

COUNTRY CLUB CHRONICLES

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Congratulations....

Mani Jessup and Jonty Lunson were selected to play for Northern Tasmania in the annual North verse South Match Play Series played against the South on October 1st and 4th.

The series was all square following the first round with both the Northern and Southern teams securing five wins at Longford Golf Club.

In a thrilling final round played at the Pittwater Club, both under 18 teams finished the series locked on 10 match points apiece.

This forced a countback based on holes won and saw the North declared the champions for 2021 with 41 holes won as opposed to the South 33.

This is the second win for the North in the Junior North vs South Match Play Series after winning the inaugural event in 2019.

Mani won his Longford match 5/4 and Jonty played well despite being defeated 5/3. In the Pittwater match Mani lost on the 19th hole and Jonty lost 1 down. Very close.

Well done to our junior golf members .



Mani Jessup and Jonty Lunson

From the General Manager's Desk



Membership:

The membership table below indicates the membership numbers as of the last Board Meeting

Membership Table – end of September 2021

Sport	Men	Women	Total
Bowls	87	52	139
Croquet	11	19	30
Golf	547	107	654
Social	174	123	297
Total	819	301	1120

We would like to welcome the following members whose memberships were approved at the last Board Meeting on 27th September 2021. We hope that they will enjoy their time as

NAME	MEMBERSHIP TYPE	NAME	MEMBERSHIP TYPE
Ryan Brown	Junior U/18 with H/C	Jan Bakker	Full Bowls
Robert Wiseman	Lifestyle V1	Maxine Eaton	Full Bowls
John Stanley	Lifestyle V1	Katrina Bowerman	Social DCC
David Morgan	Lifestyle V1	Lyndon Gabites	Social DCC
Diane Kerr	Lifestyle V2	Wendy Dawkins	Social DCC
Andrew Doran	Lifestyle V1	Kevin Parker	Social DCC
Brayden Hingston	26-30	Simon Brown	Social DCC
James Caiger	26-30		

members of the Devonport Country Club.

Please note that a list of all prospective members waiting for Board approval is displayed on the club notice board next to the “jackBar” each month.

2022 Sponsors Draw

On the evening of 29th September 2021, the Sponsorship Committee hosted the 2022 Sponsors at the Annual Sponsors Draw in the Fairway Room. The evening was a great success with about 60 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a few refreshments with some very tasty canapés prepared by Chef Dean Bramich.

The Sponsorship Committee worked very hard over the past five months and managed to get nine *Diamond Sponsors*, twenty *Corporate Sponsors* and twenty-eight *Business Colleagues*. The Sponsorship Committee is appealing to all members to support our sponsors during the year and always mention you are from the Country Club.

The Draw, which was for the naming rights of various major sporting events next year, was very exciting with several of the winners in attendance.

Thank you to all the sponsors, new and old, who have come on board for 2022 as our partners.

Naming Rights Winners

Event	Sponsor	Sponsor Category
Tassie Golf Pro Am Tournament	Devonport Toyota	Diamond Sponsor
Torquay Cup	Southern Cross Protection	Corporate Sponsor
Woodrising Bowl	Devonport Toyota	Diamond Sponsor
Ladies Golf Handicap Matchplay	Baptcare Karingal	Corporate Sponsor
Croquet Championships	Merseylink	Corporate Sponsor
Bowls Club Championships	Steadfast Taswide Insurance Brokers	Diamond Sponsor
Mixed Golf Foursomes Championships	Torquay Dry Cleaners	Corporate Sponsor
Ladies Golf Foursomes Championships	O'Halloran's Spreyton Butchery	Corporate Sponsor
Mens Golf Foursomes Championships	Newmans Home Furnishings	Corporate Sponsor
Veterans Cup Golf	Magic Wand Restoration & Cleaning	Corporate Sponsor
Ladies Golf Championships	Adbri Masonry	Corporate Sponsor
Mens Golf Championships	NECA Education & Careers	Corporate Sponsor
Golf Monthly Medals	Halliwell Property Agents	Diamond Sponsor
NTP Ladies	Leanne's Trophies & Gifts	Business Colleagues
NTP Veterans	Mersey Sheet Metal & Roofing Pty Ltd	Business Colleagues
NTP Saturdays	Quoiba Plant Hire	Business Colleagues
Thursday Club Golf	Physiotas	Business Colleagues



