

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHAIR

Hello to the Tasmanian golfing community.

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome to Bev Holman as our latest Board member. Bev's portfolio is participation and since her election she has worked very hard with Golf Australia to appoint Simon Weston as Tasmania's Development Manager. Simon has worked in Asia and Australia as a coach and PGA member and is currently undertaking training in Melbourne on national strategies prior to assisting Tasmanian clubs and schools to increase participation in golf. Golf Tasmania is very pleased to have been able to rationalise our spending on administration in order that we have a well-qualified person directly growing the game in the community. We look forward to seeing the results of Simon's efforts filtering through our clubs and schools. Simon will be in touch with all our members in the near future.

Board members portfolios include:

Peter Bond - High Performance

Georgette Chilcott – Finance

John Milbourne - Club Viability

Myself - Chair and Onegolf

Unfortunately due to his wife's ill health, we have lost Don Cameron from the Board after another 12 month stint where once again his help has been valued by us all. We wish Pat and Don all the best with her recovery.

Stephen Pitt, CEO of Golf Australia spoke at the AGM on the topic of Onegolf, a national strategy aimed at rationalising costs in order to put more funds into grass roots golf. A new constitution is required allowing states to be part of this process and to this end a constitutional subcommittee is being set up in Tasmania to oversee the transition to a new constitution. Currently Bruce Eaton, Rick Putnam and Trevor Cordwell have offered their services along with a Golf Australia and Golf Tasmania representative. We have contacted other regional associations asking for nominees if they wish to be included in the discussion.

We expect to receive the model constitution from Golf Australia legal representatives shortly after Christmas.

After 10 years as our Administration Officer, Joan Cash has retired. Joan is thought of very highly by all those who came into contact with her, and her efforts and demeanour will be missed by all of us. We wish you all the best for the future, Joan.

Finally I would like to thank Stuart Eaton for his work during 2015, Gerard Kennedy for his assistance with our transition following Craig's resignation, and my Board members for their efforts attending meetings, reading and considering papers and generally doing their best to improve the fortunes of golf in Tasmania. Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to everyone.

Tony Bush

CHAIR

OFFICE CLOSURE

Ho Ho Ho and away we go! The Board and staff of Golf Tasmania wish to advise that Golf House will close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 23 December, 2015 and will re-open at 8.30am on Monday 4 January, 2016.

From the Chair, Tony Bush, the Board and staff of Golf Tasmania, have a very merry Christmas, good golfing and a safe and prosperous New Year.

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES FROM JANUARY 1

From January 1 Golf Tasmania will only accept entries for major state event via the MiTournament website www.mitournament.com

Competitors will be required to setup a profile including username and password which is linked to the individual's Golfink number.

Payment will be required at the time of entry and can be made with a valid credit card. Should you experience any difficulties during the transition to electronic entry, please contact Golf House on (03) 6244 3600.

TASSIE TEEN'S BIGGEST WIN

Tasmania Golf Club junior Zahara Lemon claimed the biggest win of her fledgling career in taking out the 2015 Tasmanian Women's Amateur Championship.

The 15-year-old defeated the experienced Melissa Luk, of Western Australia, 6&4 in the 36-hole final at the Ulverstone Golf Club on Tuesday.

To reach the final, the number three qualifier and St Michael's Collegiate student defeated Dee Russell, from Emerald Lakes in Queensland, 6&4 in the quarter finals.

Lemon then despatched fellow Tasmania Golf Club junior Georgia Milbourne 1up in their semi-final match.

In the other half of the draw, Luk caused a boilover in defeated local member and tournament favourite Sarah Johnstone 1up in the quarter-final.

She then beat Penguin Golf Club's Kalynda Cowen at the 21st hole.

However, the confidence and strength of Lemon was too much to overcome as she led from start to finish in the final.

There was a thrilling finish in the men's event with Queensland's Jack Hulyer winning this year's title.

The event was a hotly contested with the result in doubt until the final two holes.

Hulyer, a member of the Coolangatta and Tweed Heads Golf Club, defeated Tasmania's Andrew Phillips 1up.

The 20-year-old had earlier beaten Launceston's Mitch Van Noord 5&4, then Riverside's Sam Rawlings at the 19th hole.

Phillips defeated Launceston's Greg Longmore 3&2, Kingston Beach's Elijah Stanley 2&1 and Huon Valley's Jake Savage 6&4 on his path to the final.

