

# NEWSLETTER

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# Tasmania Golf Club

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### **Membership Raffle Prize**

Members who renewed their membership by 31st July have been entered into a draw to win a Powercom Solar Premium Quality Sunpower 6.6kW solar panel system, valued at \$12,000! This will be drawn in early September.

TGC has seen the significant benefits of going solar and would like to thank Powercom Solar for their advice and vast knowledge.

### **Savings**

Since installing our solar power system at TGC in August, we can happily say that we have saved a total of almost \$10,000 on our annual power bill!

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the August edition of the TGC Newsletter and the first edition edited by me! We've had quite a bit going on at the club with memberships, renovations, sponsors, functions, you name it. The first half of 2022 has been a great success and I am looking forward to what's to come in the second half!

*Julia Narracott, Editor*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### South Eastern Traffic Solution

It is frustrating for the Club that this project is taking so so long! I am, however, pleased to advise members that we have cooperated with the Government throughout the last 3 years plus, and the delays are not at our end.

Members may have heard rumours that the Government's plans for the road project have changed and they would no longer affect the golf course. The advice from its Project Manager is that: the rumours are not correct and the planned arrangements for the golf course redevelopment have not changed. Members may not be aware of the history of the project, so I provide the following recap:

- In early 2019 the Government proposed a major roundabout to be built in the middle of the 16th and 17th holes.
- A letter dated 11th June 2019 was sent to Jeremy Rockcliff who at the time was the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure protesting strongly about the proposal and the extreme impact it would have on the Club.
- A forum of members on 24 June 2019 resolved that: **"The Tasmania Golf Club will not support any highway option that adversely affected the integrity of the golf course"**.
- Minister Rockcliff responded to our letter on 26th June 2019 advising he had requested State Growth to develop some new options to minimize effects on the Course.

- State Growth subsequently reconsidered its position and agreed to look at alternatives that would have less impact on the Course
- State Growth engaged Ben Davey of Contour Golf Design (at the Club's recommendation) to look at redevelopment options.
- Ben proposed two options for the Government:
  1. Minimal encroachment on the Course but requiring high fences along the new boundary closely adjacent to the edge of the 16th fairway, behind the 1st green and the bottom of the practice fairway.
  2. A redesign involving a new 16th hole, redesign of 17th, new 1st green, new 2nd tee, redevelopment of the driving range into a practice facility and moving the existing 16th dam.
- A forum of members on 21 January 2020 met to consider the options and **unanimously endorsed option 2 above**. See the following link of the presentation that was provided at the forum:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9qw8ub8p1n951pp/Members%20flyer.pdf?dl=0>
- Other stakeholders have throughout the project opposed the Government's plans and appealed decisions under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) causing major delays to the project.
- The Club has and continues to pursue reasonable compensation for the disturbance and injurious affection resulting from the road works.
- The Club (including the Pro Shop) has lodged a compensation claim which at 19 November 2021 was \$6.8M. This claim was rejected by Government and a counter offer of \$4.1M was made. The Club is seeking to engage the Government in a process of negotiation to resolve the differences.
- The latest information from State Growth indicates that Tenders for the road project will not be let before March 2023 and work will not commence prior to May 2023. This almost certainly means that the course will be unaffected by road works this membership year.

## **Other Course redevelopment matters under consideration**

The Board is considering opportunities to redevelop and improve the course. Major areas include the replacement of the current ageing irrigation system and the development by Ben Davey of a Course Master Plan. A Member Forum has been scheduled for **Tuesday 6th September at 6:30pm**. Ben will be in attendance and provide a presentation to members. Members will be encouraged to have input and express their views.

## **Unpaid Membership Subs and Playing Rights**

In the 2022/23 Membership subscription letter issued in early June, members were reminded that:

*"...non-payment of your subscription by 31 July 2022 will result in suspension of your playing rights until payment has been made or an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the office"*.

You are advised that if your subscription is not paid by close of business on Monday 15th August 2022 your playing rights will automatically be suspended.

*John Milbourne, President*

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

### **Competitions**

The issue of slow play arises from time to time, especially in the winter when we have shorter days and have to reduce the number of available tee times. To try and address the bank up on the first tee on Saturdays I have run an experiment by using the seventh tee to commence the first nine. The rationale is that it is easier to see when the group ahead have moved out of range and also it's easier to see where the initial drive has gone, saving delays in search for the ball. Early morning players also report an added benefit of not playing their first shot directly into the rising sun. Apart from some teething problems in the first week, I think it has gone well.

It's not up to me to enforce the pace of play, that's your responsibility. Pace of play can be quickened up by playing ready golf, tee off as soon as you are ready, mark your scores after you have teed off on the next hole, play provisional ball when appropriate and limit the time taken looking for lost balls.

Did you know you only have three minutes to look for your ball? The clock starts when you commence the search and finishes when three minutes is up, even if someone later finds your ball, it's too late. You **MUST** continue with your provisional ball or go back to the spot where you played your last shot.