*The team from
Devonport Toyota*

*Sponsors enjoying the
Draw.*



*Winners of the Lucky
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Designated Smoking Area

The main Designated Smoking Area is now fully operational and **must** be used by the smokers visiting our club. It is located on the west side of the building at the south end of the deck. It is important to know that smoking is not permitted on the deck at all. Two other Designated Smoking Areas are located on the east side of the indoor bowls centre through the door and on the east side of the building opposite the “buggy room”.

Temporary steps have been installed off the west side of the deck. This is so that people don't have to walk through the smoking area at the end of the deck, when accessing either the deck or the lawned area. Permanent concrete steps will be constructed when funds become available. I must thank both Phil Lynd and Steven Triffett for assisting me in getting the steps operational and presentable, at very short notice. They have done a great job. The steps are safe and comply with the building code.



Main Designated Smoking Area

Smokers and Non-Smokers need to be considerate of each other, our motto *“It's Not Our Club – It's Your Club”* means this club is for everyone not just one sector of our club. Smokers are also reminded to use the ashtrays provided and not to throw their cigarette butts on the lawn or the

ground. There is also “no smoking” permitted within 20 meters of the bowling greens or on the golf course during competitions.

Everyone’s co-operation will be really appreciated.

In closing a few short reminders:

COVID-19: Please don’t forget to “check in” when visiting the club.

Lockers: Lockers are still available to all members and if you wish to book one the cost is \$135 + GST for three years or \$50 + GST for one year. Contact the reception for more details.

“It’s Not Our Club – It’s Your Club”

Tom Cowlard
General Manager

Firewood For Sale



\$70 per meter, Contact Neil Bramich 0418350126

Message from the Chairman

Finally, the days are getting warmer and longer and there is a “spring” feel about the club. Unfortunately, the wet weather is persisting which is causing some playing problems on the croquet lawns and minor issues on the golf course in a few “wet” patches. Those using carts need to be very vigilant and careful. It is also an opportune time to mention to golfers to take care of the course by replacing divots and repairing pitch marks on the greens.



We are hoping to hold the Annual General Meeting for the club in early November 2021. This is dependent on receiving the final audited financial statements for the 2021 year from the auditors. The date will be confirmed by the secretary as soon as possible. Several awards will be made on the night which makes this meeting all the more important, so I would encourage as many members as possible to attend.

Pennant bowls starts the season this weekend. We wish all our bowlers all the best for the season. The new seating around the greens is in place and the shading is going up as I write this report. New electronic scoreboards will be fitted into the indoor bowling centre which will make scoring easier and more visible.

The wallaby proof fence is being erected around the croquet lawns. This has been made possible by a very generous donation from Val & Jim Cox – thank you Val & Jim. The fence will keep wallabies off the lawns and therefore the cleaning process will not be required.

The golf section is 100 years old this month and to celebrate a centenary dinner is being held on 21st October 2021. This dinner will include presentations for this year’s honour board events, photos, and stories of days past and is bound to be a great night. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the club. I urge all golfers to attend what should be a great and entertaining dinner.

Our golf professional, Darren Spencer is having a special deal on lessons – 3 for \$100. This is excellent value and I encourage all golfers to consider taking this offer up to hopefully improve your swing, score and handicap.

During this time of year activity around the club increases and members are able to enjoy the fantastic facility we have. Please enjoy the club and encourage your family and friends to come and enjoy it too.

