

THIRLSTANE
GOLF CLUB
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From the President

Air Compressor

The committee has approved the purchase of an air compressor which will assist in the cleaning of golf equipment. The compressor is being housed in the new buggy shed and a hose with air nozzle will be accessible next to the existing wash down area. Members are reminded of the dangers when using compressed air and should avoid using it on exposed skin and the eyes. Thank you to Neville Smith and Tony Dick for their expertise in the installation process.

Battery Equipment Safety

Following suggestions for reducing the risk of fires associated with lithium batteries, all our battery-operated equipment is now stored inside the container which houses the club buggies. Thanks to Tony Dick for creating a suitable bench at the rear of the container and Neville Smith who upgraded the electrics to cater for multiple charging stations.

Buggy Storage Container

Members would notice the green storage container has been moved to its permanent location next to the new buggy shed. This container is being modified to allow easy access for the storage of push buggies. Thank you to Darren Kaine who donated his time to move the container.

Tree Damage

Members of our volunteer work crew have reported finding broken branches from trees and shrubs which appear to be broken by golfers trying to improve their ability to play shots when straying off the fairways. Under Rule 15.1a players are able to remove loose impediments but cannot move anything attached. Golf is governed by very strict rules and it is well worth reading up on these rules to avoid an unexpected penalty when innocently transgressing the rules.

Season's Greetings - With the festive season fast approaching I would like to wish all members a merry Christmas and a restful holiday period. I look forward to a successful and rewarding 2026. Happy golfing!

Roger Eadie
President



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Veterans Report

The Vets group held our end of year presentation day on Wednesday 17th of December and the Veteran of the Year was won by Greg Boyd a very deserved winner who played consistent golf in our Monthly Medal events. Congratulations Greg!!

Saturday 20th December is Hamper Day Competition and we are pleased to again sponsor this very popular event.

We will be preparing for our Annual Vets Tournament which is conducted over 2 Days – Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th January if any member can assist for a couple of hours on either day as spotters, raffle sellers please contact Chris Hinds and your help will be very much appreciated.

Our Group would like to wish all Members and your Families a very Happy and Prosperous Christmas and New Year.

Thank you
Arthur Johnstone
President Thirlstane Veterans Group

Veterans Annual Winners

Veteran of the year Greg Boyd with a score of 588 is decided by the best 8 monthly stroke scores.

Putter of the year Mark Allison with a total of 231 is decided by the best 8 putting totals over the year on our stroke and putting days.

Veterans Champion Kim Keegan with a score over 36holes of 144 won on a count back from Charlie Sienesi.

Perfect Card winner with a Nett 50 was Loyal Eastley. It is worth noting that Les Styles had A Gross 60.

Gold Medal winner was Ricky Jenkins with a Nett 72 beating Alan Sing on a count-back.



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Kim Keegan

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Loyal Eastley



Ricky Jenkins

Thirlstane Women

Our Midyear meeting was held in November. Members discussed the Club Championships and changing the date to May each year will commence in 2026, this being it does not clash with School Holidays, and the grey nomad migration. The Divisions have slightly changed, and a Division D has been added. The Divisional Handicaps being: -

A Grade	B Grade	C Grade	D Grade
0 – 18	19 – 29	30 – 40	41 – 54

All female members are entitled to enter the Chick O'Walk, but if your handicap is over 45 it will be capped at 45 commencing in 2026.

Mary Champion day sponsored by granddaughters Gina Philp and Helen Donaldson was played in November. Mary was a past Member and Ladies Patron.

The winners of the Bronze Stableford were Rosie Beattie and Sue Westlake. This is a Golf Tasmania statewide Competition for players with a handicap of 27 – 54. Competitors play in one qualifying round played within the Clubs calendar. The best two scores are eligible as the Club final teams' event at a course nominated by Golf Tasmania which was Ulverstone this year. We did not win the team's event, but Rosie came third in the individual with a great score of 36 points.

Sheffield Golf Club had their Invitation Day in November, sadly they only had thirty entries, eight of us played on a lovely sunny day, and a lovely afternoon tea followed. Sue Bound and Cheryl Sutcliffe came home as the winners.

Christmas Party Day was held on the 9th of December sponsored by Cheryl Sutcliffe. Thirteen pairs of ladies and four pairs of men played a Canadian Foursome, followed by a lovely luncheon supplied by the ladies. No secret Santa this year, so the ladies donated items for many raffles on the day.

December 2025

Our annual Champagne Breakfast was held and enjoyed by past, present, and ladies who help out in the kitchen but are not members and have never played golf and even a couple from the beginners group. It was lovely to see our Patron Bev Williams looking so well and enjoying her champagne and croissant. The day was sponsored by Liz Sumpton with some lovely Christmas themed prizes.

