

# BRIDPORT GOLF AND CROQUET CLUBS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Report from the Board

With only one apology from June, the remaining Board members met on 16th March.

Curt Nicholls and Kevin Russell have accepted the positions of joint Course Managers.

Curt has placed a diary in the workshop to record tasks that need to be completed as well as when the task has been completed, and report any damage if applicable.

It was passed to replace the roof over the office area and continue it over the proposed barbeque area.

Greg has obtained quotes for a stainless steel electric barbeque.

Updated quotes have been received for a new cart shed and this will be addressed in due course.

The women's committee have agreed to pay for the new sound/PA system pending a second quote.

Three parking spaces have been approved for allocation to the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Croquet Club.

A magnetic sign system has been approved to attach to the front gate to inform when the course is closed for competitions, etc.

Will and June met with Jason Lanham to finalise the required sizing and positioning of the new tee bed signs.

Kevin, Marcus, Donny and Billy took a little trip to collect a new second-hand tractor which was kindly donated by one of our members, Dr Neil Filgate. Donny has been working hard to make it usable, and this will now make life a lot easier for the volunteers who will no longer have to keep replacing attachments on our present tractor.





### Winners of Major Events

#### **Men:**

*Monthly Trophy: Austen Freeland*

#### **Women:**

*Monthly Trophy: Jenny Millwood*

### Welcome to New Members:

Chris Carins

Andrew Abernethy

### NORTH-EAST VETERANS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday 6th March, the NEVA held their annual tournament at Bridport, at which approximately 60 members competed.



The best score of the day was a magnificent 45

stableford points from Scottsdale's Christie Ferguson for which she was presented with a new golf bag. Two Penguin Golf Club boys also found the course easy with Shayne Close winning A Division with 41 points and Lindsay Stonehouse the victor in C Division with 42 points.

B Division winner was Mike Lambert with 40 points on a countback from Peter O'Keefe.

A very sprightly George Hambly from Riverside was the over 80's winner with 32 points on a countback from Kerry Rowbottom and Roger Millar.

The event was supported by great sponsors - Wraggs IGA Lilydale, Drummonds Golf and Bunnings.

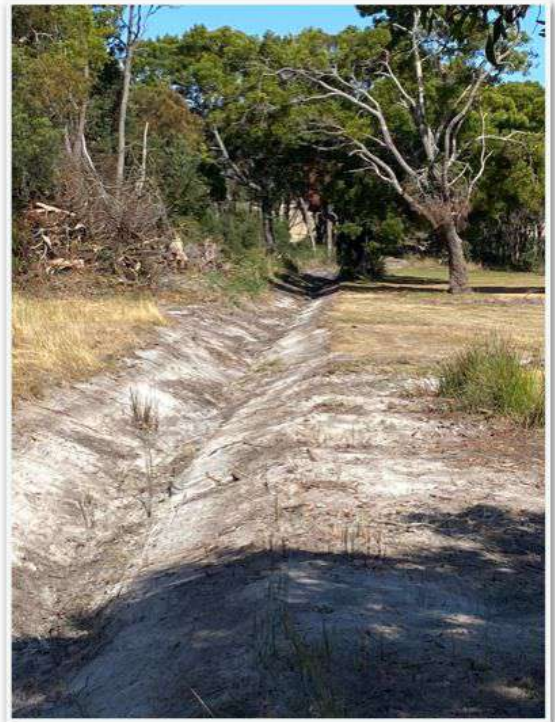


- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.



Alexander Hall has done a fantastic job of clearing the drain on the left hand side of the fourth fairway. Having removed all the trees and sags, the drain can now actually be seen and Out of Bounds pegs have been replaced.

A few other little jobs like removing small stumps was also carried out.



And whilst on the subject of little jobs being done, Bob Laird and Greg Gurr have now installed the new steps on the men's 6th tee bed.

Great job fellas!

### **COURSE COMMITTEE**

Curt Nicholls and Kevin Russell have both accepted the position of joint Course Managers. The green waste pit will be closed from 1st April to allow for stumps to be cleared and for the area to cool down. There will be no access during this time!

