



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

One of the greatest criticisms of Golf Tasmania in the past has been that few could see the relevance of the organisation as relating to their own golf club. How does Golf Tasmania relate to each individual club? In future newsletters I intend to try and answer this question in an ongoing manner.

This newsletter will contain three sections, my explanation of what has occurred over the last three months from a Board perspective, Stuart Eaton (Events Manager) describing recent tournaments etc. for which he is responsible and Simon Weston (Development Officer) informing the golfing community about how he is working at increasing participation or “growing the game”. I am confident that between these three reports, Tasmanian golfers will be able to see where we are headed and how Golf Tasmania is relevant to them.

The Board has approved “one off” payments to Ulverstone and Woodrising Golf Clubs of \$1000 each to assist them with the running of their national junior tournaments in April. This amount increases what we normally would have paid to enter our own teams, their accommodation, travelling and supervision. We also made a donation of \$750 to “Carts for a Cause” as we thought it important to support Beyond Blue, particularly as their golfing journey highlighted all our Tasmanian clubs. We continue to pay Golf Australia to perform our administrative duties, and obviously fund all associated costs for the representative teams plus our Development Officer costs.

You will read of an exciting initiative between Golf Tasmania and clubs in Simon’s section which has the potential to cost significant amounts but with great reward to clubs.

The Board has also asked the Tournament, Rules and Rating Committee to investigate significant increases in course compensation, so once again clubs wanting to hold major tournaments are properly compensated for presenting their courses well and at no loss of income generation to their members.

The first meeting of the Constitutional Committee was held in order that modifications to our constitution can be developed. Golf Tasmania and the committee were grateful for the presence of Golf Australia CEO, Stephen Pitt, as he helped with advice relating to current Australian Sports Commission and Golf Australia directions which will be relevant to where Golf Tasmania heads.

I will continue to inform member clubs of our direction and hope club officials forward these newsletters to their members.

Tony Bush

CHAIR

2016 GOLF TASMANIA EVENTS CALENDAR

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 REPORT

The first three months of 2016 have been very productive. 27 primary schools have registered so far that will run at least one MyGolf Session this year. Discussions are progressing with ten others currently that will most likely offer MyGolf to their student. The goal is to reach 50+ schools this year and with the current progress this is very achievable.

PGA Members and Community Golf Instructors are needed to offer and deliver MyGolf programs in schools. Only three accredited Community Golf Instructors were available in January. However a further twelve across the state are now available to go to schools to deliver MyGolf to primary schools. If you know of anyone over the age of 16 that would be interested in becoming a Community Golf Instructor and be paid up to \$80/hour please ask them to contact Golf Tasmania. The goal is to have 30+ people located all over Tasmania that are available to deliver MyGolf to primary schools.

50 golf clubs out of the 68 in Tasmania have been visited during the first three months of 2016. I have met some great people on my travels and I look forward to working with these clubs to increase their participation levels. The plan is to visit every golf club before the end of April. Please feel free to contact Golf Tasmania if we can be of assistance to your golf club in anyway.

Simon Weston

GOLF DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



MYGOLF ON THE RISE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS: Albeura Street Primary School students get a taste of golf in a local setting.

GOLF TASMANIA PARTNERS WITH CLUBS

Golf Tasmania is setting up a partnership model between themselves and member golf clubs to increase participation.

Where any club can get six ladies to take a Swingfit clinic or eight juniors to take a MyGolf clinic, Golf Tasmania will fund a PGA member or Community Coach to take the session. Golf Tasmania will arrange for a PGA Member or Community Golf Instructor to visit your golf club to run the first session.

Golf Tasmania will pay time, travelling and where necessary accommodation. These are both Golf Tasmania approved programs aimed at increasing golf participation.

Each participant will pay just \$10 for the session and Golf Tasmania will pay any shortfall.

The only condition is that golf clubs identify someone in the local area who can be trained as a Community Golf Instructor and continue to run the programs once set up. Golf Tasmania will cover the cost of getting this person trained & accredited.

Men and women over the age of 16 are welcome to become Community Golf Instructors. Instructors will be paid for delivering these programs (up to \$80/hour).

The local Community Golf Instructors will also have the opportunity to deliver MyGolf Schools program in primary schools.

This is a wonderful opportunity for golf clubs in Tasmania to increase their participation levels.

