



Rodger Maurice Claude Paice

A Brief History



At the AGM in May 2022 Rodger resigned from Treasurer and Bar Manager, but will continue his role as course Superintendent and will be seen mowing the fairways and will be around the clubhouse for a while yet.

Thanks to Maureen meeting up with Rodger at a wedding many years ago, Rodger started travelling North from Brighton courting Maureen playing badminton and golf and working at the Wesley Vale Board Mill and then they finally married and settled down at Latrobe.

This was all to the Thirlstane Golf Clubs advantage as Rodger joined the old named club Shearwater and took over as Treasurer around mid-1970's we think, taking over from Harry Overton.

From our humble beginning at the old course at Shearwater to where we are today Rodger has been there doing a million things, to name a few - Treasurer, Bar Manager, Course Superintendent, controlling the watering, attending to break ins during the night at the club

Replace Divots

Repair Pitch Marks

No cigarette Butts on the Course

house and workshops, chasing parts for machinery and watering equipment, fixing machines, organising fuel, picking up lunches, the list goes on and on. A quick calculation would show that Rodger has travelled about 1,000,000 kms or more for our club during his time so far and even turned a spare bedroom in his house into his office. If you have dealt with Rodger you would know that everything is organised, in order and his writing is as neat as you will find. He never had a computer, never wanted to use one, but everything was in order and he knew where everything was – even most of the pipes under our golf course.

When the move to our new premises at Thirlstane occurred in 1980 Rodger was running the bar from the boot of his car ably supported by Jock Stephens and of course Maureen. I don't think Rodger has ever missed a committee meeting in all these years with some of those meetings being worked in around his night shifts at the board mill. Rodger is a Life Member and both he and Maureen are Foundation Members. Maureen is currently the longest running Ladies member of the club.

At times a single figure golfer during his golfing career, which is pretty good for a left hander, but unfortunately Rodger gave golf away far too early in his life, I guess he was simply too busy. We think he gave the game up about 1987 when he was only about 43 years of age. Roger and Maureen won many competitions in their own right and together in mixed events. Both played pennant for the club and have their names on various honour board listings and trophies in the clubhouse.

Rodger the Thirlstane Golf Club has certainly been your life we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication to the many tasks you have taken on and we are very grateful that you came to our golf club and have given the massive commitment that you have. Your reward and our reward as members is the wonderful course and club that we have today, **THANKYOU.**

No High-Vis Vest for This Volunteer

One of the most valued members of the Monday work crew bid us farewell at the beginning of May.

That was after 18 months without once picking up a shovel, using a rake, operating a chainsaw or sitting on a mower.

No high-vis needed - instead Cecily Berglund worked alongside Lynne Dutton to provide much appreciated meals for up to 20 hungry workers every Monday lunch time.

And as a bonus, by volunteering their time and just recovering the cost of ingredients, Cecily and Lynne managed save money for the club by delivering a hearty two course meal at only half the expense of the previous option of purchased sandwiches.

Cecily is taking a break from her regular routine of cooking at home on Sunday, and then driving from Kindred to join Lynne in serving a hot meal each Monday.



From the Monday gang, thanks Cecily for your contribution to our "fuel" requirements and the associated benefits to the club budget.

We hope you'll make an occasional guest appearance, especially for one of those delicious deserts 🤗

No Brains No Names

On a recent MBA (Master Builders Association) trip to Hobart by 4 of our regular golfers a game of golf was enjoyed at the New Town Bay golf course .

After golf the boys enjoyed an ale or 2 and then went out for a counter meal with a few more refreshments and the discussion started on different types of meals they eat or have eaten.

One of our well known members (ATD) (not mentioning any names) advised the other members of the group that he had never had any **BRAINS** to which they laughed and replied that they were already very aware of that !!!

North vs South

Congratulations to Janelle Thompson (second from the right) on being part of the very successful North team, who defeated the South team 12 to 3 at the Launceston Golf Club held early in May.



Trivia Night 2022

It's on again. **Friday, September 16th**.

Registration forms will be out soon so start organising your team of six players. There will be something for everyone so don't fret: my Trivia Nights are not intelligence tests. Just be prepared to have some fun and enjoy yourself.

Any questions: call Lynne Dutton on 0409947798 or talk to Bevis or Bev Sienisi, the Ladies President.

More details will follow.

Car Park maintenance

The car park finally received some much needed maintenance last week thanks to the sterling efforts of Scott Westlake, Les Finearty and Tony Dick.

Scott even worked in the rain to get the area rolled while Les and Tony pruned some of the low hanging black-wood branches that were becoming a problem.

Thanks fellows for a very good job and a special thanks to Scott for calculating the material required and having it delivered and spread.



Golf Ball Retrieval

When removing golf balls from the hole golfers are to be conscious of the cup edge at all times 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.

Footy Tipping

Date	Name \$10	Name \$80	Name \$10	Margin	Teams
20/3/2022	BA Hall	KW Jones	D Hanson	20	Nth Melb v Haw
27/3/2022	J Booton	NW Smith	BA Hall	15	Nth Melb v W Coast
3/4/2022	BA Hall	M Turner	R Paice	1	Cltv v Haw
10/4/2022	NW Smith	J Booton	R Paice	4	Essn v Adel
17/4/2022	R Paice	R Paice	W Viney	3	Cltv v P Adel
24/4/2022	NW Smith	M Matheson	S Vickers	60	Nth Melb v Geel
1/5/2022	J Murphy	AT Dick	AT Dick	25	Coll v Gold Coast
8/5/2022	BA Hall	M Smith	BA Hall	38	Melb v St Kilda
15/5/2022	not claimed	not claimed	M Smith	36	Gold Coast v Frem
22/5/2022	W Viney	not claimed	not claimed	52	GWS v West Coast

