

September - October 2026

THIRLSTANE GOLF CLUB ON PAR

Chick O' Walk



Winners Katrina Mitchelson and Sarah Merrick



Runners Up Ruth Emmerton and Helen Richards

Cock O' Walk



From L to R Tom Bell, Richard Lewis, Aaron
and Daniel Woods



Winners Tom Bell and Richard Lewis

Replace Divots

Repair Pitch Marks

No Cigarette Butts on the Course

From the President

Building Projects

The General Committee has been looking into two major building projects and are currently investigating and gathering quotes. The men's toilet is in need of an upgrade and includes replacing the urinal with individual wall mounted urinals, resurfacing part of the floor coverings and repainting. A roof over the concrete landing outside the eastern side of the clubhouse has been looked at many times in the past but nothing has ever been agreed to! The committee has begun the process of constructing a roof over the entire area and is currently examining costs and suitable options. Once completed, this will provide much welcomed protection for those who prefer to sit outside when possible.

Dogs On the Course

Following a couple of incidents regarding dogs on the course, members are reminded of the club's stance re dogs: Dogs are allowed on the course and practice areas during social rounds but must be on a lead at all times. Dogs are not allowed on the course during any official competitions.

This applies to all members, visitors and those staying in the RV Area.

As with any public area, you are responsible for the conduct of your dog and are expected to clean up any deposits!

RV Camping Area

Last year we introduced RV Camping and we were pleased with the number of visitors this venture has resulted in. We are expecting bigger numbers this season and as a result will be moving the main camping area further west, which will create better space between the vans and the practice area. To enable this move we need to construct a bridge over the deep drain which runs right across the practice area. We are looking to source some pipe 600mm diameter and would love to hear from anyone who might have a few meters of unwanted pipe.

Vale Barrie Iles

We are saddened to hear that Barrie Iles passed away this week. Barrie was one of our Foundation members, former A Grade champion and most importantly one of the members who provided financial security for the club when we first started the development of our course. Barrie was our oldest playing member until he retired from playing recently. Our condolences to the Iles family.

Soil Erosion

The works crew have been monitoring some erosion of the dam wall on the sixth fairway for some time. We have considered some options to rectify/prevent further damage, but things remain stable at the moment. Any further action will have to wait until the water level drops off, so late summer may see some remedial action taking place.

Roger Eadie

President

Veterans' Report

We welcomed back Paul Glover last Wednesday but did not appreciate him bringing the rain with him, terrible conditions but still some good scores achieved.

Recently two of our Members turned 80 those being Ray Perry and Bruce Lucas and to celebrate the event the gentlemen shouted the Veterans to a BBQ, it was very much appreciated by those in attendance.

The last Wednesday of October is Round 1 of the Veterans Championship and we wish all players the best of luck.

David Dunham Vets Captain attended the Ladies competition to assist with the presentations on Tuesday 29th September and it is a pleasure for the Vets to sponsor their day and to be involved at the end of the Day.

The Course staff are to be congratulated on the wonderful condition of the course and its overall presentation but a reminder to all players , repair your divots and plug marks !!

Happy Golfing
Thank you
Arthur Johnstone
President Thirlstane Veterans Group



Past Veterans' Memorial Shield was won by Charlie Sienesi with 41 points, pictured with Vice Captain Ricky Jenkins.

Thirlstane Women

We had our Past and Present members Luncheon in September and caught up with some of our non-playing members and a lovely lunch was had at the Central in Devonport.

The Thirlstane v Port Sorell Challenge was held in August. We won the Shield 358 to 269. The Port Sorell ladies congratulated our Volunteers and Green Keeper on the magnificent condition of the Course. A big spread of Thirlstane afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Chick O' Walk was won in a close game. Katrina Mitchelson and Sarah Merrick defeated Helen Richards and Ruth Emmerton on the 19th hole. Helen and Ruth were five shots up at one stage, but Katrina and Sarah fought back and won on the 19th, after lowest handicapper Katrina sunk a very long putt for a birdie to force the sudden death hole. All the games preceding were also closely challenged.

The Veteran's Group sponsored our Irish Stableford. Vet's Captain David Dunham was there at presentations to give out the prizes and enjoyed the cuddles he received from the winners. Winners were Sandra Jago, Karen Kingshott, Wendy Smith and Bev Sienesi with 100 points on a count back from Dixie Williamson, Olivia Williams, Diane Conley and Greta Mitchell. It was great to see Sandra Jago win her first competition.

Senior Ladies was held at Exeter on Friday with a lovely warm day. We got an extra shot, which was exciting as we usually lose shots when playing away. The greens had had a savage coring, so the extra shot was helpful. First timer to Senior Ladies Susan Lester won her division and score of the day with 45 points. Summa Wood came runner up in her division. Susan Lester and Liz Sumpton won NTP. A great luncheon was enjoyed by seven of us.

The General Committee have agreed for Thirlstane to host two Senior Lady events in 2027. 29th January and the 28th May. Which is a good fundraiser for the Club as we attract big numbers to our course for Senior Ladies.

Wendy Smith



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Winners of the Irish Stableford sponsored by the Veterans



The Port Sorell Thirlstane challenge was won by Thirlstane

Beginners Clinic

Beginners Clinic plus Wednesday Evening Golf starts again in October.

Do you have friends or know someone who might be interested to learn golf in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere?

Or perhaps you're new to golf and would like to improve your skills while getting to know other golfers better or you are just looking for a fun way to spend your Wednesday evenings over summer.