Also, apart from the tee shot on the 3rd hole (where special local rule applies), if you hit your ball into a penalty area you cannot play a provisional ball. You may either take up to two club length relief from the point at which it is estimated the ball last crossed the line into the penalty area adding a penalty of one shot or replay the shot with one shot penalty. If you think the ball may be lost outside the penalty area, then you are entitled to play a provisional ball. However, be very careful, don't "game" the rules.

### **Club Championships**

The Board of the Club has unanimously supported the introduction of a multi-day format for our men's and women's club championships. We have adopted Golf Australia's recommended multi-day club championship format.

The idea is to open the championships to all our members. This will give access to shift workers, students and others who may have had difficulty playing in the traditional mid-week for women and Saturdays for men. Competitors will be required to nominate which days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, or Sunday) they wish to play when the entry form is submitted. This will stop picking and choosing according to forecast weather conditions.

The reasons for this include:

- Celebration of player's development
- Strong and reputable standard of competition through a wide and deep field
- Inclusion of as many members as possible to facilitate a wide and deep field
- Importance of participation and encouragement of all categories of members to be involved.

We are currently working through how these new arrangements will be best implemented. I will provide members with further details shortly.

### **Representative competition**

Congratulations to the pennant teams who have represented the Club this year. Our Division 1 men's team made it to the State Finals but were unfortunately eliminated in the first round. A special shout out to Eli Monaghan who went through his rookie season undefeated. Thanks to all pennant captains for your work in selecting and coordinating teams. We also had one official team in the Claremont Shield and a second team representing GST which was made up of TGC players.

Mackenzie Wilson, Mackenzie Thomas, Hunter Gillard, Eli Monaghan, Lachlan White and Max Coventry have been competing in junior tournaments.

Golf Australia Order of Merit (current rankings):

- Boys (National) Hunter Gillard 4th and Eli Monaghan 38th.
- Men (Tasmania) Mark Schulze, Andrew Phillips, Lachlan White, Dylan Backhouse, and Paul Read are in the top 20.
- Women (National) Mackenzie Wilson 15th.
- Women (Tasmania) Mackenzie Wilson and Mackenzie Thomas are in the top 10.

### **Bon voyage to Mackenzie Wilson**

One of our champion junior golfers, Mackenzie Wilson, soon leaves to play college golf at Wichita State University in Kansas, USA. She has worked hard to achieve this goal, ably assisted by her parents who have put in a huge amount of support. I often see Mackenzie and her dad at late hours on the putting green and practice tee as she perfects her game.

The Club has awarded Mackenzie an honorary membership and we look forward to seeing her back at TGC whenever she returns home. We wish you well Mackenzie and hope you achieve your goals.



*Peter Volker, Captain*

## FAREWELL SALLY

Some of you will know that at the end of last month, Sally moved back to Queensland. Sally has been a member of the golf club for over 5 years and has contributed greatly to the club. She has been a very big part of the Junior Development and has been a great support to the junior golfers of TGC, as well as being a strong driver in assistance in fundraisings like the membership raffle and show day fundraiser, bringing in lots of donations. We wish Sally all the best in QLD!



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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The men's amenities renovations are well underway, and we thank Mike Street for taking on the role of Project Manager for the improvement of these facilities. Mike offered valuable assistance in overseeing the ladies' amenities renovation and we look forward to seeing the same positive feedback from members and guests once this project has been completed.

By now you would have noticed some work completed on improving the appearance between the clubhouse and pro shop. This project has been supported by the funds raised from last year's Show Day golf event and thanks to those who assisted in the funds raised.

We have recently had to undergo replacing the roof above the kitchen area. This area of concern was highlighted by member, Matt Fahey, and we thank him for his valuable assistance and feedback regarding how we best stop some of the continued issues we have when we endure torrential rain. We have identified several other areas of the club that need similar attention but due to the age of the building, this will continue to be a work in progress.

The slab has been laid ready for construction of the new storage shed for the course staff to house some of their machinery. We hope to have this project finished soon.



### **2022 Annual General Meeting and 2022 - 2024 Board Member Vacancies**

The club's AGM is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at the Clubhouse.

The following Board member positions will be due for election:

- Treasurer
- Captain
- Board Members x 2

Nominations will be invited for the above vacancies on 10 August 2022, closing on 31 August 2022. Note the Captain and Treasurer may nominate for re-election.

Members are invited to nominate for the positions, play a major part in the management of the club and have your say on future directions of the club. If you are interested and require more information, please contact Andrew Todd - [Secretary@tasmaniagolfclub.com.au](mailto:Secretary@tasmaniagolfclub.com.au).

*Andrew Todd, Secretary*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The last few months have seen the earlier trends of above-budget revenue continue. Even in June, despite ordinary weather early in the month, we matched or bettered every income stream across both golf and hospitality.