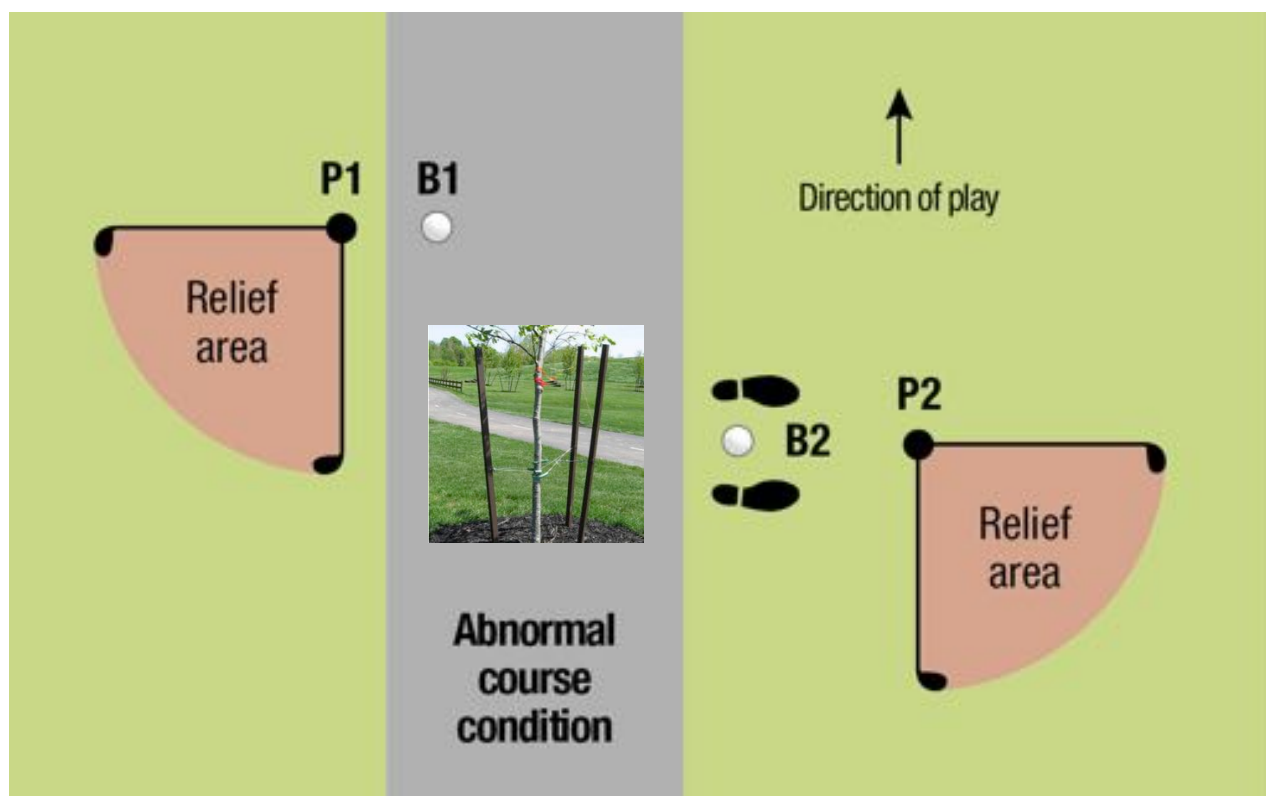
Protection of Young Trees

Purpose. To prevent damage to young trees when a player makes a stroke, a Committee can choose to designate them as a no play zone so that:

- If a player has any type of interference as defined in Rule 16.1 from such a tree designated as a no play zone, he or she must take relief under [Rule 16.1f](#).
- If the player's ball lies in a penalty area, he or she must either take free relief under the Local Rule within the penalty area or proceed with penalty under [Rule 17.1](#).

Such trees should be identified by stakes, ribbons or in some other clear way.

When the tree has matured and no longer needs this protection, the Committee should withdraw the Local Rule and/or remove the identifying stake or ribbon from the tree.



Dry Ground for Winter

A group of energetic labourers have combined with some welcome mechanical assistance to provide a gravel buggy parking area adjacent to the second tee bed.

The work has been completed just in time for winter, in an area which has degenerated into a mud-patch in previous years.

The project was co-ordinated by Scott Westlake, with generous assistance from Peter Bonney and his heavy machinery taking some pressure off the manual labourers - Tony Dick, Rob Beveridge, Les Finearty, Tony Vaughan and Adrian Wild.

Pictured are:

1. Excavation under way
2. Rodger Paice and Peter Bonney checking that the workers are following Scott's (loud) instructions
3. On the job - from left, Tony Dick, Scott Westlake, Peter Bonney, Rob Beveridge, Les Finearty and Tony Vaughan
4. The finished job.

This work follows a recent project to upgrade and re-sow the second tee bed, removal of several problem trees and stumps, and rehabilitation of areas of damage.

This is all part of extensive on-going course management, ranging from the critical tasks of maintaining the greens, bunkers, fairways and tee beds, to machinery maintenance and some less obvious but equally important tasks.

For example, members who recently visited the Launceston Golf Club and noticed their challenges with leaves, bark and other debris, will especially appreciate the work done each week by Phil Walden to keep our course in pristine condition, as well as the maintenance of the decorative gardens by Lorraine Smith.

As President Bevis Dutton detailed at the recent annual general meeting, up to 20 volunteers work each week to ensure that Thirlstone maintains its reputation as one of Tasmania's outstanding courses.

