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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi all! Welcome to the March edition of the newsletter, sorry it has been so long! So much has happened since the last edition! We have had an exceptional number of visitors and some fantastic golf days. We had Perry Golf at the beginning of February, a couple of football clubs, the Rachel & Jye Charity Day hosted by Scanlon Richardson Financial Group, and Voyages Golf. A special mention about the Voyages Golf Day and its huge success – a total of about \$12,700 was brought in from both the golf and catering! We look forward to having these groups at the club and giving them the opportunity to experience our fantastic course.

Well done to our Men's pennant teams on their success so far, we hope to see them stay strong right through to the finals. Our Women's pennant season has just begun, best of luck to our teams for their season!

Thank you to all who are staying active and up to date with our Facebook and Instagram! If you aren't following us on either, you can find us at 'Tasmania Golf Club' on Facebook and @tasmaniagolfclub on Instagram.

I would also like to mention that we are proud to be a club full of fantastic members! We don't tolerate any negative or offensive behaviour. Let's ensure we are kind to each other and maintain a positive environment.

Julia Narracott, Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Road Project and Course Redevelopment

The Club has been advised that work on the project will be delayed and is not likely to commence until early 2024. This means that the course will not be affected this calendar year.

The major source of delay is the consideration by The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act) and the acquisition of land adjacent to Pittwater Road owned by the Commonwealth.

Additionally, but not delaying the Project is negotiation with the State Government over an agreement covering compensation. Jeff Blunden of Golf Business Advisory Services (GBAS) has worked with the Club (in particular with Les Hadley) in the development of a comprehensive report modelling the effects of the project on the Club and the Pro Shop business. The report is nearing completion to the extent that it will shortly be provided to the State Government where we expect to meet with its experts to discuss and clarify any issues.

During the redevelopment, the current layout of the course will be reduced from par 72 to 68 for men and par 74 to 70 for women. The Club will be seeking recognition that the course will not be a championship layout and compensation will be sought relating to: membership subscriptions, course hire and visitors' green fees.

Ultimately, the Club is seeking agreement with the Government on the model to assess disturbance (effects during the project), injurious affection (effects after the project is completed), the value of the land compulsorily acquired and any other matters adversely affecting the Club.

Course Management Plan

Ben Davey of Contour Golf Design has almost completed the management plan which will include adjustments based on our previous forum and feedback received. Ben's report will shortly be provided to the Board for consideration and subsequently copies will be made available to members. A forum to discuss the report will be convened shortly.

John Milbourne, President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to my first official Captain's Report. If the below seems a bit jumbled, I apologise. I have written and re-written the below 4 times now based on when the newsletter is to be released, so some events which were upcoming are now completed!

I want to start by expressing my gratitude to the TGC Board and Staff, along with Nick and the Pro Shop crew for being super helpful in assisting me in this role thus far. Thank you also to those Members who have passed on well wishes and/or commiserations for accepting this role.

It has been a big few months since starting – most notably with Club Championships, Match Play Championships and the commencement of Pennant. Congratulations must go to the Club Champions in Eli Monaghan and Daniel Richards, along with Match Play Champions Craig Christie and Daniel Richards (with the double). B Grade results have been lost in the paperwork somewhere... As long as I have been a member I haven't read or seen anything about a Tasmania Golf Club Match Play event, and I'd like to thank Peter Volker for his efforts in getting this up and running at the end of his tenure as Club Captain. I'm confident in saying all those who participated in the event enjoyed it, and we will attempt to increase the standing of this event over the next few years – potentially to a stand-alone event alongside the Club Championships.

The club also recently held the Men's Foursomes Championships. Congratulations to Eli Monaghan and Dylan Backhouse for repeating their win from 2022. B Grade winners were Ranald Allan and Hugh Fielding whilst C Grade was Ryder Dunn and Brendon Green.