For details please contact Golf Tasmania's Development Officer, Simon Weston: 0438 667 331.

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ

While waiting to tee off on the 10th hole of her stipulated round, Carol practices putting on the nearby practice putting green. What is the ruling?



- A. In match play, Carol loses the 9th hole.
- B. Carol incurs no penalty in either match play or stroke play.
- C. In stroke play, Carol incurs two penalty strokes on the 10th hole.
- D. Carol is disqualified if she played more than one practice stroke in either form of play.

MAINLANDERS DOMINATE JUNIOR MASTERS

A course record was set as two interstate golfers took out the 2016 Tasmanian Junior Masters.

Queensland's Kirsty Hodgkins dominated the female field to beat the old course record set at the Ulverstone Golf Club by three shots.

The 17-year-old finished the event ten under the card and three strokes clear of Tasmania's Zahara Lemon on seven-under.

Chloe Thornton, from the New South Wales Golf Club, finished third on four-under-par.

Victoria's Matias Sanchez won the boys division as the 17-year-old Royal Melbourne member finished on three-under-par and captured the title by two strokes from New South Wales' Christopher Fan and Western Australia's Fred Lee, both on one-under.

The leading Tasmanian was Launceston Golf Club's Thomas Rehrmann on 11-over-par and in 18th position.

Tasmania's boys' team was also announced with Brady Ludbey (Strahan), Thomas Rehrmann (Launceston), Elijah Stanley (Kingston), Gus Burrell (Kingston), Joel Lunson (Devonport) and Tom North (Royal Hobart) selected.

A development squad was also announced with Riley Krushka (Scottsdale), Tim Smith (Tasmania) and Ryan Thomas (Prospect Vale) selected.



INTERSTATE GOLFERS DOMINATE: Newly crowned Masters champions Matias Sanchez of Victoria and Kirsty Hodgkins from Queensland.



SELECTED: The Tasmanian Boys' Team and Development Squad to contest the 2016 Australian Boys' Amateur and Boys' Interstate Teams Matches.

GATEHOUSE FIRES TEAM TO CLAREMONT VICTORY

Tasmania Golf Club's Nathan Gatehouse, Andrew Phillips, Paul Read and Mark Schulze fired to win a twelfth Claremont Shield title last weekend.

The tournament was keenly contested at Ulverstone with two strokes separating Tasmania and Mowbray following Saturday afternoon's foursomes round.

Tasmania's Phillips and Read leading the way for the Barilla Bay club and combining for an even-par round of 72.

Mowbray's pairing of Robin Hodgetts and James Pyke followed in second place on two-over-par with Launceston's Alex Masters and Thomas Rehrmann third on four-over.

However Tasmania was too strong on Sunday in the singles event with all four team members figuring in the top ten on the final individual leader board.

Gatehouse was the best performed of the quartet winning the 36-hole gross title and contributing to the team's total with rounds of 70 and 71, a three-under-par total of 141.

Phillips and Schulze rounded out the best three for the club with three-over and seven-over-par respectively.

Host club Ulverstone, who have not won a title since 1965, were runners-up on the final leader board at twenty six-over-par.

Best for Ulverstone Golf Club was Craig Walker who tied with Mowbray's James Pyke for fourth place on five-over-par.

Anthony Glozier and Cameron Allen also performed well for the club in the singles rounds finishing in equal sixth and equal eleventh respectively.

Mowbray Golf Club represented by Hodgetts, Pyke, Darren Kelp and Drew Ponting and placed third.

Ulverstone Golf Club also walked away with the Eric Bourke Memorial Trophy with a handicap total of 511.



TWELFTH TITLE TO TASMANIA: Mark Schulze, Paul Read, Nathan Gatehouse and Andrew Phillips from Tasmania Golf Club with the Claremont Shield.

CONSISTENCY THE KEY TO VICTORY

Golf Tasmania recently announced the winner of the prestigious Toogood Consistency Trophy for men.

Tasmania Golf Club member and 38-year-old Andrew Phillips won the trophy named after Alfred Toogood the father of Tasmanian golfing legend Peter Toogood. Phillips contested 17 rounds throughout the 2015/16 season and finished with an average of 71.62.

Tasmania Golf Club's Mark Schulze finished in second place on 71.65, a mere .03 of a stroke separating the two Barilla Bay golfers. Launceston Golf Club's Greg Longmore and Mitch Van Noord placed third and fourth on 71.94 and 72.22 respectively. Van Noord also picked up the Merv O'May Trophy for colts aged between 18 and 24.