Peter Vertigan
Chairman

Bowls News



A successful official season opening was conducted on Sunday, 3 October 2021. Unfortunately, due to recent surgery I was unable to attend but my thanks go to our Secretary Ian Moore for his organizing of the event and to our guests and bowlers who attended.

A Ladies Carnival was held in the Indoor Bowls Centre on Thursday, 7 October 2021. Congratulations to Annette Triggs, our Ladies Captain, and her helpers in making it a great event. Also, on the following night in the Indoor Centre, practice matches for our A Grade teams were conducted in front of many supporters and members.

Following the arrival of seating and shading for our outside greens considerable work has been undertaken over the last couple of weeks for their installation. My thanks go to Peter Buissink and his band of helpers which included Dean Martin, Ken Fogg, John Maher, Peter Sadler, Paul Ratcliffe, Greg Cunningham, Neville King, Ian Barnes and Gary Mullett.

As mentioned in last month's Report, our Volunteer Involvement Program has been implemented within the Bowls Section. Following a recent Section Heads meeting it was agreed that this Program be expanded to cover the whole Club. I will be undertaking this task with the General Manager in the coming weeks, with details to be communicated to all members in due course.

For bowlers with a bowling arm or who are thinking of getting one a bowling arm coaching day will be held by the State and Regional bowling arm coaches on Sunday, 28 November 2021 at the Midlands Bowls Club, Campbell Town commencing at 10 am. Cost for the day will be \$15, which includes lunch. If you are interested in attending, please contact Peter Thow on 0407 877 414 by Monday, 22 November 2021.

Please remember to check the Notice Board when you are at the Club. Entry forms are currently located there for Ladies & Men's Fours and Triples championships as well as other important information in regard to BNW Pennant competitions.

Also, we have advised all BNW Clubs of the following:

WATER

It is the Policy of the Devonport Country Club that all drinking fountains will be unavailable to all participants. This is due to the requirement that under COVID 19 directions all such fountains must be sanitized after every use. To carry out this instruction, whilst understandable in the present circumstances, after every use is very time consuming and very difficult to monitor during play.

We would like to advise the following when coming to the Club – EITHER BRING BOTTLED WATER WITH YOU OR PURCHASE FROM THE BAR.

CHECK IN

Also, it has been confirmed via Work Safe that entry to our outside greens via the gate near Green 2 WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE during the season. Neither will entry via any of our outside greens. Everyone must check in at the DCC main entrance either using their Phone App or signing the manual register as per normal requirements.

In conclusion may I wish all our unwell bowlers a speedy recovery and hopefully we will see you on the bowls green very soon. As our Pennant season is about to commence, I would like to wish all bowlers good bowling in the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions. Please represent the Devonport Country Club with pride and hopefully we can either emulate or better our wonderful successes of last season. Good luck to all.

Mike McHugo

Bowls Section Captain

From the PGA Professional



My Golf juniors is on Tuesday evenings at 4.00-5.15pm and a good return happens now the holidays are over. Most juniors stay in the game mainly with family support, so make sure parents or grandparents get involved on a regular basis.



On Sunday 17th October we have a North-West Junior Development camp from 10.00am-3.00pm. We have about 18 kids aged from 8-15 booked in. The day camp consists of 2 hours coaching, putting, chipping, bunkers, and long game and then 9 holes after their lunch. The cost is \$50- each, so great value.



Get into golf is a national program and I have just started up two new courses, with an open gender, age 18+ on Sundays at 11.00-12.00 noon and a women's only course on Wednesdays at 11.00-12.00 noon. It is not too late for any new students to join in. The cost is \$20- each week. If any member knows any friends that want to try, let the Sports Shop know or myself.

October I am offering a great lesson deal, 3 for \$100, so now is the time to book in. There is always at least one part of your game that needs improving. Most members will be finding the greens firmer and faster for the championships at the moment. Some of the key points to help your short game with this, is to make sure you use a good spinning golf ball like a Titleist pro v1, Callaway chrome soft or Taylormade TP5. Make sure your wedges aren't worn out in the grooves. When chipping use a more lofted club, for example if you normally use your wedge then try the gap or sand wedge so the ball has more backspin on it. When putting, make sure your practise stroke is shorter and slower to then get a good feel for putting on the faster greens. It also helps to have a putter with a soft face.

