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Christmas Message from your President

Our Golf Club has had a very productive year. Much has been achieved due in no small part to the people who make our club tick. The Match Committees have done a great job again this year organizing the golfing activities, Thanks to Club Captain Mathew Clark and Ladies Playing Group Captain Leonie Clark and Veterans Group Captain Roger Eadie.

The Ladies Committee, the Veterans Committee and the General Committee have worked tirelessly to pull together the threads that have to coordinate to make a club like ours work.

Last but by no means least the volunteer work crew that week in week out in all weathers produce a golf course we can be truly proud of.

No one person is responsible, what you see at Thirlstane is the combined efforts of an awful lot of people.

Thank you all for the last twelve months, it's time to relax just a little bit and enjoy Christmas with your family and friends.

I wish all of you best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and above all stay safe.

Regards

Bevis Dutton



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Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup Day is always a special day and this year on the same day we were also able to celebrate Barry Isles 90th birthday, Scott Westlake's hole-in-one, and the annual men versus ladies competition. This year the men won, helped considerably by Beau Wheeler's 46 points.



Leonie Clarke presenting the men vs ladies trophy to Mike Smith



Scott Westlake receiving his hole-in-one prize



Barry cutting his birthday cake

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Mixed Foursomes

The mixed foursomes held on the 7th November were won in a play off by Katrina Mitchelson and Jason Sims against Janelle Thompson and Darren Richardson. The nett winners were Suzanne Sykes and Anthony Webb.

Many thanks to the sponsors of this event, Neville and Lorraine Smith.



Neville presenting Katrina and Jason with the winner's trophy



The nett winners, Suzanne and Anthony

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Invitation Day

Seventy-eight ladies enjoyed the day helping to raise funds for our local McGrath nurse, Rebecca Hales. Rebecca spoke to us about how the funds are used to help women and their families during the difficulties of breast cancer treatment and recovery. Many thanks to our long-term sponsors of this event, Lorraine and Neville Smith.



Division 1 winners Leonie and Glenda



Lorraine and Rebecca Hales

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Cecily and her peonies



Division 2 winners, Janice and Winsome

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Full Member	Brent Armitstead
Junior Member	Cooper Armitstead
Junior Member	Jordy Armitstead
Full Member	Arthur Johnstone
Junior Member	Brady Last
Summer Member	Justin Last
Junior Member	Taylor Last
Junior Member	Jordi Sheen

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Men's Club Championship



Club Champion Nathan Richardson



Allan Sing B Grade Champion



Roger Eadie C Grade Champion

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Aidyn Bryan Junior (Gross and Nett) Champion



Matt Clarke A Grade Nett Champion



Rohan Clarke B Grade Nett Champion



Josh Lewis C Grade Nett Champion



Three generations of Richardsons playing in the club championship

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Ladies Club Championship



Janelle Thompson Club Champion



Greta B Grade Champion
54 Hole Nett Winne



Suzie C Grade Champion



Carol 36 Hole Nett Winner

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Monday Crew



Our hard-working volunteers relax after another day on the course.

Beginners Group

The weekly beginners' group is still going strong. If any members have a set of ladies' clubs in good condition which they would be willing to sell or donate to the members of this group, please contact Bev Sienesi on 0408 108 169.

In mid-January a 5 hole beginners competition will be held on Wednesday evenings. All beginners are welcome.

20 Must Know Rules of Golf Changes

1. Drop from knee height (NOT shoulder height)
2. Measure the area to drop in with the longest club in your bag (except a putter)
3. Drop in and play from the relief area
4. When dropping back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point

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5. Time to search – 3 minutes (NOT 5 minutes)
6. If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it without penalty
7. No penalty for a double hit – it only counts as one stroke
8. No penalty if your ball hits you or your equipment accidentally after a stroke
9. No penalty if your ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole
10. Spike mark and other shoe damage on the putting green can be repaired
11. Ball accidentally moved on putting green – no penalty and replace
12. Ball marked, lifted and replaced on putting green is moved by wind to another position –replace ball on the original spot
13. Penalty areas replace water hazards, and you can move loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in penalty areas without penalty, just as you can on the fairway or in the rough
14. You can't take relief from a penalty area unless you are at least 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area
15. In bunkers you can move loose impediments
16. In bunkers you cannot touch the sand with your club in the area right in front of or right behind your ball, during your backswing or in taking practice swings
17. Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the fairway or in the rough (but "embedded" means that part of your ball is below the level of the ground)
18. Unplayable ball in bunker – extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes
19. You cannot have your caddie or your partner standing behind you once you begin taking your stance
20. Pace of Play - it is recommended that you take no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that) and Ready Golf in stroke play is encouraged

Foundation Cup

In the last On Par, your editor stated that Beau Wheeler was the first junior to win the Foundation Cup. Various members have pointed out that there have actually been several cup winners who were juniors when they won. Here is a list of all past winners, so well done to you all, regardless of age.

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1980 Mrs T. Iles	2001 Mr N.A. Smith
1981 Mr D. Rowlings	2002 Mr J. Mitchell
1982 Mrs B. Hooper	2003 Mr R. Eadie
1983 Mr J. Ellis	2004 Mr K. Clarke
1984 Mr G. Dyke	2005 Mr N. Herbert
1985 Mr G. Broomhall	2006 Mr A. Robinson
1986 Mr A. Castles	2007 Mr N. Viney
1987 Mr D. Fawkner	2008 Mr J. Crawford
1988 Mr A. Walker	2009 Mr J Richardson
1989 Mr P. Gardam	2010 Mr S. Parsons
1990 Mr D. Hardman	2011 Mr R. Rainbird
1991 Mr J. Richardson	2012 Mr B. Dutton
1992 Mr M. Watts	2013 Mr C. Woodberry
1993 Mr D. Kent	2014 M. Brown
1994 Mr K. Jaffray	2015 A. Williams
1995 Mr S. Boyd	2016 S. Vickers
1996 Mr J. Kunta	2017 P Skirving
1997 Mr M. Cunningham	2018 G. Beaton
1998 Mr M. Hillier	2019 C. Smithurst
1999 Mr P. Richardson	2020 J. Humphreys
2000 Mr S. Mathew	2021 B. Wheeler

