
THIRLSTANE
GOLF CLUB

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From the President

Annual General Meeting

On May 12 we held the Annual General Meeting and elected our new committee and office bearers. The following members form our General Committee for the next twelve months: Rex Richardson – Patron; Roger Eadie - President; Chris Hallam - Vice President; Darren Richardson - Deputy Vice President; Greg Boyd - Secretary; Katrina Mitchelson – Treasurer; Kodie Clarke – Captain; Karen Hall – Committee; Bev Sienesi – Committee; Marcus Rigby – Committee. Joining the committee we have Arthur Johnstone (Veteran’s President) and Wendy Smith (Ladies’ President). I thank all of these members for devoting their time to assist in the administration of the club and hope you find the commitment rewarding. I would also like to thank retiring members Matt Clarke and Stephen Morrison for their service.



The New General Committee

Pennant

The pennant season started last weekend and I would like to thank all those players who have nominated to represent the club throughout the season. We are fielding men’s Division Two, Three and Five teams and ladies’ Division Two and Three teams. The club wishes all teams the best of luck. Things started very well for Ben Smith who scored a hole in one on the 15th hole on Sunday. Congratulations Ben, a pretty intimidating way to get the edge on your opponent!

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Repair Pitch Marks

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Adopt A Tree

The club recently took delivery of 70 trees, courtesy of a donation from the Port Sorell Lions Club. The trees are tube stock native seedlings which will be planted out around the course eventually, following a period of nurturing. I would like to hear from members who would like to adopt some of the seedlings, which will require potting up into bigger pots and regular watering and general care. Once conditions are right, the seedlings will be planted and members will have the opportunity to care for their seedling with ongoing maintenance. If you would like to assist, please contact the President or Secretary.

RV Parking

Previously I have asked members to avoid practicing in the RV area. It appears some members are still using this area, jeopardising the safety of campers and their equipment. Whilst the weather allows it, we will be keeping the area open to campers. When using practice areas please avoid hitting back towards the car park – gather balls and only hit towards the large dam. This will avoid accidental damage to members cars.

Roger Eadie

President

Thirlstane Women

The Lady Members AGM was held on the 5th May 2026. A few new positions were filled:

President	Wendy Smith
V/President	Ruth Emmerton
Treasurer	Helen Richards
Secretary	Irene Page
Captain	Wendy Beaton
V/Captain	Bev Sienesi

Committee Members Olivia Williams Cheryl Sutcliffe Jill Murphy

Thirlstane was well represented at Devonport's Yellow Invitation day in support of Cancer Council Australia. Irene Page was runner up in her division and Sue Westlake came home with the raffle.

Rosie Beatie was winner of the Grandmother's Trophy sponsored by Carlene Rockliff.

Lucy Bramich on May 2nd had an amazing score on a Medal and Putting day sponsored by Darren Spencer. I believe it is a ladies course record, a 58 nett. Well done Lucy.

The Mary Mathew Consistency was won by Wendy Smith. This Award has been awarded over many years and thank you Mary for your contribution in sponsoring over the years. Mary was a past Ladies President and Member over many years. Mary celebrated her 99th birthday this Month and she is bright and sprightly as we saw on a visit with her for her birthday.

The Club Championship finished on Tuesday after 54 holes. The Club Champion had great scores of 84,89 and 84, winning the Championship by 36 strokes!

Club Champion	Katrina Mitchelson
Nett Champion	Dianne Conley
B Grade	Wendy Beaton
Runner up	Greta Mitchell
C Grade	Dianne Conley
Runner up	Margie Arnold
D Grade	Olivia Williams
Runner up	Loretta Bissett

We were also well represented at Port Sorell's Open this year and Karen Macdonald was the Open winner with a nett 64. Playing off a 34 handicap she had a 98 gross and won both gross and nett in

her division as well as being the Open winner. Jill Murphy and Rosie Beatie won nearest the pins in their divisions.

The NW Women's pennant has commenced. We have two teams participating in Division 2 and Division 3. We could not enter a Division 1 team this year, but hopefully next year we can. Both teams were home for their first game and both teams played Devonport. Division 2 won 4/1 and Division 3 3/2 so we are off to a good start!

