



# THE VALLEY AND EAST COAST VOICE



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## *Who said St Marys was gone"*

Can you believe it. In our town we are very fortunate that four new proprietors (yes four) have recently set up here to try their luck and offer new services and retail in our valley town.

I must admit I don't really know their names but Ishtar's Bazaar, Preloved Clothing Store and Crafts, Purple Possum and Main Road Craft Store are prepared to have a go. I truly hope that we will endeavour to patronise their businesses as much as possible. They all offer quality merchandise as I can personally observe and perhaps St Marys has now a great opportunity to create a unique location for visitors to come for a look. The established retail traders including Valley Trading, St Marys Variety, Health & Beauty, St Marys Takeaway, Break O'Day Milk Bar, St Marys Butchery, St Marys Bakery, St Marys Newsagency, Quinns Auto Electrical, Valley Small Engines, Faulkner's Garage, Rob & Lyn Browns Garage, Spilsbury's Garage, Saunders' Supermarket, Taylor's Supermarket, St Marys Hairdressers, Coach House Restaurant, Elephant Barn Restaurant, Grahams Electrical, St Marys Hotel (under new management), Railway Nursery and Mobile Mechanic also deserve commitment in the main by the residents.

We have services that include Australia Post, Tasmania Police, St Marys District Hospital, St Marys Volunteer Fire Brigade, St Marys Ambulance, our St Marys District High School, Hydro Depot and Trust Bank to name a few. Let's hope and pray that the recent rumours of a downgrading of Trust Bank is just that - a rumour.

In sport we have the St Marys Sports Centre (golf and bowls), St Marys Football Club (now reformed), St Marys Cricket Club, Indoor Hockey and Volleyball Associations and St Marys Tennis Club. SMACD, Landcare, the hardworking St Marys Lions Club, St Marys Op Shop are community groups who work for the betterment of all and let's not forget the Valley Voice who has served us the community with local news since 1968.

Important to most are our churches. The St Marys Catholic Parish, Anglican Parish and Uniting Church all offer great comfort and support to those in need of it. Also don't forget the help of the Salvos.

So when you stand back and look at it, St Marys is hardly what you would regard a ghost town at the moment.

New ideas in the pipeline particularly in regard to SMACD, Market, Childrens Playground initiatives, Landcare Projects and Lions Club services should only enhance this Fingal Valley community that can offer so much if we really want it to.

How about supporting, where possible, all new and old businesses and services and make St Marys a hive of activity that we can all be proud of. As a footnote, if I've forgotten any existing business it's not deliberate. Good luck to you all.

Rod McGivern



## Market News

After a meeting on Saturday 1 March it was decided by the executive of SMACD that for the present time we would place more emphasis on the market and endeavour to hold them monthly. While SMACD will continue to give assistance and support for any new initiatives we felt that the markets met closest with our goals, considering the number of volunteers we have. This is a call to all clubs, committees, business big or small, talented individuals etc, who feel that they would like to have fun, get rich, be-

come well known. We would like the markets to be a place where people could purchase goods, advertise events, be entertained and enjoy a social outing.



The market will be advertised three times a year giving plenty of time for preparation.

For information and bookings phone Sue Quinn on (03)

63722491.

## Police Report

### Golf Clubs Stolen From Bus

- Thieves were responsible for several break-ins and burglaries in St Marys over the March long weekend.
- \$6000 worth of golf clubs were stolen from a bus which was parked opposite the St Marys Hotel on the night of March 2. A number of people have been charged in relation to this matter.
- The Craft Shop, that only recently opened in St Marys, was broken into on the Friday night 28 March. \$2 000 - \$3000 worth of jewellery was taken. One person has been charged and enquiries are continuing.
- On the Sunday night, March 2, the St Marys Football Club rooms were broken into and a quantity of alcohol was stolen. A number of people have been charged in relation to the burglary.
- During the month of February, four people have been charged with drink driving offences.



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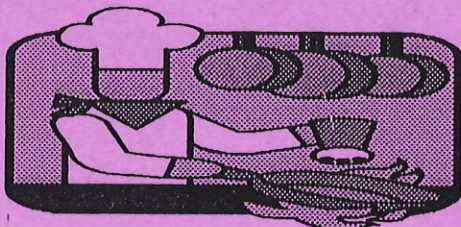


Please look out for our Easter basket which will be drawn at the Easter market at noon. Ask any SMACD member for a ticket or call at Smiths Valley Traders to purchase your tickets and view the yummy Easter basket.