Tasmania Golf Club members dominated the averages in 2015 with Georgia Milbourne picking up the corresponding trophy for women. 2015 marked the first occasion that Milbourne has won the trophy named after another of Tasmania's golfing greats, Lindy Goggin. Milbourne contested 13 rounds during the 2015/16 season and accumulated an average of 74.32. Penguin Golf Club member Kalynda Cowen placed second with an average of 76.61 with Sharon Crowden from Port Sorell third on 80.43.

16-year-old Zahara Lemon was successful in the girls consistency trophy named in honour of Tammy Hall with an average of 74.05. Kingston Beach Golf Club's Elijah Stanley collected the Athol Shephard trophy for boys with an average of 73.68. Stanley edged out fellow club member Gus Burrell for the trophy. Burrell finishing the season with 76.19.



CONSISTENCY THE KEY: Andrew Phillips from Tasmania Golf Club was recently announced the winner of the prestigious Toogood Trophy.

SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR YOUNG CHAMP MILBOURNE

Tasmania Golf Club junior Georgia Milbourne has successfully defended her Judy Elphinstone 54-Hole Tournament title. The 17-year-old held off fast finishing Kalynda Cowen from Penguin to record a fourteen-stroke back-to-back victory at Riverside Golf Club.

Following rounds of 73 and 37, Milbourne went into day two seven strokes ahead of Royal Hobart's Anne Medlycott, with Cowen a further three shots adrift. The final day's scores of 77 and 36 were enough to see Milbourne finish ahead of the competition on five-over-par 223.

24-year-old Cowen finished in second place on 237 after returning rounds of 82, 38, 79 and 38. Launceston Golf Club's Anna Henry shot up the leader board from seventh to third after carding 79 and 42 on both days. While Royal Hobart Golf Club's Anne Medlycott finished fourth with 54-hole tournament total of 248.

Launceston Golf Club's Jenny Hubbard collected the B Grade Championship with rounds of 99 and 103. Local member Alison Smart finished the 36-hole event five strokes adrift of Hubbard with 103 and 104.

Defending champion Denise Kelly from the Llanherne Golf Club captured her second consecutive C Grade title accounting for her nearest rival Jan Main from Riverside.

Rosemary Paton from the Ulverstone Golf Club held on to win the senior championship over Zibeth Daubenton of Royal Hobart. The pair carded opening rounds of 85 with Paton returning 85 and Daubenton 90 on the second day.



SKY'S THE LIMIT: Georgia Milbourne of Tasmania Golf Club was victorious in the Judy Elphinstone event held at Riverside Golf Club.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Golf Tasmania recently announced the 2016 Tasmanian Men's and Women's Teams to contest the Australian Interstate Team Matches later this year.

Tasmania Golf Club's Mark Schulze will again Captain the men's team that will contest the series in Brisbane during May. Schulze's squad this year will include Launceston Golf Club's Mitch Van Noord and Greg Longmore, Tasmania's Nathan Gatehouse and Andrew Phillips, and Samuel Rawlings from Riverside.

New member to the team is 37-year-old Tasmania Golf Club member Paul Read. Read's selection comes on the back of victory at the Golf North West Championship in late 2015. Prospect Vale Golf Club's Jack Tregaskisjago is also making his return to the national scene after a brief absence from the team. Tregaskisjago last represented Tasmania in 2014.

Iron Pot Golf Club member Gary Purdon will manage the team while Tasmania Golf Club Professional Nick White has been named Coach.

Ulverstone Golf Club's Sarah Johnstone has been named Captain of the women's team and this is her fourth year in the role. Johnstone's squad this year will include Port Sorell Golf Club's Sharon Crowden and Royal Hobart's Pamela Chen. Tasmania Golf Club young guns Zahara Lemon (16) and Georgia Milbourne (17) will make their third appearance in the Tasmanian women's team.

New member to the team in 2016 is 24-year-old Penguin Golf Club member Kalynda Cowen. Cowen is making her return to the national scene after having previously represented Tasmania in the Northern Territory in 2009.

Seabrook Golf Club Professional Zak Rollins has been named as Coach and Royal Hobart Golf Club member Zibeth Daubenton will manage the team in this her first year in role.

