



A Love Affair Gone Wrong

Scott Westlake's love/hate relationship with the club's ancient tractor took a turn for the worse recently.

We all know he comes out to volunteer each week just so he can play with the big toys, but the temperamental tractor has a personality of its own - it is even more cantankerous than Scott, whose booming voice can often be heard cursing and swearing over the chugging of the noisy engine.

Well, when working on the bunker beside the eighth green just before Christmas, the tractor decided it had had enough.

The stub axle on the right front sheared off, the wheel detached, and the tractor was left sitting forlornly on the ground, resting on the bucket and the remains of the front axle.

With help from Geoff Norris, a lump of wood and a strong chain, Scott managed to reverse the tractor, on three wheels and a trailing bucket, back to the machinery shed.

Peter Bonney, aided by two grandsons, rode to the rescue - with a much bigger, younger, and more reliable tractor - to finish the job of replacing the bunker sand.

Submitted by Adrian Wild



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Hearty Thanks for Keeping Us Fuelled Up

This newsletter occasionally profiles the efforts of various members who volunteer their time and skills to maintain and improve our course - the reason so many visitors rate Thirlstone as the best country course in Tasmania.

But there is another significant thank you that should be recorded, to some very important regulars who make sure the volunteers are always well fuelled ... and that doesn't mean making sure there's diesel in the tractor or unleaded in the mowers.

Lynne Dutton and her regular kitchen partner Cecily Bergland, sometimes with other helpers, have been providing hearty lunches for up to 20 volunteers each Monday. And we don't mean just a sandwich or a sausage - two courses of great sustenance.

There's always plenty to eat, and some regulars (no names, but his initials are A.W.) are always back for seconds sometimes the substantial meal does slow down the work effort in the afternoons.

So, from the course volunteers, thankyou Lynne and Cecily and your helpers.

Submitted by Adrian Wild



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Audrey Mitchelson



Last week at the age of 91 we lost a dear friend, a Life Member, and our Patron Audrey Mitchelson.

Audrey was born in New Zealand on 15th February 1930, she came to Tasmania in 1952 to meet her long-time pen friend who happened to have an attractive brother called Don.

Don and Audrey married in 1954 and the following year settled in Thirlstane and raised four daughters on the property we now are privileged to play golf on.

It was in 1980 that our Golf Club purchased land from Audrey and Don to build a Golf Course and from that time forward the Golf Club became a lifetime commitment and passion for the Mitchelson family. Audrey, Don and Katrina all played on the opening day of the first 6 holes, Audrey continued playing well into her 80's and when she could no longer play, she was always there on a Tuesday to welcome us when we came in.

Generous to a degree, Audrey was involved in every part of the running of the Golf Club, sponsored many events and as a wonderful cook was a valued catering convenor for several years. She had many years as a committee member where her amazing memory for facts and figures was invaluable.

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Her familiar face will be sadly missed around the Club, our condolences and thoughts go out to her family, and we are very happy that the Mitchelson family connection continues with Katrina playing with us on a regular basis.

Submitted by Jan Richardson

Veterans End of Year Awards



The 2021 Yearly Trophy Winners

Left to Right: Phil Walden, Greg Boyd, Dennis French, Trevor Stubbs, John Blenkhorn, David Dunham, Frank McConnon, Graham Sward, Phil Bloomfield

Congratulations to all!!

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Holes in One



A big week for the Page family with both Irene and Brian making holes in one within a few days of each other. Brian achieved his on the 6th hole on the 20th January, followed by Irene on the 25th on the same hole.

Earlier in the month KJ Jones also managed to take only one shot on the 15th.

A golf club walks into a bar

A golf club walks into a local bar and asks the barman for a pint of beer. The barman refuses to serve him. "Why not," asks the golf club.

"You'll be driving later," replies the bartender.