Costs have remained controlled and savings from the Solar panel installation are estimated to be \$10,300 for the year.

We have commenced the work to complete the year's accounts which will confirm a very positive result, providing the Club with some confidence to deal with future challenges.

In addition to the Sponsorship from , they donated a quality 6.6kW system installation to be won by a financial member in an upcoming draw (The Board exempted themselves from this draw).

Gerard continues to explore sponsorship opportunities, with two significant partnerships to be confirmed for the new year.

*Les Hadley, Treasurer*

## Junior Development

Adam will be starting in October a Junior Boys New Competitor program for 6 Boys in the 12-16 age group.

Each Boy will receive 24 group sessions with a PGA Professional and one-year Junior club membership.

The program is to encourage Juniors to acquire a Handicap, play in competitions and make new friends.

For any more details, contact the Pro Shop.

*Sally Koltoft*



# Member Feedback

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Members' survey



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# CLUBHOUSE NEWS

## **Restaurant**

Our head chef Andrew and his team continue to produce the goods from the kitchen which has seen the restaurant well supported of late. The “Winter” menu has proven to be popular, and we encourage members to book a spot in the restaurant to see what we have to offer. Throughout July we played host to numerous groups taking advantage of our Christmas in July menu, which was available for group bookings, with many of these bookings being return customers, this is a great indication that we are offering a trusted product and service.

## **Functions and Events**

Our calendar sees quite a variety of functions and events taking place at TGC. In the month of July, we hosted a wedding, 100th Birthday lunch, and a farewell party/dinner (for Mackenzie Wilson). This shows our diversity and ability to cater for all sorts of events so please keep us in mind for your next special occasion.

## **Father’s Day Lunch**

Our Father’s Day menu has been finalized and we are now taking bookings. We are hoping for similar success for this event as to what we saw on Mother’s Day where we were fully booked out with a crowd of around 140 people here on the day for lunch.

## **Wine Special**

We had a great wine special for July, 6 bottles of white wine for \$90, 6 bottles of red for \$109, or 12 bottles (6 white, 6 red) for \$199.

It’s great to see some of our members take advantage of these special offers and encourage us to provide more specials in the future.

## **Staff**

I am pleased to announce the recent appointment of a new staff member, Cassie Woodward, who will take on the front-of-house manager role. Cassie brings to us many years of previous experience in the industry and will be a valued assistant to me and assist in the continued growth in the hospitality side of the business.

Our office manager, Karlene Grahame, recently celebrated 25 years of continued service at TGC. This amazing achievement was celebrated with a small gathering to show Karlene our gratitude. I am sure I speak on behalf of all members when I thank Karlene for what she brings to TGC and her continued dedication.

## **Sponsors**

Along with bringing on Powercom Solar as our major sponsor, TGC has also been fortunate to recently attract some new sponsors.

We welcome aboard the following:

-  **Jackson Volkswagen** Who will become the naming rights sponsor of our men's club championships. Paired with offering regular special offers to our members, we look forward to this being a mutually beneficial long-term relationship.

- Who will become the major tee sponsor for the 10th tee.



We also look forward to seeing Jason Claridge from Leading Images Photography featuring on the course regularly and enjoying what TGC has to offer.

We continue to thank all our corporate sponsors/members for their continued support and if you or your business are looking at ways to expose your brand please be in touch.

*Gerard Hanks, Operations Manager*

# Father's Day Lunch

at Tasmania Golf Club

Sunday 4 September

3 Courses

\$50 Per Adult (Prepaid) | \$60 Per Adult (Pay on the day)

Can cater to dietary requirements, children's meals TBA

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## MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION

### Members survey

If you haven't already done so, I encourage all members to complete the recent members' survey that has been published. A QR code is available a couple of pages prior. If you cannot access the survey let us know and we can provide you with a copy. If you did not receive the survey email, please check that you have the correct one registered with the club.

### New Members

Since our last newsletter, our membership continues to grow. We welcome to the club:

Anthony and Patricia Fairbairn, Douglas Shephard, Susan Marriott, Zhou Yam, Adam Lacy, Mellissa Harvey, Daniel Becker, Brendon Green, Alan Lawson, Matthew Groom, Campbell Flakemore, Ella and David Genford, Jongwook Kim, Benjamin Reason, Ryan Brazendale, Josh Onn, Deb Huck, Jake Savage, Jake Henderson, Nicholas Pearce, Rhys Muldoon, Thomas Marr, Matthew Allie, Scott Quinn, Michael Di Petta, Tim Brewer, Josh Kobylinski, Finlay Ball, Sam Geeves, Andrew Norman, Andrew Balmforth, Mark Bryant, Chris Doyle, Jack Holland, Archer Tully, Nicholas Little, Dermot McCulloch, Nicholas Goff, Jason Claridge, John O'Niell, Josh Hartill, Will Sanders, and Joel Size.

*Tom Barwick, Membership and Participation*

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