

BRIDPORT GOLF AND CROQUET CLUBS NEWSLETTER

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REPORT FROM THE BOARD

Our final meeting for the year was on Saturday 15th December with only one apology, received from Andy Kent.

Following a discussion and a letter from Curt Nicholls re the pro and cons of selling the old greens mower, it was decided to approach Pellows requesting the return of the machine. Will Homan is done an amazing job of chasing up sponsorship for the Big Bash. Everything seems to be in place for the running of the event and we are just awaiting confirmation and names of team members.

Daniel Hill attended the meeting to advise what is required to keep the course in perfect condition.

Greens have been scarified and will be cored immediately after the Big Bash.

Greens will be fertilised monthly and tee beds sanded and seeded.

Our new member, Kirsty Cooper was invited to the meeting to share her expertise in researching and applying for grants.

We need to prioritise our wish list and she will search for the appropriate grants.

These include:

Upgrade tractor shed

Enlarge cart room

Upgrade kitchen

All abilities access to toilet faciities

Outdoor space update for functions.

Our condolences to David on the recent loss of his brother, Peter.

Bob the Builder has been very busy erecting shelves in both the container and the buggy room.

With his trusty off-sider, Bob the Boozer, they have nearly doubled the storage space in the buggy room.



Hard to believe such a big guy can fit into such a cramped space, but if the boss says do it.....

WE HAVE REACHED AN AGE WHERE
WE CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT
OUR GLASSES
.....ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE EMPTY!



DURING LABOR, THE PAIN IS SO
GREAT THAT A WOMAN CAN
ALMOST IMAGINE WHAT A MAN
FEELS LIKE WHEN HE HAS A COLD.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION LUNCH



Over 50 members, partners and children attended this year's spit roast lunch and Annual Presentations.

The first item on the agenda was to present the first ever Patronage of the Club to our local legend, Lyndene Jordan, whose list of achievements and positions within the club is quite extensive.

Women's B Grade Champion 1971

Women's A Grade Champion x 21

Women's A Grade Foursome Champion x 13

A Grade Mixed Foursome Champion x 14

Women's Captain x 17

Women's President from 2003 to 2005

Handicapper for both women and men.

Club Treasurer - 1994 - 2017

Plus many other little jobs that she did quietly behind the scenes



The three outstanding winners this year for the women were Raylene Taylor who was called up 10 times, and our newbie Andy Kent wasn't far behind with 9 trophies. Karlene Cuthbertson only received a paltry 8 trophies, but these included the two most coveted awards - the women's Consistency Trophy donated by Flo Harvey and Elaine's Summer Cup.



Winners of this year's prestigious IGA trophies were Helen Davies and Keith Groves. Chris Walker, as usual picked up 4 trophies - two in foursomes with his twin brother Eddie, and Kevin Russell kept up the new tradition of drinking from the President's Cup which now bears his name.

Winners of Major Events

Men:

Monthly Trophy: Mick Taylor

Women:

Monthly Trophy: Mandy Hall

Welcome to New Members:

Stephen Cooper

Kirsty Cooper

JUNIORS

Archie Livingstone

SCOTT AND DANNY'S 4 BALL AMBROSE



Some fantastic scores this year vying for Scott & Danny's trophies. The winning team of Russell & Lachlan McDougall, Murray Summers and Austen Freeland scored an amazing 61 off the stick - 53.875 nett.



In second place with a creditable 55 nett were Scott Hill, Troy Milne, Matthew Wright & Jason Sarich.

In 3rd place, and keeping it in the family with 58.375 nett were Lindsay Freeland, Daniel & Rodney Hill and Michael Underhill.

With 11 teams competing, everyone had a very enjoyable day in fine but breezy conditions.



Greg Gurr has done a fabulous job of creating this log seat, in memory of a very popular ex-member, Richard Caldwell who passed away earlier this year.

The seat is located in prime



position at the "party hole" (6th) and will have a plaque attached in memory of Richard.