All nonies raised by this raffle are spent in this community on worthwhile projects.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

MAR	ST MARYS	FINGAL
17	June Grantham	Debra Speers
18	Trish Pike	Carol Bates
19	D & S Robinson	Jan Marshall
20	A. Greenwood	Julie Claridge
21	K & D Bullock	Bob Yates
24	Barb Mitchell	Vicki Woods
25	Claire Bean	Debbie Speers
26	Kath Read	Jack Miller
27	Kaye Nailer	Ruth Saunders
28	Frank Turner	Vic Jones



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your own table Phone 0372 2491



EASTER RAFFLE  
DRAWN AT  
NOON

Easter hat or  
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next market 26th April

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## ANGLICAN PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	10.30 am	FS
Fingal	7.00 pm	EP

### SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	HC
Campbell Town	9.00 am	MP
Avoca	10.30 am	HC

### THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	FS
Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	6.00 pm	EP

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	HC
Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Mathinna	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	6.00 pm	HC

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	alternates with	
Fingal	6.00 pm	HC

Avoca reverts to 7.00 pm during summer months

## BREAK O'DAY UNITING CHURCH

### FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	11.00 am
Fingal	9.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

### SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

### THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	7.00 pm
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## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST HELENS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
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St Marys	9.00 am
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### SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
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St Marys	9.00 am
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Pyengana	11.00 am
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### THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
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St Marys	9.00 am
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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
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St Marys	9.00 am
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Pyengna	11.00 am
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Falmouth	4.00 pm
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St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
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## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Hodgman Street  
Scamander

Sabbath School	10.00 am
Divine Service	11.00 am

## FINGAL VALLEY CRUSADE CENTRE

A Christian Revival Crusade Church meets at the Fingal Council Chambers

Sundays at	10.30 am
Sunday School	11.00 am

ALL WELCOME  
Enquiries - 741099



## SALVATION ARMY

Main Street

### ST MARYS (RSL HALL)

#### SERVICES

#### Sunday

9.30 am	Sunday School
11.00 am	Family Worship

#### Wednesday

2.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship
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#### EVERYBODY WELCOME

Aux Captain & Mrs Tolputt

Phone (003) 722 352

#### THRIFT SHOP

Wed-Fri	10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Pickups phone	(003) 722 352

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARYS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

### SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Mangana	Eucharistic Ser	11.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

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St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
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St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

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St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Mathinna	Eucharistic Ser	11.15 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

PRIEST: PAUL CONNOLLY  
ST MARYS

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ST MARYS  
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### COUNTER MEALS

Friday	--	6-8
Saturday	12-2	6-8
Sunday	12-2	--

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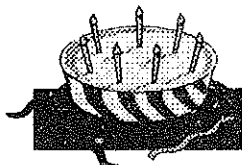
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# 21st Birthday

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MARCUS GREENWOOD WHO CELEBRATED HIS 21ST BIRTHDAY ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH.**

**ALL THE BEST FOR SATURDAY NIGHT MARCUS.**



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### OPENING HOURS

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## THANK YOU

I have lived in the St Marys area for some thirty years and, I guess, like most of us, took for granted that if I got sick or had an accident I would be taken care of some how.

Well, the accident happened a few weeks ago at work and all of a sudden I realised the importance of our doctors and hospital in the community. I was admitted by Dr Geniola and the Matron and staff were marvellous. With the utmost kindness and professionalism they helped me through one of the most trying times of my fifty four years.

However, when we realise the hospital could not be there in the future, it is a frightening thought. As I have just found out, it is, for sure, a facility this community has to stand up and fight for tooth and nail.

Thanks to Dr Geniola and staff at St Marys District Hospital, they all do a top job.

Thanks also to the Hospital Support Group, let us all get behind them in the future.

T. Viney

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# Thank You

## DOUG & FAY BROWN

would like to thank everybody for the lovely gifts,  
flowers, cards and phone calls on their 50th Wed-  
ding Anniversary.