Wendy Smith and Liz Sumpton



Katrina Mitchelson Club Champion



Wendy Beaton B Grade Champion



Dianne Conley C Grade Champion and Club Nett Winner



Olivia Williams D Grade Champion

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Lucy Bramich



Wendy Smith - Mary Mathew
Consistency Award



Irene Page - Devonport
Invitation Day



Sue Westlake - Devonport
Invitation Day



Rosie Beatie and Carlene Rockliff



Karen Macdonald - Port Sorell Open Winner

Veterans Report

We have played the 2 challenge matches with very disappointing results, as most would notice the Veterans Wall of Honour is missing two trophies which have been sent to Longford and Port Sorell , David Dunham assures the Club this is a temporary measure as he will ensure they are both back on the wall next year.

We helped celebrate a couple of our younger Members birthdays with a BBQ on Wednesday 20th May, so a Big Happy Birthday to KJ Jones and Doug Walton, we thank them for providing the BBQ.

As is the norm a few have migrated to the Big Island for a warmer climate but our numbers are very healthy and scores are fairly good. The course is in absolute magnificent condition and we thank the many volunteers who are always working at the Club.

Happy Golfing and stay warm

Thank you

Arthur Johnstone

President Thirlstane Veterans Group



Tony Dick and the renovated pump shed. Tony would like a donation of a set of drawers to keep his bits and pieces in. If you can help please see Tony.

We Welcome these New Members

Full - Sharon Bernard, Barry Taylor

Country - David Headlam

Social - Warren Pennington, Joshua Green

Clubhouse - Mia Cassidy

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Iles Family Trophy Day



Winners, Tim Maxwell and Shane Wooton with Barry



Runners Up Rosie Beatie who partnered Sue Bound



3rd Place Dustin Rigby who partnered Daniel Woods



Iles family day was very well supported with 91 in the field. It was nice to see both juniors and women featured in the in the best scores of the day. We thank the Iles family for their continued support.

Trivia Night

This year's Trivia Night is planned for mid October, so plenty of time to study. Lynne would like help with some mystery items and raffle prizes. Lynne can be contacted 0409 947 798.

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Feline Update

Thirlstane is thriving

It's coming up for two years since a six-week-old kitten was spotted near the dam in the bushes beside the 16th tee bed - and was subsequently "rescued" by Adrian Wild and his grand-daughter Lili. (That was after he'd escaped from Joe Scavo's golf bag).

Named Thirlstane after his birthplace, he now dominates the Wild household and lives a lifestyle that should be the envy of felines everywhere. And when the Wilds and the Westlakes recently spent some time holidaying in New Zealand, Thirlstane had his own live-in house sitter to ensure that care standards didn't decline.

He terrorises the family Schnauzer, and prefers sleeping on the head, neck or chest of the humans - that's when not snoozing in the sun, or observing kitchen proceedings from the vantage point on top of his climbing tower (pictured).

The bedroom door handle had to be changed because Thirlstane learnt to operate the lever and open it to demand breakfast or playtime with the dog at around 3am. So far, thankfully, he hasn't mastered a round door knob with a key lock.

Not a bad life, considering the alternative was dodging golf balls and battling to survive his first winter at the edge of the dam.



Footy Margins

Date	Name \$10	Name\$80	Name \$10	Pts	Serial No	Game
8/3/2026	BA. Hall	BA Hall	R Macdonald	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	D Hanson	L Viney	M Smith	20	388868	Melb v G/Coast
12/4/2026	S Vickers	T Ryan	L Viney	46	387868	Geel v W/Coast
19/4/2026	L Viney	M Jago	BA Hall	75	389870	Nth Melb v Rich
26/4/2026		B Smith	W Viney	101	389848	StKilda v W/Coast
3/5/2026	T Ryan	M Smith	BA Hall	17	390849	Syd v Melb
10/5/2026	S Vickers	M Turner	W Smith	32	391847	Melb v W/Coast
17/5/2026	T Ryan			43	388870	Ess v Frem



Gold Medal Winner PT Taylor



This year Bigguns def Littluns

This months winner of the Chicken Run was Graeme Palmer with 22 points. Thanks as always to Ghost Rock Wines.

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