Another thank you to the captains of this year's Pennant Crew – Josh Spaulding, Aaron Dunn, Paul Wright and Sam Cleary. At the time of writing, we are 5 rounds in with good individual results along with some tough losses. I'm sure Julia will have an up-to-date ladder for when the Newsletter is published!

Hi all, Julia here to present the current ladder (as of 20 March 2023):

Div 1 currently leading 21-14

Div 2 also leading 23-12

Div 3 are currently third 17-18

Div 5 is currently at 4th 19.5-22.5

Well done everyone!

Online Results are available here -

<https://www.golf.org.au/events#/interclub/1796/overview>

One of the major events for the Tasmania Golf Club is the Annual Claremont Shield. This year's event has just been completed in Ulverstone over the weekend. Tasmania Golf Club sent Eli Monaghan, Dylan Backhouse, Paul Read and Josh Spaulding. After day 1 of Foursomes, Tasmania was 1 shot off the pace at +5. Following yesterday's singles, Tasmania finished T5th with the home team Ulverstone CC taking the Claremont Shield.

Results are available here -

<https://www.golf.org.au/events#/competition/3775110/results>



(Thank you to Golf Australia TAS for the pictures)



Another project we have commenced is the attempt to have some standardised scheduling for events – specifically Monthly Medal and Major Board events. We are trying to set it up so members know when an event is on without needing to see the calendar. For example – we have attempted to put all Monthly Medals on the 3rd Saturday of each month. After feedback re Club Champs – we have pushed this back to commence the last weekend in November, finishing early December. This will allow Dan and his team extra time to prepare the course and hopefully, find some nicer weather. The fixture book should all be updated now for the duration of 2023. The specific format for alternate days is still in discussion.

This structured planning is also designed to assist with more consistent and regular green maintenance. The plan is for Dan and crew to more regularly tend to greens to ensure they are kept in a better condition for larger parts of the year, and also make major renovations less intrusive. This will require some more frequent interference to the greens, but to a lesser extent. This will also be made easier with the purchase of the club's own equipment as opposed to being reliant on renting tine machines and similar. I'm sure we can all agree that the Tasmania Golf Club should be doing Gold Standard in regard to maintaining and improving our course conditions.

Finally, it was great to see MacKenzie Wilson in and around the club over the Christmas period – both playing and working – to hear all about her experiences thus far at Wichita State. We will be keeping a close eye on McKenzie and her results, along with Hunter Gillard at Kennesaw State University. The Club has honoured MacKenzie and Hunter with Honorary membership of our Club.



Pride in Course – Etiquette and Maintenance

I'm aware the subject of course maintenance is very topical. There are 2 types of people – those who don't believe it is their responsibility to repair pitch marks, rake bunkers or replace divots, and those who do the right thing and are frustrated by those who don't. I'd like to think we have more of the latter – but it doesn't take many to ruin our course for the rest of us.

This isn't a new problem, and how to solve it isn't easy – many others before me have tried. That said – we still need to make an effort to get the point across and will trial some methods to get the message across. One of these will be some new signage to be placed at the course. Below is the artwork of what is being developed. The larger sign will be permanently placed on the 1st and 10th tees – almost as a welcome to Tasmania Golf Club. The smaller tee will be moved from tee bed to tee bed (one per 9) with the hope the message is refreshed repeatedly.



Another method the club will trial is the implementation of Course Marshals. This will mostly be focussed on afternoon/twilight golfers who may be playing practice rounds +/- playing multiple balls. Whilst unfortunately there are members in the daily competitions not doing the right thing it appears that there is a large amount of those afternoon players leaving it for someone else. If you are caught not following basic course etiquette there will be repercussions. It isn't hard.

On that note – if anyone would like to assist with course marshalling, please email myself at captain@tasmaniagolfclub.com.au. Volunteers will be fed and/or hydrated responsibly.

