
THIRLSTANE
GOLF CLUB

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Veterans Awards



Mark Alison Putting



Loyal Eastley Perfect Card



Michael George Vets
Champion



Paul Buckless Gold Medal
Winner



Garry Cameron-Smith
Veteran of the Year

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Veterans News

Everyone seemed to survive Christmas and new year with not many problems. The Vets started the year off fairly busy with our vets tournament on 15th and 16th January. We had approximately 90 players on the Wednesday which was won by Wazza Wilson from Greens Beach with 40 points. Rain interrupted the day but not enough to cause many dramas. Thursdays event was held in near perfect weather. Tony Beamish had a winning score of 42 points. Lunch was supplied by our lady members of Leonie Clarke, Janelle Thompson and Katrina Mitchelson with plenty of compliments of the quality and quantity. A job very well done.

Paul Glover
Vets Captain

Hole in One



Congratulations to Mark Alison for his hole in one on the 7th December on the 6th hole. A lovely birthday present!

Mitchelson Shield



Kodie Clarke and Karen MacDonald were this years Mitchelson Shield winners an event started by Don and Audrey Mitchelson 43 years ago and kept going by their daughter Katrina.

NTVGA Report

Want something for nothing??

The annual general meeting of the Northern Tasmanian Veteran Golfers Association was held at Deloraine on 10 January, and two matters discussed offer financial or personal benefits for some members of Thirlstane and other golf clubs.

First, the money!!

The meeting was urged to encourage all Vets members who are over 65 and either Services Australia Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card holders to apply for the "Ticket to Wellbeing" grants offered by the Tasmanian Government.

The Ticket to Wellbeing provides two \$100 vouchers towards the cost of sport and active recreation membership. The scheme is available until 6 June 2025, so it will contribute to the costs of Thirlstane Golf Club membership renewals (or new members) paid for the coming year.

Guidelines regarding eligibility and the application process are available online at tickettowellbeing.tas.gov.au

Secondly the advice

If anyone is seeking to navigate the complexities of aged care or welfare for a family member or friend, there is a source of free advocacy and advice.

The Vets meeting received a presentation from a representative of Advocacy Tasmania, an organisation which provides a free advice and support service for those seeking to navigate the myriad rules and regulations involved in aged care rights, access to services, eligibility, mental health, elder abuse and protection.

This is a service jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments, and information is available online at www.yoursaytas.org

Anyone seeking support or information for themselves or a family member or friend can make contact as follows:

- Freecall 18000 005 131
- Text 0457 806 963
- Email contact@yoursaytas.org

Adrian Wild
Thirlstone delegate to NTVGA

Ticket to Wellbeing

TICKET TO WELLBEING is a Government Voucher program to support older Tasmanians to participate in sport and active recreation.

Tasmanians over the age of 65 and who have a valid 'services health care card' or 'pensioner concession card' ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

2 X \$100 VOUCHERS that can be taken off your 2025 / 2026 membership.

HOW TO APPLY:

On your computer put into your search engine "ticket to wellbeing" (ENTER) go to - apply for a voucher (click on) this will bring up the form to complete (tick) confirm and enter your email address (click on) SUBMIT.

You will then receive an email back for your signup link.

Complete and proceed, you will receive another email with 2 numbered vouchers.

When you receive your 2 voucher numbers - send the 2 numbers together with your name and Golfink number to :

Attn Katrina accounts@thirlstanegolfclub.com.au the \$200 will come off your annual membership fee due on the 1st April 2025

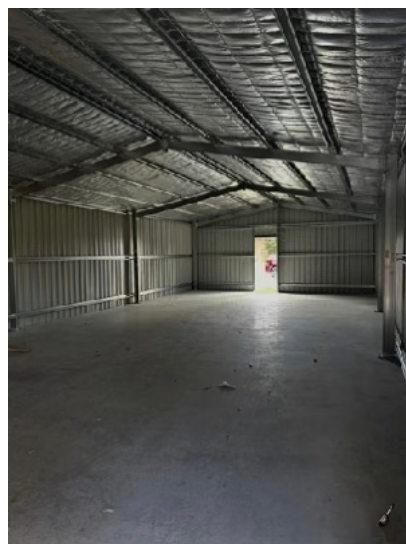
If you are having a problem when applying for the vouchers. Phone 1800 252 476

Greg Boyd Secretary

From the President

Buggy Shed

The buggy shed has been erected and the next stage is about to be completed. We have a team of electricians who will be connecting power, fittings lights and power points and this is expected to be completed early in February. We are also looking at video security which will be added once the electrical fit-out is completed. Members will be advised of the process for applying for a space to house buggies via an email which will be sent out by February 7.



Work Crew Christmas Lunch

In late December the volunteer work crew were treated to a special Christmas lunch prepared by Lyn Dutton and Lorraine Smith. The club is grateful for all the efforts our volunteers put into maintaining the course and providing lunch is the least we can do to say thanks! We were also able to acknowledge the efforts of Lyn Dutton in providing lunch for the work crew every week and Lorraine Smith for the countless hours she spends tending to the garden beds around the course.