Devonport Golf Club's Joel Lunson won the Tasmanian Men's Handicap title, with Lindsay French, from Longford, winning the corresponding women's championship.

Leading qualifiers and Tasmanian medallists this year were Ulverstone's Sarah Johnstone and Launceston's Mitch Van Noord.

Perpetual shields for the medallists now honour Anne Medlycott and the late John Fennell, recognising their many years of outstanding service to Tasmanian golf.



WINNERS: Zahara Lemon (TAS) and Jack Hulyer (QLD) are all smiles after winning 2015 Tasmanian Amateur Championships.

2016 GOLF TASMANIA EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Tamar Valley Junior Cup | January 24-26 |
| Tasmanian Junior Masters | January 28-29 |
| Judy Elphinstone 54-Hole | Jan 31-Feb 1 |
| Tasmanian Women's B, C & Senior | Jan 31-Feb 1 |
| Men's Senior Amateur | February 10-12 |
| Claremont Shield | March 5-6 |
| Junior Pennant Final | March 19 |
| Thyne Trophy | April 9-10 |
| North vs South Plate | April 9-10 |
| Women's Pennant Finals | June 5-6 |
| Men's Pennant Finals | June 19 |
| Barclay Shield | September 26 |
| Business Women's Open Tournament | October 16 |
| Golf Tasmania Annual General Meeting | October 23 |
| Men's & Women's Amateur | November 19-22 |
| Men's & Women's Senior Match Play | November 19-22 |
| Men's B Grade Amateur | November 19-20 |
| Men's C Grade Amateur | November 19-20 |
| Bronze Stableford | November 14 |
| Tasmanian Men's & Women's Open | November 24-27 |
| Men's & Women's Senior Masters | November 25-27 |

A more detailed schedule of events can be viewed at <http://www.golftasmania.org.au/events/2016>

GOLF DEVELOPMENT MANAGER APPOINTED

Australian PGA member, Simon Weston, has been appointed Development Manager of Golf Tasmania.

Weston, who was recently awarded Tasmanian PGA Teaching Professional of the year, started his employment with Golf Tasmania on December 3.

A Professional since 1999, Weston began his traineeship in 1996 at the Rosny Park Public Golf Course under George Kramer.

Weston moved to Pennant Hills Golf Club upon completing his traineeship and remained there until 2004 when he accepted a position as Senior Teaching Professional at the Keppel Club in Singapore.

Weston also held a Head Professional position in Singapore during 2006 before moving to Beijing as the Director of Golf and Instruction at Central Golf Beijing for seven years before relocating back to Hobart in 2014.

"I'm looking forward to getting out and meeting the golfers of this fine state," said the 41-year-old father of four.

"Listening to the needs of members and officials, and meeting the challenges that face clubs in the current climate such as attracting new members and member retention are of vital importance."

Weston plans to implement the MyGolf, Swing Fit and club support programs with the wants and needs of the grass roots golfer set firmly in his sights.



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION: Newly appointed Golf Development Manager Simon Weston to focus on membership attraction and retention rates.

RULES OF GOLF 2016-2019

The R&A and the United States Golf Association (USGA) announced the publication of the 2016 edition of the Rules of Golf that takes effect on January 1, 2016.

The new rule book is the culmination of the normal four-year review cycle and is a collaborative work by The R&A and the USGA that applies worldwide to all golfers.

Among the most significant of the changes in the 2016 edition of the rules include withdrawal of the rule on ball moving after address (rule 18-2b).

This means that if a ball at rest moves after the player addresses it, the player is no longer automatically deemed to have caused the ball to move.

A one-stroke penalty under rule 18-2 will be applied only when the facts show that the player has caused the ball to move.

Other changes include the new exception under rule 6-6d will maintain the importance of returning an accurate score card by penalising the player two strokes for the score card error in addition to the penalty for the original underlying breach of the rules.

In all other cases where a player returns a score card with a score lower than actually taken on a hole, the player will continue to be disqualified.

Also The R&A and the USGA announced in 2013 that new rule 14-1b prohibiting anchoring the club in making a stroke would take effect in the 2016 edition of the rules.



RULES RELEASED: Your club's allocation of Rules Books can be collected from your area association Secretary or Golf House now. Rules effective January 1, 2016.

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ

Daniel's ball comes to rest in a hole, which has been dug by the greenkeeper in order to plant trees. Neither the hole nor the area is marked as ground under repair. Can Daniel gain free relief?