Ben Hayes, Captain

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Clubhouse and Surrounds

- The Covered Way Renovation Project is close to being completed, with the final stage of levelling, forming ramps and draining the walkway about to be commenced. Once again many thanks to Mike Street for his work and expertise.
- The nesting birds are making it extremely difficult to keep the clubhouse surrounds clean, tidy and presentable. They have also moved into the buggy room and the motorised cart storage area. The bird droppings not only look extremely unsightly but are also a health hazard. This is also happening on the Club's solar panels. The Club has adopted a policy of discouragement with empty nests being removed. The birds/eggs will not be harmed. If any members have some expert advice/solution which doesn't harm the birds, please get in touch.
- Potholes in the bitumen driveway have been repaired recently. A quote has been accepted and work will get underway shortly to repair the bitumen for a 90 sqm section of the car park which has broken down.
- The new maintenance shed is now complete with power and security, which have been recently installed.
- A new part-time casual role of Maintenance Officer has been approved by the Board. The role will focus on clubhouse presentation, some cleaning and ensuring our utilities are operating properly. One of the first jobs will be to manage a major clean-up and rubbish collection.

Car parking signage is to be installed adjacent to the clubhouse's front door. These parking spots are primarily reserved for the use of disabled hospitality customer's whilst they are in the restaurant, but spots are available for the use of senior members (over 70 years old) outside of restaurant hours.

Members are reminded that, for safety reasons, golf carts are NOT to be driven through the covered way between the club-house and the pro-shop which is a pedestrian zone only."

Andrew Todd, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have maintained good growth in all revenue streams compared to the prior year with green fees in January 2023, 26% higher than January 2022, and bookings over the next few weeks are also very strong. Margins are on target.

We increased our green fees and are now charging significant fees for organised group bookings, much higher than ever achieved previously.

We currently have \$230,000 cash in the bank earning interest.

While future planning continues, we have approved necessary spending around the club house and carpark which were not included in the budget. However, we are still expecting to achieve our overall budgeted profit for the year.

Les Hadley, Treasurer

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Tasmania Golf Club's junior program continues to flourish with participants growing in numbers. On behalf of the club, we would like to acknowledge PGA Professional Adam Holden for his hard work and dedication towards junior development in golf, namely the growth of the Australian Golf Foundations Junior Girls Scholarship Program, with a record 12 scholarship recipients for 2023.

Congratulations to TGC's Club Champion and highly rated junior Eli Monaghan, who has been announced as the inaugural recipient of the Golf Southern Tasmania junior scholarship winner for 2023. Each year, a winner under the age of 18 will receive this scholarship to support the further development of their game. Congratulations Eli.

Women's Cricket

On behalf of the club, we would like to congratulate members and Tasmanian Tigers representatives Elyse Villani, Nicola Carey, and Naomi Stalenberg for successfully defending their WNCL title for the 2022/23 season after a thrilling final against South Australia on Saturday 25th February at Blundstone Arena.

Congratulations to Tasmanian captain Elyse Villani who was the top scorer in the 2022/23 WNCL season with 705 runs at (78.33).

Congratulations girls.

Liam Tollard-Williams, Junior Development

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR AMATEUR

This Australian Junior Amateur Championship is arguably the second-best event on the Australian amateur golfing calendar, Golf Australia has received entries in excess of the maximum field size of 156 players.



Please see the following links showing previous winners:

<https://archive.golf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/HONOUR-ROLL-Australian-Boys-Amateur.pdf>

<https://archive.golf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/HONOUR-ROLL-Australian-Girls-Amateur.pdf>

Notable winners include Ryan Ruffles, Cameron Smith, Jason Day, Adam Scott, Stuart Appleby, Robert Allenby and Brett Ogle. For the girls: Minjee Lee, Su Oh, Grace Kim and Karis Davison.

The club is gearing up to host this event for the first time, and we need your help! Events like this rely heavily on the support of volunteers to help run events like this, and the upcoming championship is no exception.

