

THIRLSTANE GOLF CLUB ON PAR

2021 “SULTANS OF SWING” THIRLSTANE OPEN

The 2021 “Sultans of Swing” Thirlstane Open was held on Saturday February 6th with 72 players greeting the starter, with 71ml of rain recorded at the course on Friday and into the early hours of Saturday it was still a fantastic field with a dozen players withdrawing on the morning and a further eight withdrew early in the week.

The Open (scratch) was a closely fought affair and after 18 holes Ulverstone’s Cameron Allen and Devonport’s Joel Lunson could not be separated, both finishing 1 over on 73. A 3 hole playoff ensued and it was Cameron Allen that came out victorious with a 1 shot victory in the playoff.

The Overall Nett winner and the winner of the Quaich by a comfortable 2 shot margin was Ben Smith finishing with 81 – 14 – Nett 67 to take home the Quaich and 1st prize valued at \$800.

Thanks also on the day to the course staff, with the amount rain we received the course was magnificent, Trevor Browne for starting the field, Leonie Clarke for marking the cards, the ladies in the kitchen and behind the bar for their hard work and everyone for attending and making it a fantastic day.



Massive thanks to the sponsors – “Sultans of Swing” a group containing the following gentleman, Darren Richardson, Richard Lewis, Tim Maxwell, Shane Wootton, Dean Smith, Peter Baggott,

I can confirm that the “Sultans of Swing” have already locked in that they will sponsor the 2022 Open tournament and are looking to make it bigger and better.

Gavin Hicks, Rick Timmerman, Jamie Kunta, Richard Rainbird, Jason Sims, Damien Holland and Dennis Monterio. This group put up over \$1600 worth of prizes which is absolutely fantastic.

Matt Clarke – Captain TGC

VETS REPORT

Era comes to an end

As reported last month after an outstanding contribution spanning 10 years our Vets Captain Warren Snashall has decided to have a spell.

It would be remiss of us to let Warren’s retirement pass without acknowledging his contribution to not just the Vets but to the club in general. Those of us who travel to other clubs often cringe when it comes to presentation time and even though we have an occasional hiccup it is almost always the result of a computer glitch and no fault of Warrens.

His approach to the Captains role is faultless and many would have no idea how many hours he spends both at the club and at home to ensure that our competitions and inter club visits run smoothly.

Warren has advised KJ that he plans to remain on the Vets committee to assist the incoming Captain, which I’m sure, will be greatly appreciated.

Inter club visit

Our first interclub challenge since Covid put a halt to our visits last year was on February 23rd when 23 of our members took on our neighbours at Port Sorell for round 1 of the Rubicon Shield, which once again was sponsored by our good friends at Bendigo Bank. A technical hitch caused a long delay before presentations and it was then discovered that the result was worked out incorrectly. After a day delay, we were advised that we were narrowly beaten but there is still a cloud of doubt as to the method used to reach the decision.

Regardless of all that the Port Sorell boys treated us to a great game, good fellowship and a course that is improving rapidly and is a credit to their green keeper.

Trivia Corner

With the calendar of the Vets tournaments drawing to a close I thought it might be interesting to see how many of our vets have competed at other clubs.

Not including our own, there will have been 25 tournaments and Thirlstone has provided 258 entries that equates to over \$6400 contributed to other clubs. The most popular was St Helens (2021) with 33 entrants

closely followed by the deferred St Helens (Nov 2020) with 27, Port Sorell 22, Greens Beach 21 and Wynyard 18.

Our most avid traveller award goes to Scott Westlake who played 17 different courses followed by Loyal Eastley with 14 and Graeme Sward with 13.

Scott in his role of NTVGA President has done a fantastic effort to be able to visit so many clubs.

There is no doubt that our support is appreciated as we have never had our numbers reduced and invariably our time and grouping request are met.

Article submitted by David Dunham

McGRATH FOUNDATION DONATION

\$1,200 raised at our Invitation Day sponsored by Lorraine and Neville Smith in November 2020 was donated to our local McGrath Nurse for the North West Coast.