Mitchelson Shield will be held on Sunday 18th January 2026 playing a mixed Canadian. So if any men need a partner contact Captain Matt and a lady can be organized.

The Beginners Clinic commenced again this year in Mid-October playing 6 weeks up until early December. The Clinic was affected by the horrible wind we have been experiencing, and some nights not many participants turned up. But saying that one night we had 18 new participants. We have our usual fifteen players who have been coming since the beginning, and play a six hole competition. So far this year we have had three ladies sign up as Members for Tuesday and one Summer Member who will play on Saturdays. The aim being we get younger women just before they retire to consider playing golf in their retirement years.

The annual Brooch Event was held in 2025. The Brooch event is played over three rounds, including a Stableford and Stroke event. The Member who started this event was Anne Rowell and since her passing, Pat Archer has taken over the sponsorship, and we thank her for her ongoing support. Pat does not play anymore but serviced the Club on Committee as President and Captain. The winner this year was one of our newer Members Margie Arnold. Captain Jill said it was very close to determining the winner.



Olivia Williams Mary Champion
Memorial Winner



Margie Arnold and Cecily
Berglund, Chick of the
Walk Winners



Margie Arnold Brooch
Winner

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Div 1 Christmas Winners Katrina Mitchelson and Sarah Merrick



Div 2 Christmas Winners Wendy Smith and Loretta Bissett



Men's Winners John Murphy and Scott Westlake

Chicken Run Monthly Winners - Sponsored by Ghost Rock

October's winner was Dave Williams with 21 points, and November was won by Brendan Keep with 22 points.

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Club Championship Results



Club Champion Kodie Clarke



B Grade Winner Dean Hays



C Grade Winner Rob Beveridge



Junior Champion Josh Lewis

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A Grade Nett Champion Mike Rataj



B Grade Nett Champion Shane Wooton

Also congratulations to Declan Gardam, C Grade and Junior Nett winner.

Thirlstane Cup

The 2025 Thirlstane Cup was won by Tony Ryan



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Rodger Paice Memorial Trophy

The 2025 Rodger Paice Memorial Trophy was won by Katrina Michelson and Matthew Connolly



Mixed Foursome Championship



Champions Leonie and
Kodie Clarke



Nett Champions Steve
Gardam and Greta Mitchell

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Cock O Walk



Winners Hans Thorgersen and Ben Smith

Beginners Clinic Wrap-Up

Our beginners clinic was another terrific success this year, with a mix of returning regulars and plenty of new faces across both juniors and seniors. The weather wasn't always on our side, a couple of sessions had to be cancelled, and some windy evenings definitely scared a few people off, but we still had strong turnouts ranging from 10 to 21 participants. One night we even ran out of room on the practice fairway!

As always, each clinic wrapped up in the bar with toasties and a drink — a tradition we're definitely keeping.

For our final session before the Christmas break, we finished with a 5-hole Ambrose, a nearest-to-the-pin challenge over the 6th (yes, a lot of balls did find the dam), and a very competitive putting comp. It was a great way to end the sessions.

We'll resume on Wednesday 21 January, hopefully with proper summer weather this time. Looking forward to seeing everyone then!



Mornington Golf Trip

From 25/11/25 to 3/12/25 sixteen golfers (mostly Thirlstane, but with some ring ins) travelled to the Mornington Peninsula to test our skills on there golf courses. Whilst most headed off on the Spirit of Tasmania some flew in to Victoria.

Courses played were Portsea, The Dunes, Cape Schank, Rosebud and Flinders. I believe Cape Schank received the votes for the most enjoyable course. The weather was reasonable most of the time, but our last competition at Flinders was reduced to nine holes due to the COLD,WET day that was thrust upon us.



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Roger Eadie set the mark early with some very good golf, collating good points on most days of golf and eventually took out the main trophy to join an elite group who have their names on this sought after trophy from previous years.

Kevin W Jones persisted with a back ailment for most of the week, but withdrew from competition on the last two days and won the BIRDIE trophy !! Kev also had trouble with his reading glasses, complaining that they were poor bloody glasses when he was trying to read the menu one evening, only to find out that both lenses had fallen out of the frames and were still in his pocket!!!

A great experience was had by all that attended, thanks go to Ben Smith and Jason Heatley for organizing and controlling the event, thanks guys.

We Welcome These New Members

Full:

Nicky Green

Summer:

Lindsay Finch

Peter Jopson

Junior: Jasper Etchell

Barry Hensby

Kerry Jopson