The event is set to take place from April 11th to 14th, and the club is expecting a large turnout of players, spectators, and media. To ensure the event runs smoothly, the club is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. Volunteers must have a current Working With Vulnerable People Check (Golf Australia will reimburse the cost of the WWVP check if they do not already have one).

If you're interested in volunteering for the Australian Junior Amateur Championship, please contact the office at 6248 5098 or golf@tasmaniagolfclub.com.au.

Jack Milbourne, Business Management & Social Media

WOMEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

As we start the new season, I would like to welcome new and returning women to our Club. The women play on Tuesdays and Thursdays and you are welcome to join us for a round of golf. We have our announcements on a Tuesday.

In March we have our pennant season starting. This year we have 3 divisions entering, the State finals are to be held at Devonport golf club, if you are interested in participating please contact Felicity Gifford or myself.

At our golf club, Adam one of the golf pros holds a Get into Golf clinic. This is a great way to start your golf game and bring along your partner or family.

For more information here is the website address

<https://www.golf.org.au/getintogolf/facility/Tasmania+Golf+Club>

What a great way to start the season with one of our women golfers Susan Hobday getting a hole in one on the 11th.

Congratulations Susan.

Here's to a great season happy golfing.

Nicola Chapman, Women's Club Captain



WOMEN'S REPORT

We welcome all new members to the club! If you are unfamiliar with the Board members, our details are available on the TGC website and also displayed in the clubhouse next to the office. The ladies' committee are also around on Tuesdays or Thursdays, so please feel free to get in contact with them with any queries!

Slow play is still an issue at times! We understand players are at different standards and ages, though not enough slow players are calling faster groups through. Just a note to be aware of your speed of play!

Lynne Page, Women's Representative

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Restaurant

There continue to be many positives in the food and beverage department. It has been pleasing to hear the many positive comments regarding the high quality of service and standard of food in the restaurant and to see plenty of regular customers return.

Recently we held a dinner for Valentine's Day which saw us have nearly 60 diners, and the night was well supported by local musician Tim Hibberd. The feedback we received regarding the night was extremely positive so well done to all involved.

We are looking at hosting some speciality dinners with local wineries and brewers in the coming months so keep an eye out for these.



Staff

Recently we have been fortunate enough to gain the services of new employee, Chyanne Mayer-Sullivan. Chyanne will work alongside Cassie in a supervisory front of house role to ensure we continue to offer a high level of service, along with providing the opportunity to free me up to concentrate on a few other areas of the business.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Easter

We will soon be conducting an Easter raffle. More details to follow.

Australian Junior Amateur Championships

As some may be aware, Tasmania Golf Club will be hosting the Australian Junior Amateur Championships with the event starting with a practice round on Monday 10th April and then followed by four days of championship golf. During this period, we will be looking for a host of volunteers to carry out various duties. If you are available, there is a list in the foyer area highlighting the roles that need to be completed. We encourage as many as possible to get involved.

Tasmania Golf Club is a great place to be involved with and continues to show growth in all areas. I wish to thank all those involved that make the place the success that it is.

Gerard Hanks, Operations Manager



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The first annual Jackson Volkswagen Corporate Golf Day was held on Friday 10 February 2023 with the rain overnight and in the morning giving way to a spectacularly sunny late summer's day for the 1pm Shotgun style tee off under Ambrose rules.

The players varied wildly in experience, skill and background with 16 teams made up of businesses from the Hobart area: Westland Nurseries, Merlin Constructions, McGrath Hobart, Little City Group, Petrusma Property, Duo Trading, PinPoint Events and more. But it was the athletic prowess of the Cricket Tasmania team that won the day, picking up the Longest Drive and Nearest to Pin in an almost clean sweep of the prizes.

Everyone had a great time navigating the lush green holes well lubricated by the refreshments cart never too far away with the home made pies and antipasto platters a welcome sight in the clubhouse post game.

Thank you to the team at TGC for making the organisation of the day so smooth and enjoyable.

We are looking forward to 2024.



Michael Correa, JMC Marketing Manager