CROQUET CLUB REPORT



CROQUET HAS BEEN MOVING ALONG SMOOTHLY LATELY.

WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION FOR THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE LAWNS, BUT THE QUESTION IS STILL BEING ASKED 'WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO BE READY?'

A THANK YOU CARD AND LETTER, WITH A CARTON OF HIS CHOICE, WAS GIVEN TO ANTON FROM THE CROQUET CLUB FOR THE GREAT JOB HE

HAS DONE IN RE-LAYING THE PAVERS; THEY LOOK FANTASTIC!

ANOTHER WORKING BEE WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE NEW YEAR.

A GROUP OF CROQUET PLAYERS TRAVELLED INTO LAUNCESTON RECENTLY TO HAVE SOME SOCIAL GAMES WITH GEORGE TOWN AND PLAYERS FROM NORTH ESK CLUB. THESE ORGANISED DAYS HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR OUR PLAYERS, TO PLAY AGAINST OTHER CLUBS AND LEARN MORE STRATEGIES IN PLAY FROM THE NORTH ESK PLAYERS.

A XMAS LUNCH WAS ENJOYED BY MEMBERS RECENTLY WITH THE GOLF CLUB LADIES. VENUE WAS A LITTLE NOISY, BUT A GOOD DAY. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION DAY LAST SUNDAY WHICH WAS ALSO A GREAT DAY. HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE MORE PRESENTATIONS NEXT YEAR ONCE WE HAVE THE PROPER LAWNS AND CAN ORGANISE A WEEKLY COMPETITION.

WE HAD A MORNING TEA AND SECRET SANTA ON WEDNESDAY 18th BEFORE THE XMAS BREAK AND WE WILL START BACK IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY.

WE RECENTLY PURCHASED MORE BALLS AND EQUIPMENT READY FOR PLAY ONCE WE HAVE 3 LAWNS AVAILABLE.

PRESIDENT: EDDY SCHUURING

SECRETARY: CHRIS RUSSELL

TREASURER: LINDA ROSEVEAR



GRAEME McWATT MEMORIAL SHIELD

This stableford event was again sponsored by North-East Glass and Screens, who have been a very loyal sponsor for many years.

There were some great scores on the day, with Andy Kent winning the women's event with 41 stableford points. Men's Division 1 Winner was Peter Wilkinson with 39 points, but our old stalwart, Donny Etchells, who won Division 2 took all the glory for the day on a count-back - also with 39 points.



A big thank you to our loyal sponsors this month.

BRIDPORT



ANDREW CHALLIS

NORTH-EAST GLASS & SCREENS



WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

Senior Ladies Event last month was very successful financially for the club with a profit of over \$1100. Opening Day recipients next year will be Red Dirt Cafe again, plus Bridport Play Group. Red Tees have now been rated for men, so juniors will be able to obtain a handicap by playing off them, plus they will be used for junior competitions to start with. Get into Golf and Croquet Day will be held in February on a date to be confirmed. Jenny & Billy Millwood have planted 5 shrubs beside the 6th tee beds and the grass planted by Marcus is coming along beautifully. The new Christmas decorations made by Donna Hayes and Diane Turner look wonderful and have had many positive comments.

**WE WISH OUR MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2025**

COURSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The tree that was pushing over the pergola at the 6th bed has been removed by Paul Barnett and Peter Hall. The damage to the building has been repaired by Bob Laird.

Daniel Hill is very generously sharing his expertise with the club and will develop an action plan for the course.

Daniel also fertilised all the greens last Monday morning.

David will organise with Jamie for the spraying of lime and fertiliser by McDougall's as soon as possible.



The new greens mower has been in use for quite a few weeks now - and we have a very happy Golly!



Bob Laird has finally been presented with a memento of his Hole in One.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Mygolf

Monday 13th January Juniors

10.00 am- 11.30 am

Thursday 30th January Juniors

10.00 am – 11.30 am.

Get into golf

Junior comp. (for those who can play a few holes comfortably)

Sunday 12th January 10.00 am

Sunday 26th January 10.00 am