Solar Panel Cleaning

The solar panels on the clubhouse are overdue for cleaning and the committee are keen to hear if there are any members who might be interested in quoting for the task, or may know of someone skilled in this area. Please contact a committee member if further information is required.

Vacant Positions

Members are advised that we have not been able to find any applicants for the Bar/Clubhouse Manager position at this stage. We are continuing to seek a replacement and ask members to consider spreading the word. We are also looking to finalise the Course Consultant position and an announcement re this position will be made in coming weeks.

Roger Eadie
President

Course Ranger Update

It's been a couple of months since I took up the position of course Ranger. I have been learning on the job with help from many of our members. I'd like to think that most of our members see a difference since my beginning. We have a beautiful golf club thanks to many of our members who give up their time to keep the course looking magnificent.

If I can make a difference with the course duties, which I enjoy, I will. My duties include helping casual golfers/non-members with filling out all the appropriate and necessary paperwork/ fees before they start round. I will continue to ride around the course when appropriate checking for membership/Green fees, making sure that people carry sand buckets. Being aware that they should have one bag per person. keeping groups down to 4, 5 max.

When practicing using no more than 2 balls. Help us with slow play, if so, allow a smaller group to be called through.

DIVETS

I know most members would repair their divets, but could we ask members if noticing a bare patch whilst playing to drop some sand down, by doing so it helps the regrowth by the soil not drying out, other than that no one wants to end up in one.



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A reminder that animals(pets)are not permitted on the course unless you have been given permission by the club and must always be on a lead.

I have been asked what are the fees when bringing family/ friends to play. There are no concessions and the standard fees apply.

CHICKEN RUN (Fridays) Normal fee of \$2 for members & \$7 for non members (need to have a handicap) if not involved in the comp, normal fees apply.

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On a lighter note, witnessed Roger Eadie hitting off on the 1st last Saturday (8.30am) don't take an offence to this Roger but here's the evidence. Any problems regarding to my position feel free to call me and update on any situations that need addressing rather than you approaching golfers unless necessary. I will attempt to keep you all updated.

Brian Summerfield

Curiosity About the Cat

In case anyone's wondering what happened to Thirlstane (the rescue kitten, not the golf club)

..... it took him about five minutes to begin dominating the Wild household after being retrieved last June from the bushes between the dam and the 16th tee.

His life today is one of feline luxury snoozing on chairs, beds (the humans' and the dog's), on jigsaws and in miscellaneous patches of sunlight. There's an endless supply of food (including the dog's), and he wakes the family for his breakfast around 5.30am.

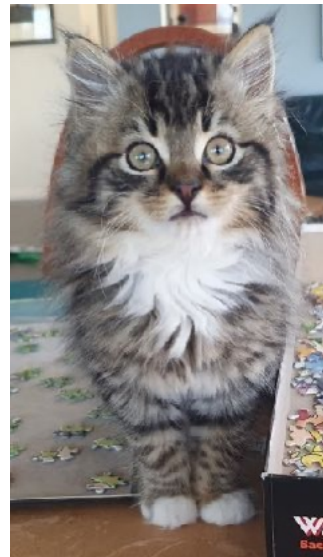
Among his favourite tricks is sleeping on Helen's head for at least part of each night, (when he's not chasing his toy mouse around the bedroom or tripping me in the darkness on my way to the can).

Thirlstane is now minus a pair of testicles, but otherwise in pristine condition.

The family budget has taken a hit to the tune of around a thousand bucks for checkups, vaccinations, de-sexing, a climbing tower and other toys. And litter trays fully enclosed, fortunately, because he's an Olympic standard crapper and digger.

Pepper the family dog, with eight years of household dominance to protect, took a little while to adjust. But armed neutrality is now easing into tenuous signs of affection.

"If only he'd leave my effing tail alone", she adds.



New Buggy Shed

The General Committee are delighted with the new shed. The Eureka Shed was purchased through Richardson Sheds at 4 Export Drive in Ulverstone. Kim and Mel Richardson arranged the purchase. We discovered that Kim (Poud) Richardson is a Member of the Club and plays with his mates on Sunday mornings. Kim approached us and offered to build the shed with his mates who are also Members, at basically no cost. We would like to recognise Poud and his friends, Ian Abley, Bob Curran, Kevin Pearce and Peter Smith for their good work and generosity. Love the Shed.

We Welcome These New Members

New Members from last Meeting:

Full Members – Erica Byrne John Dabner Dianne White David Weber Bill Sadler Tonia Sadler Deon Rigney John Dabner

Country Members – Grant Archer Lawson Archer Mark Hill.

Intermediate Junior – Deakin Widger Taryn Lowe Oscar Weeks Ryder Bellchambers

Social Members - Robert Maxwell Zane Woodcock

Re-Joining - Joanne Maxwell

In Other News....

John Blenkhorns birthday. Helping to celebrate John (I am not an Elf I am just short) Blenkhorns 86th birthday are fellow senior Veterans Trevor Stubbs and Bob Watts. Special thanks to Johns daughter Fiona for providing nibbles for all to enjoy.



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