## MOBILE MECHANIC

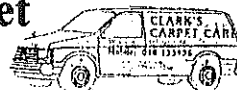


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## St Marys Association for Community Development

### Where will we go from here?

It is now the third month of the New Year and the eighth month since the closure of the Contact Centre. We have young people joining the workforce for the first time and others unable to do so. We also have younger children beginning their education. The question that I wish to ask is: what does the community see as the purpose of an organisation such as SMACD, particularly in the new Liberal world of politics? Do we continue to attempt to initiate new enterprises in the area, to provide services and opportunities such as the market? If you think that the answer to these questions is yes then

**Tell me and I'll forget;  
show me and I may remember;  
involve me and I'll understand**  
*Chinese Proverb*

we need your support. If you disagree then please let us know your ideas. SMACD was created as a vehicle for the general community and ambitions but without your involvement the work of few cannot hope to fulfil the needs of the many. Now more than ever rural areas need to look at their needs and work together to achieve these. Please give your support and criticism. SMACD may continue to exist as an organisation but will not have much effect without your support.

Mark Bonnitcha  
**PRESIDENT**



### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING WORTHWHILE TO DO?

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

One of the main criticisms with the teleTrak proprietary racing proposal is the lack of information. The facts as presented to me are that approximately 1500 people will be employed, with a thousand horses in work and the remainder of horses agisted on other properties. This is many less employees than the current industry employs per thousand at work mainly because of the economies of scale. The total capital cost of teleTrak International Hotel and Golf Course is estimated to be \$80 000 000. There has been suggestions that there is not enough horses to meet teleTrak's needs. There is no lack of brood mares in Australia, there is a lack of owners.

The federal, state and local governments are not being asked for any financial assistance, they will however receive many benefits - taxation, commissions, rates, taxes and employment, the bulk of which will be funded from monies received overseas.

Because we extract as many gambling dollars as possible from people in Tasmania there appears to be no moral issue involved. If we are concerned about the social problems created by gambling, here is an opportunity to use money generated overseas to assist with those problems.

A main criticism has been that it will harm the existing racing industry. Entry to the VIP stand is by invitation only, races will not be broadcast or telecast in Tasmania so you cannot go to, see or hear and outside entries (horses) are not accepted, how can it be detrimental? Incidentally there has been very strong support from those who are in the industry, breeders, owners, jockeys, strappers etc, a joint venture appears to be the answer.

TeleTrak is a clean, green environmentally friendly labour intensive industry which will give us the opportunity to promote this state for eight minutes prior to each race telecast into dozens of countries and millions of homes. It would be difficult to calculate what that would be worth in dollar terms suffice to say it is the greatest opportunity ever to promote Tasmania.

Stephen Salter

## St Marys' Walk Against Want

Sunday 16 March 1997  
**START: 11.00 AM**

**WALK ROUTE:** Meet at 18 Irish Town Road at 11.00 am. We'll be walking along the ridge, through the bush. Come to the barbecue afterwards at 18 Irish Town Road.  
**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Phone 03 63722433.

# LANDCARE NEWS

**MARCH IS LANDCARE MONTH** and this year's topic is "*Veg Out with Landcare*", so plant a tree or better still regenerate some remnant bush.

## Management of Remnant Bush

Native bush can form an integral part of the resource base of agricultural properties. By diversifying the environment, native bush helps a property remain environmentally sustainable. Appropriate bush management helps to maintain the economic value of properties by:

- 1 providing shelter for stock and crops
- 2 stabilising the soil
- 3 providing a reservoir of predators of pasture and crop pests
- 4 helping to maintain water quality and
- 5 the preservation of native flora and fauna.

## FENCES

### Why fence off an area of bush?

The aim of fencing off a piece of bush is not to lock it up and make it a fortress but to help manage it. Fencing serves to control grazing and facilitates the re-generation of native plants. Fences should be strong enough to withstand pressures from stock run in adjacent paddocks. Gates or other access points should be installed to allow for appropriate management, for example, controlled grazing.

It is far simpler and cheaper to fence off and manage existing stands of bush than to re-establish trees for shelter or other purposes. Even re-established areas of native bush require management. If the area is left unmanaged, it is likely that problems will occur. If there are weeds present they will very likely spread further. Both native and exotic grass species can grow large enough to shade out other smaller species, thus preventing tree regeneration as well as creating a potential fire hazard.