Darren Spencer

From the Greens

Apparently, last month's outline of prepping the course for club championships was worth the read, so this month we may as well give an overview of the bowls greens and what happens to them after the last game of the season up until the start of the pennant season which is now upon us.



The last games of the bowls season are usually around late April, so the Monday after this we will pack away the playing gear which consists of scoreboards, rink markers, and other equipment. We will then scarify the green two ways on the diagonal at a depth of around

-3mm and pick up all the displaced material. The depth is set to remove accumulated thatch (decaying leaf matter) from over the year and to provide a good seedbed when we over sow.

Following the scarifying this year we solid-tined all greens with an 8mm tine at a depth of 100mm with 50mm spacings. As the greens mature this method will be replaced with hollow coring tines but as our greens have not had time to develop a significant depth of thatch (only a few mm at this stage) solid tining is more than adequate.

The next step is to over sow the renovated green with seed. As on golf greens, we use bentgrass seed which is a grass specifically bred to withstand mowing down to 2mm. Bent seeds number 10 million per kilo so while it may seem expensive at \$70-\$100/ kilo you are getting pretty good bang for your buck. This year we spread around 6 kilos on each green.

To cover the seed and to level out any imperfections, USGA specified sand is spread over the green at .3m³/100m². This is then rubbed in to fill the tine holes to improve drainage and air movement through the green profile.

Finally, we will apply a fertiliser with adequate amounts of nitrogen for growth and phosphorous for germination and root development of the young seedlings. We also take this opportunity to supply the plant with traces elements for the year as applying these in granular form during the season is not really an option. We then keep the seedbed damp for 7-12 days to aid the germination of the new seed.

Winter applications of fertilisers consist of low amounts of nitrogen so the plant continues to grow but not excessive, as that would result in disease pressure. Phosphorous levels are kept at a maintenance level with higher amounts of potassium applied to aid cell strength for resistance to frost damage. We also apply the herbicide carfentrazone and iron as needed to control moss on a half-rate basis and closely monitor the green for any sign of mycelium which is the precursor for disease forming. MCPA is applied for weed control.

Mowing levels are kept at around 5mm over winter reducing by .5mm every fortnight leading up to a mowing height of 2.8 going into the first game and 2.5 after the Christmas break. Rolling is carried out every day leading up to play, with double rolling conducted on days we don't mow. Grooming of greens (also known as verticutting) is subject to weather and general health of the green, but we carry this out just before the season starts most years to increase speeds and stand the grass more vertical giving a truer roll. We completed this last Monday and removed 18 catcher loads of grass off each green, just as an indication of how much leaf was still on the green.

I hope this gives you some insight into the work that goes into these 1600m2 patches of fine turf. The good news is that all this work is now behind us, the bad news is daily prepping of greens now begins for the next six months.

Thanks

Craig Walker

Croquet News.....

The big news from the croquet section is that the days of poo scooping are over.

Our time at the country club has been dominated by a daily ritual of trying to remove the wallaby and native hen excrement on the croquet area – and lawns in particular. And the native hens are undoubtedly the fattest in Tasmania, given the amount of seed they have feasted on.



The erection of a fence to keep the wildlife out will enable a facility which is appropriate both functionally and aesthetically to our Club. It will enable Craig and his team to work on the lawns without being sabotaged by the hens. And it will enable our members to play safely without having to navigate the poo.

Good news indeed.



Congratulations to Jim and Val Cox who have recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Jim and Val have been active members of croquet for many years, and have been very generous in their support of the Country Club. We wish them many more years of happiness together.

John Lee Archer

Croquet Section Captain

If It's Not Up, It's Not In!