- A. Yes B. No



JUDY ELPHINSTONE 54-HOLE TOURNAMENT

Two-time runner-up and Tasmania Golf Club junior Georgia Milbourne won her first Judy Elphinstone 54-Hole title in November.

The 17-year-old won the championship at Llanherne Golf Club with rounds of 77, 36, 75 and 37, a total of 225.

Milbourne defeated her nearest rival, Penguin Golf Club's Kalynda Cowen, by three strokes.

Cowen, a 24-year-old former state girls' team member, placed second with scores of 77, 42, 72 and 37, a total of 228.

Fellow Tasmania Golf Club junior member Zahara Lemon placed third with 75, 43, 73 and 41, a 54-hole total of 232.

Colebrook Golf Club's Karina Benson easily claimed the B Grade championship by nineteen strokes with scores of 85 and 95, a total of 180.

Libby Lawson from the Launceston Golf Club placed second on 199 after rounds of 102 and 97.

In C Grade, Iron Pot's Denise Kelly scored a swag of trophies. Kelly won the championship comfortably with scores of 112 and 106, a total of 218, with Bridport Golf Club's Helen Davies in second on 231 after carding 114 and 117.

Jacqui Morgan from the Monash Golf Club in New South Wales held on to win the senior championship over defending champion Rosemary Paton.

Morgan, who was the overnight leader and carded 80 and 76, a total of 156, to win the championship by nine strokes from Paton on 165.



CHAMPION: Georgia Milbourne (TAS) with the Judy Elphinstone shield.



WINNERS: Karina Benson (TAS), Jacqui Morgan (NSW) and Denise Kelly (TAS) are all smiles after winning their respective titles.

RICHMOND WINS BRONZE STABLEFORD

Richmond members Ali Salter and Dianne Harwood took out this year's Bronze Stableford held at the Kingston Beach Golf Club.

The duo won by two strokes from the Exeter Golf Club with a combined team stableford total of 67 points.

Harwood was the best of the winning pair returning 36 points while Salter chipped in with 31 points.

Exeter was represented by Julie Donahoo and Tania May with Donahoo carding 38 points and May 27.

The individual title went to St Helens Golf Clubs June Davis who carded 36 stableford points.

Davis was followed by North West Bay's Steph Hay, Mowbray's Kay Jago and Moorina's Tania Thompson all on 34 points.



STABLEFORD CHAMPS: Ali Salter and Dianne Harwood (Richmond) joyous with the Bronze Stableford shield.

RICHMOND WINS BARCLAY SHIELD

Richmond Golf Club fought gallantly in drizzly conditions at North West Bay Golf Club to secure a well-deserved victory in the Barclay Shield.

The team of Dianne Bailey, Pauline Jenkins, Sally and Susanne Richardson won the team foursomes event with a net score of 146.

Bridport Golf Club placed second to Richmond and three and a half strokes in front of Moorina Golf Club in third on 153.5.

Bridport Golf Club was represented by Kaye Hill, Ros Leitch, Nita McCauley and Raylene Taylor.

While Moorina was represented by Colleen Krushka, Lyn Mullins, Diane Rattray and Tania Thompson.

The day's best 18-hole nett went to Thirstane Golf Club's Lynne Dutton and Fran Hamilton on 73.

Three and a half strokes adrift on 76.5 were local members Margaret Cormack and Maree Roberts picking up second place.



BARCLAY SHIELD CHAMPIONS: Richmond Golf Club towelled up the competition at the Barclay Shield.

MILBOURNE THREE-PEAT

Tasmania Golf Club junior Georgia Milbourne won her third consecutive Business Women's title in October.

The 17-year-old took out this year's championship at Colebrook Golf Club with a fine three-over-par round of 75.

Milbourne defeated her nearest rival Kalynda Cowen from the Penguin Golf Club by five strokes on 80 (+8).

Third place went to Richmond Golf Club Sue Richardson who returned a round of 85 (+13).

The club teams event was won by the host club which was represented by Karina Benson and Leoni Mace.

Benson and Mace combined for a nett total of 145 which easily accounted for second placed Claremont (156) and Royal Hobart (157) in third.



THREE-PEAT: Georgia Milbourne (Tasmania) following her third consecutive victory in the Business Women's Championship.



TEAM CHAMPIONS: Victorious Karina Benson and Leoni Mace (Colebrook) with the team championship ice bucket.

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ ANSWER

A. Definition of "Ground Under Repair"



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