Pictured are Lorraine Smith (Captain) Fran Hamilton (Treasurer) Rebecca Hales (McGrath Nurse) and Robyn Sutcliff (Breast Cancer Survivor).

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Junior Member
Junior Member
Full Member
Full Member
Full Member
Country Member
Social Member

Aidyn Bryan
Codi Marshall
Robert Parker
Simon Smith
Brian Summerfield
Shayne Walker
Kath Winduss

Shearwater
Port Sorell
Devonport
Shearwater
Shearwater
Launceston
Devonport

NW CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the recent North West Championships held at Devonport Country Club one of our Lady Members Suzanne Sykes won various events in the Division 2 Championships.

Division 2 on day 1	73 Nett
Division 2 on day 2	75 Nett
Division 2 36 Gross	154
Division 2 36 Nett	148
Senior Champion Nett	148



LADIES FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIPS



Foursome Championship winners Lorraine Smith and Liz Sumpton, gross 138.
Runners up Janelle Thompson and Katrina Mitchelson, gross 140.
27 hole nett winners Fran Hamilton and Dixie Williamson, 107.25.



Founding member Don Addison receiving his prize chicken as winner of the Friday Chicken Run.

Footy Tipping 2021



As a great fund raiser for the Club, after 2020 where Covid19 stopped most fun, the Tipping Tickets will once again be on sale for the 2021 season. The margin tickets will be on **the first Sunday game**. The tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased from Friday to Saturday during the footy season from the bar, or from Tony Dick, Mike Smith and Brett Hall.

Prizes are:

Winner: \$80.00

One Point either Side: \$10.00

Critter of the Month

Neville and Loraine Smith were recently lucky enough to see a Tawny Frogmouth on the ground at our course in broad daylight. This was a pretty unique event so I decided to talk a little about these lovely birds.

Tawny Frogmouths are between 34cm (females) and 53cm (males) long and can weigh up to 680g. Their plumage is mottled grey, white, black and rufous – the feather patterns help them **mimic dead tree branches**.

Their feathers are soft, like those of owls, allowing for stealthy, silent flight. They have stocky heads with big yellow eyes. Stiff bristles surround their beak; these 'whiskers' may help detect the movement of flying insects, and/or protect their faces from the bites or stings of distressed prey.

Their beak is large and wide, hence the name frogmouth.

Their genus name, *Podargus*, is from the Greek word for gout. Why? Unlike owls they don't have curved talons on their feet; in fact, their feet are small, and they're said to walk like a gout-ridden man! Their species name, *strigoides*, means owl-like.

They're nocturnal and carnivorous, but Tawny Frogmouths aren't owls – they're more closely related to Nightjars.

Where do Tawny Frogmouths live?



Tawny Frogmouths are found throughout Australia, on the mainland and Tasmania. They prefer open woodlands, but are found in a wide variety of habitats – rainforest margins, alpine woodlands, parks and gardens. A breeding pair often stays in the same territory for more than 10 years. Common where they occur, chances are you've picnicked under a tree concealing a Tawny Frogmouth or two!

Tawny Frogmouth behaviour

Tawny Frogmouths sleep during the day. At dusk they shake their disguise and begin their nocturnal hunt. They catch prey in flight, or by sitting motionless in a tree and then swooping down on ground-dwelling prey.

Tawny Frogmouths eat insects and centipedes, worms, spiders, snails and slugs. Sometimes they eat larger prey like frogs, reptiles and small birds and mammals. It's thought that most of their water requirements are obtained from their prey, rainfall and dew.

Tawny Frogmouths mate for life and in the wild they can live up to 14 years. Females typically lay two to three eggs each breeding season (around August to December). The nest is made of sticks and rests on a horizontal tree branch.

At night the breeding pair take turns incubating the eggs, but the father normally takes the day shift.

After the chicks have hatched, the whole family can be seen roosting on the same branch, side-by-side.

Their call is a low booming "**Oom-oom-oom-oom**" noise. When threatened they may hiss loudly and strike a defensive pose that makes them appear larger than life – eyes and beak wide open. But for Tawny Frogmouths, disguise is the best form of defence!



Bevis Dutton

(Thank you to Bush Heritage Australia for this information.)



Our resident not so native fowl.