



2021 Committee



The 2021 Committee. Left to right. Gina Philp, Bev Sienesi (Lady President), Roger Pace (Treasurer), Katrina Mitchelson (Vice President), Bevis Dutton (President), Darren Richardson, Greg Boyd (Secretary), Wendy Smith (Deputy Vice President), Matthew Clarke (Captain), Jason Sims.
Missing KJ Jones (Veterans President)

We Welcome the Following New Members

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

Mark Burton
Michael Jones
Robert Jones
Joshua Lewis
Jill Murphy
Hans Thogersen

Chatswood
Shearwater
Latrobe
Port Sorell
Devonport
Rowella

Vets Report

April began with the annual pilgrimage to St Helens for their 2-day tournament. In total 32 Thirlstane vets made the trip with the majority travelling down on Wednesday, playing Thursday and meandering home Friday.

Several groups chose to stay at Tidal Waters and after a lovely meal and refreshments at the RSL on Wednesday headed for home. Most took the high road, but one canny wee Scot took an alternative route, got left behind and did not know the afterhours door code. He did manage to get inside but then had trouble remembering his room number and was eventually located snoozing on a couch in reception.

Rob Beveridge took the most useless award for wearing a watch that was an hour fast but 5 minutes slow.

The course was in great condition following the rain they received a few weeks ago. Scores were not great but when we get cut 4 or 5 strokes it made the going pretty tough. On the return journey our group stopped off for 9 holes at Moorina. With a membership of 50, this lovely little course is an absolute credit to their volunteer staff.

We had our first visit for many months from Launceston and took a 35-shot lead into our return match on April 19th which proved to be a bit shy of what was required as on a much tougher course we went down by 57 which allowed Launceston to retain the trophy with an overall lead of 20.

On the 29th we made the journey to Longford for round one of our challenge and came away facing a substantial deficit for our return match in October.

Earlier this month we hosted 20 of our friends from Riverside and will take a 20-point advantage when we have our return match in September.

Our AGM was held on April 14th. Our new Captain, Roger Eadie is quickly coming to terms with what the job entails but I am sure within a month or two will have everything running like a well-disciplined classroom.

KJ is again our President, Frank McConnen Vice President, Trevor Browne Vice Captain. Paul Baggott and Joe Scavo have joined our committee and we say thanks to retiring members Denis Phipps and Don Peterson. Sadly, Paul has since had to resign due to his current health problems.

At the meeting, a motion to play the front 9 first in all Vets Shotgun starts competitions was strongly supported and this has already come into effect.

The other motion to be adopted was for all Vets who had turned 80 by an AGM to be offered honorary membership of the vets group.

Submitted by David Dunham

Birthday Celebrations for the Month



Sue Westlake with Bev Sienesi



Leonie Viney and Karen Hall

Sue Westlake celebrated her special birthday at Thai Imperial and Karen Hall and Leonie Viney shared theirs at the Lucas. Both events were enjoyed by those able to attend.

Volunteers Week May 2021

Volunteers' week in May brought attention to all our wonderful volunteers from our Club.

The men that present our course in great condition for our competitions each week. The women and men that start our fields each week.

The women and men that are on our various Committees and attend meetings to make important decisions going forward with the Club.

The women and men that cater for various events during the year.

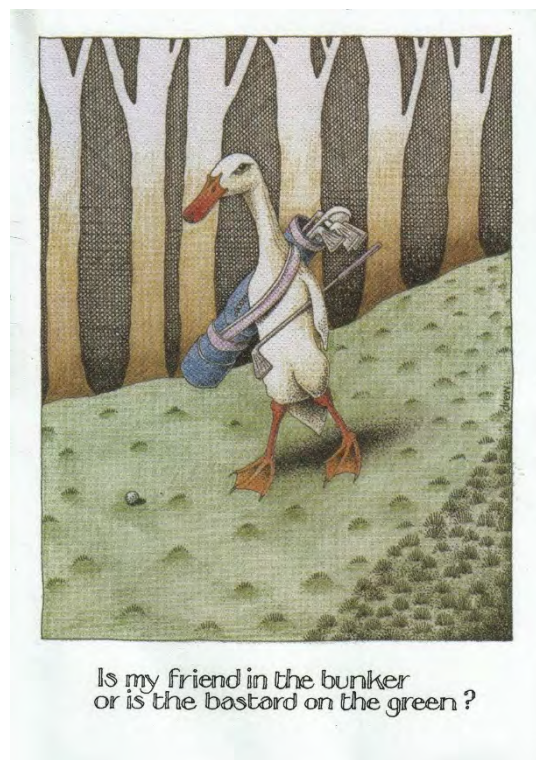
Lynne Dutton and Cecily Berglund that have catered for our Volunteers on a Monday since Covid19 in 2020 and still do, were presented with their volunteers "High Vis" vests as pictured below.



