
HIRLSTANE
GOLF CLUB

ON PAR

Exciting Times Ahead



The General Committee approved the course maintenance work plans for the 14th and 21st of April. On April 14th a high lift platform truck will be utilised to remove dead and decayed limbs from many of the mature eucalypts on the course.

You would be aware that these pose a significant safety threat to users of our facility and we in fact have a duty of care to minimise such risks. A volunteer crew will remove the downed material to the wood heap where it will ultimately be converted to firewood and sold.

There are 4 trees that have to be removed as well. The first being the large eucalypt near the practice nets. A very large limb fell from this tree 18 months ago and it still poses an unacceptable risk to have it remain in an area that is so frequently used. The second tree is a tree that has died on the third fairway beside the Wattle tree on the left-hand side of the course. The third tree is on the seventh fairway just before the bunker on the left-hand side of the fairway. The tree has died and will be removed along with some stumps in the area where a number of small trees have recently been planted.

The fourth tree is the last tree on the right-hand side of the second fairway. The tree is clearly on its last legs and continues to drop material on the course. It was thought that a major trim of dead material could extend its life but that is not the case.

The general committee discussed this matter and determined the quickest option to returning the second to its normal state is to remove the stump of the large tree, to maintain the two nearby smaller eucalypts

and to construct a bunker in the area. Some drainage work needs to be undertaken in front of the second green and drainage work from a bunker will be done simultaneously. The alternative to a bunker would be to plant a number of trees that would need to be staked and shielded for some time, possibly up to two years. The bunker option is a much quicker option to repair that part of the course.

The activities of the 21st. of April will be to use an excavator to lift and remove a significant number of stumps from the course and the tree trunks which were the result of activities on the 14th.

The stag often referred to as the bee tree on the right-hand side of the eighth is to be removed along with a grub infested blackwood nearby. Two new eucalypts have already been planted near the bee tree in anticipation of its eventual removal. At the suggestion of the ladies group a mature flowering gum will be planted in the immediate area.

Again, volunteers will be required to make good the area where stumps are removed and fertilizer and grass re-sown.

The General Committee also discussed a number of other course development proposals and ideas that are under consideration. If you have an interest or an opinion on any of the matters listed below, please talk to one of your committee members. The consensus view of club members will largely determine the priority for any of these ideas to proceed into the future.

What are viewed as projects of short-term importance are:

- Getting the bunker constructed and the drainage work in front of the second green done.
- Drainage work on the first green and from the bunker on the Left-hand side of the first green.
- Drainage work on the fifth tee bed, which would include the area between the first and fourth tee beds.
- Remodelling and modernisation of the bar area including replacement screens.
- A suitable replacement tractor for the old Case.

Projects that are considered important but having a longer lead time are:

- Adding an awning to the area outside to provide shelter and a more usable space than is the case at present.
- Constructing a buggy shed.
- Upgrading the pump house and control equipment including pumps.

Projects that have a longer-term outlook:

- Completion of all boundary fencing.
- Major reconstruction and relocation of the eighth green involving and extension of the eighth fairway by a distance of about 100 metres.

As you can see there is a lot happening around our club. There is a lot of work in the pipeline and other priorities will inevitably emerge. There is an Annual General Meeting coming up in mid May. If you want to be a part of the committee that makes these projects a reality, please nominate for one of the positions on offer.

Submitted by Bevis Dutton (0427 296 630)

Annual General Meetings 2022

General Committee AGM of the Club will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Positions vacant are:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Captain
- 1 Committee Person

Nominations must be received by 30th April 2022.

Nomination forms and information will be on general notice board in the Spike Bar.

Ladies AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 after golf.

Nomination forms are on the notice board in the Ladies Room.

Ladies Club Handicap Champion

Wendy Smith and Katrina Mitchelson were the finalists in the Ladies Club Handicap Championship for 2022. They had a close contest with Wendy defeating Katrina 2/1. This event is sponsored each year by Tony and Caroline Rundle.



Wendy Smith



Katrina and Wendy

Hole in One

Congratulations to Terry Griffiths for his hole in one on 6/15 on Saturday 19th March.
Well done Terry.



Message from the Match Committee

Remote controlled golf buggies: Remote controlled golf buggies must be operated in accordance with golf etiquette and must not be further away than **3 metres** from the operator when moving. Operators must be always conscious of their fellow golfers.

Golf Ball retrieval: When removing golf balls from the hole golfers are to be always conscious of the cup edge especially when the flag is left in the hole, and you are retrieving your ball with an attachment on the end of your putter. The flag is not to be pulled out with multiple balls in the hole under any circumstances. The use of fingers to retrieve a golf ball is the preferred method.

MBA Golf Day at TGC

On Friday 25th March Thirlstane Golf Club hosted our annual Master Builders Day. Our sponsors were Fairbrothers and Rapid Supply.

The weather was magnificent as was the morning tea, the barbeque, and the course. 48 golfers attended the day, a few down from last year due to covid illness, but those who played were very impressed with the golf course and the day overall.

The best score of the day came from Ulverstone with Trevor Johnstone beating Rod Edwards on a countback with 38 points. Best visitors score came from Tony Ryan. Nearest the pins were collected by Rowan Dick (Tony's son visiting from Victoria and playing off 0), Brett Hall and Neville Smith. Thanks go to Lorraine and Michelle for supplying the morning tea and to Mik Danos, John Blenkhorne and Colin Smith for cooking the BBQ. Special thankyou to Roger Eadie for organizing the cards and the results for the day.

A draw of numbered marbles for members is carried out every game and you must be present at presentations to win it. The draw was up to \$200 and Mike Rataj's number came out (number 42), but unfortunately Mike is on the mainland caravanning therefore it jackpots to the next game. The MBA group play one game per month at different courses throughout the state and anyone can join the group you don't have to be a builder to be a member, if anyone is interested contact Tony Dick or Neville Smith.



Local Rule Reminder

If a ball lies against or within a score card length of a tree root, a player with permission from his/her marker, may take a free drop behind the position within one (1) club length from where the ball lies.

If a player's tee shot on the 6th or 15th hole goes in either lake, the player **must** either play his or her 3rd shot from the drop zone between the lakes or play his or her 3rd shot from the tee.



Spotted recently in one of the lakes.

Replace Divots

Repair Pitch Marks

No cigarette Butts on the Course

Welcome To New Members

Country Member
Full Member
Full Member
Full Member

Elizabeth (Beth) Chilcott
David Kent
Lynette Kent
Karen MacDonald

Gawler
Devonport
Devonport
Devonport

Thirlstane Members Out and About

Thirlstane Vets made the journey to Poatina for their annual tournament.

The course is in great condition which is credit to the very small band of volunteers. Interesting to note that Greg Williams has been their club captain since 1990.



Thirlstane Ladies at the Smithton Bowl held earlier in March

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Jan Gamble's Birthday Lunch



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