Join us for a fun, relaxed **Wednesday Night Golf** program.

- Starting Wednesday 14th October 2026
- Time 6pm – 7.30pm
- Thirlstane Golf Club – 291 Squeaking Point Rd Thirlstane

Our beginner-friendly clinic will run in conjunction with a 5- hole Wednesday evening competition, giving you the chance to learn the basics, practice your skills and get out on the course in a friendly, supportive environment.

Golf clubs are available for those who need them. The clinic is designed for absolute beginners as well as those with a little experience.

Clubhouse/bar are opened after the session, toasties and drinks available.

For further information or the register contact Bev Sienesi Ph: 0408108169

Cock O' Walk Final

The final of the 2026 Cock O'Walk was contested on Sunday 20th September on a typical Spring Day. The finalists were Richard Lewis and Tom Bell versus Aaron and Daniel Woods, and the referee being Kody Clarke.

The first two holes were squared and on the third Aaron had a par net 4 to win the hole. On the next hole the 4th Tom had a net par to square the match. The next 3 holes were squared, and the Lewis Bell combination won the 7th to go 1 up with the 8th being squared. Aaron sank a nice putt on the 9th hole to bring the halfway score back to square. The 10th hole was squared and the Richard and Tom combination took a 1 shot lead on the 11th. The 12th and 13th holes were squared, after Tom won the 14th hole Richard and Tom were 2 up. The 15th was squared and a Daniel birdie on the 16th tightened things up with the lead being reduced to 1 up. Suddenly the tension rose to another level but Richard held his cool to be on the 17th green for 2 and a 2 putt birdie was enough to clinch the title.

In the opinion of the supporters following the game Daniel will certainly be a great player in the future with many wins to come his way. Congratulations to Richard and Tom on their victory and to Aaron and Daniel on their performance in a hard fought game.

Calcutta Results

Winner: Kev Gibbons \$1500
Runner Up: Richard Lewis \$900
Graeme Sward \$150
Darren Richardson \$150

Hit them long and straight..... Biff

Trivia 26

Registration form will be put up early October. Enter your 6-person team early if you can.

More items are needed for the Mystery Object table. See Lynne or call her number 0409 944 798 if you have suitable items.

See you and your friends on Friday, November 13. Enjoy yourselves!

We Welcome these New Members

Full	Junior
Tyler Brooks	Archer Von Schill
Nick Milbourne	
Darren Waldron	

Monthly Chicken Run Sponsored by Ghost Rock Wines

This month's winner is Tim Maxwell with 20 points.

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	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	BA Hall	BA Hall	43	388870	Ess v Frem
24/5/2026	W Viney	S Revell	BA Hall	78	391849	GWS v Bris
31/5/2026	BA. Hall	T Ryan	K Russell	49	330270	Melb v GWS
7/6/2026	NW Smith	AT Dick	M Smith	2	323698	Syd v StKilda
14/6/2026	W/O					Rich v Bris
21/6/2026	AT Dick	M Jago	BA Hall	25	387870	Rich v Nth Melb
28/6/2026	AT Dick	M Turner	R Beveridge	14	323081	Nth Melb v ESS
5/7/2026	W/O					Ess v StKilda
12/7/2026	T Sherriff	BA Hall	A Johnstone	16	335667	Foots v W/Coast
19/7/2026	M Smith	C Hinds	N Smith	70	335666	Rich v Haw
26/7/2026	M Jago	R Mcdonald	B Hall	59	323681	Bris v P/Adel

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2/8/2026	T Ryan	M Smith	D Hanson	11	326201	Rich v W/Coast
9/8/2026	NW Smith	S Revell	N Smith	2	324281	GWS v G/Coast
16/8/2026	BA. Hall	M Turner	L Sumpton	54	333867	GWS v W/Coast
23/8/2026	BA. Hall	S Vickers	D Hanson	10	292383	Ess v P/Adel
29/8/2026	M Smith	D Hanson	D Hanson	19	292391	Carl v Melb
5/9/2026	W/O					Adel v Foots
12/9/2026	AT Dick	C Hallam	N Smith	53	292365	Bris v Adel
17/9/2026	BA. Hall	BA Hall	M Smith	9	292384	Haw v Bris
26/9/2026	W Viney		L Viney	7	292398	Bris v Frem

The 2026 season has come and gone. They are going very quickly ah!!!

You have all assisted in raising **\$2088** for the year. This would have been improved by \$300 but for the unfortunate loss of three wash outs during the season (dash weather).

Due to the lack of comprehensive bookkeeping in the early days the total amount raised since inception in 2006/2007 is approximately \$45,500 raised for the Club.

Once again, I would like to thank Brett, Tony, Wazzi and Chris for their assistance in selling tickets. I must also thank all of you who purchased tickets during the season for your continued participation.

See you all next year and keep hitting them long and straight.

Mike Smith

Vale Eileen Hookway

Eileen passed away at the end of August, just 6 weeks after her 90th birthday.

She joined the club after a lifetime of teaching full-time. As a teacher she was in high demand to help some students and continued privately until the age of 85. Her students included several golfers family members and immigrant medical professionals to whom English was not their native tongue.

She only played golf for a few years but retained her interest for the rest of her life.

One of her passions was horticulture, of which she was an expert. She left her mark at Thirlstane with the design of the main garden, parts of which are still evident despite further development.

Rest in peace.

Hopefully there aren't many grammar or punctuation errors Eileen!

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