Ladies Committee



Left to Right Katrina Mitchelson (Treasurer), Leonie Clarke (Captain), Wendy Smith (Secretary), Bev Sienesi (President). Front Jan Gamble, Wendy Richardson (Vice President). Missing Dixie Williamson.



Golden Circle Winners for May

| | | |
|----------------------|------|--------------|
| 1 st May | \$30 | D Walton |
| | \$20 | S Vickers |
| | \$10 | S Morris |
| 8 th May | \$30 | B Richardson |
| | \$20 | A Mitchelson |
| | \$10 | I Page |
| 15 th May | \$30 | M Robson |
| | \$20 | R Richardson |
| | \$10 | L Clarke |
| 22 nd May | \$30 | K Mitchelson |
| | \$20 | K Cock |
| | \$10 | S Jones |
| Bonus Draw | \$75 | N Richardson |
| | \$50 | S Vickers |
| | \$25 | J Maher |
| 29 th May | \$30 | P Timmerman |
| | \$20 | R Eadie |
| | \$10 | D Page |

Footy Margins 2021

| Date | Name | Name | Name | Margin | Teams |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|------------------|
| | \$10 | \$80 | \$10 | | |
| 21/03/2021 1 | L Clarke | not claimed | not claimed | 52 | Nth Mel v P Adel |
| 28/03/2021 1 | not claimed | R Paice | R Paice | 29 | Haw v Rich |
| 4/04/2021 | R Paice | B Hall | NW Smith | 45 | Carl v Frem |
| 11/04/2021 1 | L Clarke | G Mitchell | T Ryan | 41 | Nth Mel v Adel |
| 18/04/2021 1 | T Ryan | J Booton | B Hall | 12 | Adel v Frem |
| 25/04/2021 1 | N Smith | B Dutton | B Hall | 3 | Haw v Adel |
| 2/05/2021 | R Beveridge | B Hall | W Viney | 30 | Nth Mel v Mel |
| 9/05/2021 | S Vickers | M Aherne | B Hall | 38 | Haw v W Coast |
| 16/05/2021 1 | not claimed | AT Dick | B Hall | 7 | ESS v Frem |
| 23/05/2021 1 | not claimed | W Viney | R Beveridge | 16 | GWS v W Coast |

Critter Of the Month

Brush-tailed Possum

The brush-tailed possum is the best known of all our possums because it has adapted well to living on our gardens and near people.

Possum life

The brush-tailed possum is nocturnal, spending the daytime asleep in its nest (which can be anything from a tree hollow, a rock crevice, or a lovely warm roof!) and coming out at dusk to feed. As an adult it is typically cat-sized with a pointed face, long oval ears, pink nose, and bushy black tail.

Studies of the behaviour of brush-tailed possums showed that about 16 percent of their time is spent feeding, 30 percent travelling, 44 percent immobile and 10 percent grooming.

In Tasmania, the brush-tailed possum has four main colour variations: silver- grey, brown, black and gold. The very dark possums inhabit denser, wetter areas than the lighter colour variations.

They are an arboreal (meaning tree-living) animal so are well adapted for climbing with their sharp claws; a hand-like back foot for grasping and a strong flexible (prehensile) tail for curling around branches. In Tasmania, possums also spend much time on the ground searching for food and travelling through their home range.

Diet

A brush-tailed possum's diet is mainly plant-based i.e. leaves, fresh gum tips and flowers, however they also occasionally eat insects, eggs and meat. An open compost bin in a backyard becomes an enticing smorgasbord for a hungry urban possum.

Social life

Brush-tailed possum lead a largely solitary life. However, in areas where numbers are high and shelter is in short supply, several may share sleeping places. Home ranges vary from 1 to 15 hectares.

They communicate by sound and scent. Screeches and guttural growls are used often, particularly in the breeding season, to ward off intruding possums near the nest or home range. Sound can also be used when a predator threatens them.

Brush-tailed possums rub secretions (from glands under their chin; on the chest and at the base of the tail) to mark home ranges and define occupancy of a home site. If a home range is vacant or undefended because the occupant has died, been removed or has become too old and sick to put up a defence then another possum will claim it.

Reproduction and life history

Both sexes may breed at one year of age, but they have a higher success rate in breeding during the second breeding season after birth. Although brush-tailed possum generally have only a single joey, the forward opening pouch contains two teats. The young are born after a pregnancy of 17 to 18 days.

Most births occur during late autumn with a smaller birth season in spring.

For the first 80 days of pouch life the unfurred joey is permanently attached to the teat; by 120 days the young joey begins to leave the pouch. The young animal spends several months coming and going from the pouch and riding on its mothers back until it is fully weaned and independent.

Brush-tailed possums have been known to live for 10 to 12 years in the wild. Many possum live on our golf course and are often seen in the late evenings.