Nothing seems quite as clear cut as the notion that if you don't make it to the hole then there's no way the ball will drop. Life would be a lot simpler if everything was as binary.

Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately depending on your outlook, most things are not as clear cut.

Like the Rules of Golf for instance. It's complicated!

Make sure you grab a copy of the Rules of Golf available in the Sports Shop. Or better still download the APP!



Monthly Medal Winner

This month's Medal winner is Bob Goodwin with a nett 64.

Congratulations Bob what a great score!

When One Door Opens...

Congratulations to Steven Triffett on getting his first ever Hole In One on the 14th hole! No longer will he be able to say he's never had one. Me on the other hand....

MyGolf Community Instructor

Jonty Lunson has joined our MyGolf team as a volunteer Community Instructor to help with the Juniors on a Tuesday afternoon.

Even Par Workshop

Devonport Country Club ran a workshop which followed up from the initiative introduced by Golf Australia, inviting representatives from all sports committees and sub-committees. It was a positive experience with thanks to Lainie Thorn for steering the program. Lainie and myself will be delivering the results to Golf Australia in a couple of weeks at our next Even Par meeting.



Centenary Celebration & Presentation Dinner

100 years ago, in 1921, the Articles of Association were signed to form the Devonport Golf Club at East Devonport.

We will be putting up displays and showing slides throughout the evening. Let's Celebrate Together!

Contact reception to purchase your tickets to this auspicious event.

Upcoming Events

October

21st Centenary Presentation Dinner

25th & 26th Greens Renovation

27th Golf AGM

November

6th Monthly Medal

Peter Webster

Golf Section Captain

Pink Day November

On Wednesday 10th November Country Club Lady Members will be having their Pink Day to raise money for Cancer.

Golf, Bowls and Croquet members get together for this once a year event.

They enjoy Lunch together and past members and friends are welcome to join us.

Booking is important. Ring 64272381 and a table will be reserved.

Raffles and Cake Stall will be held.

PINK is the colour of the day.



" ATTENTION VETS "

Because Cancer effects all of us, on Tuesday 9th November could you please bring some extra change.

There will be a raffle prior to the game in aid of cancer.

Come say hello to the Lovely Ladies.

Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Pam Hine

Fundraising News.....

A successful and enjoyable Trivia Night was held at the Club on Thursday 7th October, with over 140 members and friends attending and over \$1500 being raised for the Club. A big vote of thanks goes to Jenny Archer, Lain Thorn and Terese Brett for organising and running the night, with Jenny doing a great job as MC. It is planned to have more of these nights in the new year.

The Fundraising Committee has scheduled a number of events in the coming months and is looking forward to all members' support to make these successful.

The first of these is a **100 Club Draw** to be drawn on 9th December. Tickets are \$20 each which can be purchased at the Club Reception with Prizes as follows

1st Prize \$500 (with Bonus Prize of \$200 if winner present at the Draw)

2nd Prize \$200

3rd Prize \$100

More than half of the tickets have already been sold so get in quick to avoid missing out.

It is planned that 100 Club draws will be held every quarter, with the \$200 Bonus Prize jackpotting to the next draw if not won.

Other fundraisers planned include –

Major Raffle in February 22

Member Draws

Christmas and Easter Raffles

Footy Margin Tickets

Kevin Matthews

Fundraising Committee Chairman

DEVONPORT

COUNTRY CLUB

100 CLUB DRAW 2021/22

1ST 100 CLUB DRAW

1ST - \$500.00

2ND-\$200.00

3RD-\$100.00

BONUS PRIZE OF \$200.00 WILL BE PAID TO
THE HOLDER OF 1ST PRIZE WINNING TICKET
IF PRESENT AT THE DRAW

BONUS PRIZE WILL JACKPOT TO THE NEXT
100 CLUB DRAW IF WINNER IS NOT PRESENT
AT THE DRAW

COST OF TICKET \$20.00

Tickets available at Reception
Draw will be held at Devonport Country Club
on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm



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