galahs and Cockatoos made. Not only did they make an awful noise (Rev was beside himself) they dug up some of the greens as well.

Sunday was the Four Ball Ambrose on the Old Course with the title holders being decimated by the loss of Dago, as he was not on the trip this time. He was ably replaced by Paul in the team of Rev, Leonie and Wazza. They fell agonisingly short by half a stroke to Chris, Max, Brett and Vicki who were worthy winners.

Monday saw the final round of the Green Jacket played on the West Course. Vicki won the day with impressive 37 points, with Wazza scoring 32 points. This was enough for Wazza to win the Green Jacket with a combined score of 68 points and Vicki finished second with 62 points and third was Paul with 60 points. Now wasn't the fact that Paul played the amount of golf he did on this trip in the oppressive conditions just brilliant! What a man.

There is another time-honoured award that is presented on these trips and it is The Horse A@#\$ (again censored by the Editor of this masthead). This is awarded to a person with the most ethically and politically incorrect conduct during the trip. This year Wazza became one of the very few people to take the prize double, the Green Jacket and the Horse A@#\$ . Well done Wazza!

The above is only a summary of the competitions that occurred on the trip as I have been advised by some particularly important people that what happens on the trip stays on the trip.

Rev and I again deputised for Paul who whilst he came on the trip left the organisation and the Sheriff Position as on the last trip, but the next trip will return to normal with Paul again taking reigns as organiser and Rev resuming the Sheriff's position. Isn't it terrific to see the great man back in his rightful position. In finishing I would like to thank Cobram, Barooga, Tocumwal and Yarrawonga Golf Clubs for their hospitality and friendship.

Hit them long and straight - Biff