A plan for a working bee will be worked on, possibly on a Friday morning and any volunteers will be gratefully accepted.

The clearing of drains has been completed, and Axel will be asked to proceed with a drain across the 7th like the one on the fourth.

Tree pruning is planned for the trees overhanging the 6th pathway.

### **MATCH COMMITTEE**

Fixture books have been completed and are now available in the Clubhouse.

Having met up with Jason Lanham (Eye Spy Signs) to finalise sizing and positioning, hopefully our new tee bed signs will be available shortly.





Congratulations Karlene Cuthbertson on getting your name on the Graeme McWatt Memorial Shield with a nice score of 36 points.

A huge thank you to WillFit golf for donating the mats for our practice nets.



## MEMORIES FOR MICHAEL AND JEANETTE

The annual Lethborg "Memories" day was held on 22nd March with 16 teams competing in a three ball Ambrose.



After all her work organising the day, it was unfortunate for Susie McDougall and husband Jamie that they were unable to attend due to catching Covid a couple of days previously.

Philip represented the family, playing in a team with Raylene Taylor and Linda Noonan, and presenting the trophies to the winners.

The team of Jamie Carins, Stuart Burr and Marcus Cuthbertson carded a 60.67 to win the day and a countback decided second place with Kev Russell, Keith Groves and Mandy Hall defeating Peter & Mandy Claridge and Gary Thomas - both with 63.67.



One of our junior boys, Beau Gerke, was the winner of the raffle - a rose donated by Cleone Hill in memory of Jeanette. No doubt Mum, Belinda, will find a suitable position to plant it!







## WOMEN'S COUNTRY WEEK

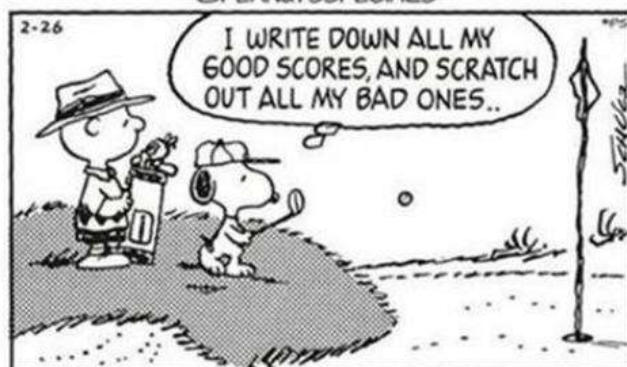
A fabulous contingent of 12 players this year represented Bridport at the annual Country Week Championships held at Launceston Golf Club, Janie Boyd, Linda Noonan, Karlene Cuthbertson, Lindy Lockhart, Jenny Millwood, Mandy Claridge, Andy Kent, Mandy Hall, Raylene Taylor, Trish Nichol, Breeze Ebbelaar and Kirsty Cooper. No trophies came home but it was nice to see the St Helens team do well taking not only the top individual score but also the teams event.



Our men's pennant team decided they needed to have matching team shirts this season - and don't they look great! A pretty good start to the season with one loss and one win so far.



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## CROQUET CLUB

The shed has had a second coat of paint and is looking much better although we still have some work to do around the outside. Kevin has placed some new mulch under the trees behind the shed.

The Active Tasmania grant has been submitted and we are just waiting now for the outcome. Our 26th March meeting was brought forward to Wednesday the 19th giving us more time to organise a working bee before the opening of the new lawns on Sunday 6th April.

Linda Rosevear has done up some pamphlets to put around town and she also will get in contact with BridReport in the next week to have something in there before the opening.

A small committee of members has been organised to plan things for opening day, re sausage sizzle, morning tea, and other advertising in The Advertiser.

Chris Russell has spoken to members of North Esk Club in Launceston and some are more than happy to come out on the day and do a half hour coaching/fun/play games in the morning, followed by lunch, presentation and more games in the afternoon.