The Australian Interstate Teams Matches will be conducted at the Brisbane and Royal Queensland Golf Clubs, Queensland from May 9-13. Each State and Northern Territory play each other over singles match play in a round robin format, concluding with a Final and each men's teams consist of eight players while the women's teams have six. The Australian Interstate Teams Matches are Australia's pinnacle Amateur Team Golf Championships.

MEN'S TEAM: Nathan Gatehouse – Tasmania, Greg Longmore – Launceston, Andrew Phillips – Tasmania, Samuel Rawlings – Riverside, Paul Read – Tasmania, Mark Schulze (Captain) – Tasmania, Jack Tregaskisjago – Prospect Vale, Mitch Van Noord – Launceston, Nick White (Coach) – Tasmania and Gary Purdon (Manager) – Iron Pot.

WOMEN'S TEAM: Pamela Chen – Royal Hobart, Kalynda Cowen – Penguin, Sharon Crowden – Port Sorell, Sarah Johnstone (Captain) – Ulverstone, Zahara Lemon – Tasmania, Georgia Milbourne – Tasmania, Zak Rollins (Coach) – Seabrook and Zibeth Daubenton (Manager) – Royal Hobart.



REPRESENTING TASMANIA: Kalynda Cowen from the Penguin Golf Club will again represent Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON WINS JUNIOR PENNANT

Launceston Golf Club's four man team was victorious this year capturing the Tasmanian Junior Pennant title.

The quartet defeated Tasmania Golf Club three match wins to two in the handicap final conducted at the Kingston Beach Golf Club.

Victorious for Launceston were Thomas Rehrmann defeating Jonty Williams 1up, Riley Krushka overcoming Tim Smith 1up and David Morgan overwhelming Dylan Backhouse 5&3.

Tasmania secured wins through Lachlan White beating Ky Rankin 5&4 and Mackenzie Wilson receiving a walk-over.



VICTORS: Ky Rankin, Riley Krushka, Thomas Rehrmann and David Morgan from Launceston Golf Club after winning the Tasmanian Junior Pennant final.

MYGOLF AMBASSADOR PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The inaugural MyGolf School Ambassador program has officially teed off at Greythorn Primary School in Melbourne. The initiative developed by Golf Australia and the PGA of Australia will allow golf to be more accessible and easy to deliver for teachers in the classroom and schoolyard.

The free program aims to recognise, resource and reward school teachers for delivering and promoting MyGolf in their school community.

One of the resources MyGolf school ambassadors can access to aid program delivery in their school is the newly developed MyGolf School Coaching Resource App for iPad. The app contains interactive manuals that teachers can use to deliver fun and engaging programs to children in grades 3-10. It also features interactive videos of important teaching points and the fun, skill-based games contained within the manuals.

Other benefits that MyGolf school ambassadors receive include a free MyGolf School Ambassador polo shirt and access to professional development opportunities in their state. Program enrolment also provides access to tickets to attend golf events and regular e-newsletters providing teachers with valuable coaching tips.

The program has already gathered huge interest from teachers across the country, with more than 200 primary and secondary teachers registered. To become a MyGolf School Ambassador, or find out more information, visit www.mygolf.org.au/schools and download the iTunes app.

LEEDHAM CRUISES TO SIXTH CROWN

Mowbray Golf Club member Michael Leedham won his sixth Tasmanian Men's Senior Amateur title recently. Leedham shot rounds of 72, 72 and 74 around his home course to win the Australian Senior Order of Merit event with a 54-hole, five-over-par total of 218. The 65-year-old easily accounted for Western Australian Stephen Graham who finished six strokes behind Leedham in second place. Graham, who hails from the Lakelands Golf Club, shot scores of 74, 73 and 77 for his eleven-over-par total of 224.

The 54-hole net championship went to another local golfer in Rex Greenberg with scores of 71, 65 and 68, a total of 204. The 77-year-old won the handicap championship by eight strokes from fellow Mowbray Golf Club member Michael Morcom.

55-year-old David McClelland from the Wyong Golf Club in New South Wales collected the 55-59 age group title. While local members Tim Leonard, Morcom and Greenberg claimed the 60-64, 65-69 and 70+ brackets.



SIXTH CROWN TO LEEDHAM: Michael Leedham from the Mowbray Golf Club with the Tasmanian Men's Senior Amateur trophy.

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ ANSWER

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