### Once an area is fenced off, what then?

What you do once the area has been fenced off will depend on the condition of the bush area.

To assess it's condition the things to look for are:

- how much of the ground cover is composed of native species, (such as kangaroo grass, tussock grass, native heath, native herbs)?
- are there any understorey trees. For example, Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*), *A. mearnsii*, prickly box (*Bursaria spinosa*) or native honeysuckle (*Banksia marginata*).
- are there any young eucalypts present and are they of different ages (you can tell this by the difference in their height and girth)?
- how healthy do the trees look. (One way to assess this is by the amount of dead wood in the crowns)?
- the number of weeds species present and the proportion of area under weeds?

If you find it difficult to make an assessment and cannot tell what is native and what is not, then there are people available who can help you in the Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Tasmania, Private Forests, University of Tasmania, local landcare groups, Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club, Tasmanian Conservation Trust and Society for Growing Australian Plants.

If there is very little in the understorey, and the ground cover is mainly introduced grasses (ie Yorkshire or Barley grass), and there are few, if any eucalypt saplings, then it will be important to encourage some regeneration.

If there is good understorey and the ground has moderate cover of native species, and there are young trees growing to replace the older ones, then it is important to ensure that the present stock of species is maintained.

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# LANDCARE

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In many cases some weed control will be necessary. There are a number of reasons why areas of bush may have difficulty regenerating naturally, for example:

- if the ground is covered by a dense sward of grasses, tree seeds will have difficulty germinating and those that do may be smothered by the grasses.
- there may not be any seed in the soil to germinate. (Check the trees and other native plants to see if they are producing flowers and fruit.)
- the seeds of some species need fire to either stimulate germination (eg some *Acacia* species) or prompt seed release (eg *Banksia*, *Allocasuarina* and *Eucalyptus* species).
- the seedlings may be subject to grazing by possums, rabbits, deer or other animals (eg sheep).
- the conditions may be too dry.
- weed infestation may be choking regeneration.

**NEXT ISSUE: Regeneration**  
How do I regenerate by bit of bush?

Author not known by me - will try to find out by next issue.

**Jan Sparkes**

# Characters of the District

Perhaps because of the work they did the miners were great characters who had each other on in the mines and the Friday night specials at the pubs.

Friday afternoons were hectic times too with pay day some women had to try and get the housekeeping money before the old fellow got to the pub.

I remember Fridays with joy as most of the out of town characters came to town for the weekly shopping trip, most of them could sure tell stories and one could have wonderful experiences listening to them.

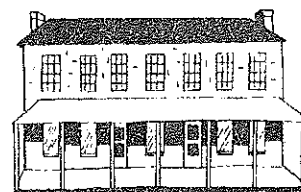
I particularly remember voting days when everybody came to town and normally did the rounds of friends and relatives. Out came the good china, lots of special cakes were cooked and after listening in a fascinated state for two or three year's news in some cases, it was time to clean up the leftovers.

One family came to town on Fridays on the local bus. They shopped and got on the grog, got back on the bus and went home.

I have actually seen them on Saturday mornings still asleep on the side of the road where the bus driver pushed them off in the front of their house the evening before.

We had a few genuinely mad people over the years, people who now days would have had medical attention and probably lived normal lives. They never seemed to have caused many problems except perhaps scaring us children. I've heard of cases of eccentric people, generally bachelors, living alone who when needing medical treatment have found clothes under the outer layer that they had forgotten they ever owned.

One poor old bachelor, a miner, who lived in any old humpy, liked a drink on a Friday night.



One night he was going home in the pouring rain and fell into a gutter. When he was finally found, they offered to take him home for his pyjamas before taking him to hospital. "What" he said, "pyjamas! they are only for married men."

Anyway the episode crippled him, he never worked again.

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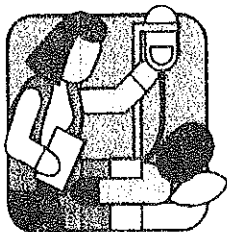
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# St Marys Sport Centre News

**FIRST** to bowls and the club has hosted the finals of the ECBA Pennant and congratulations are going to the Scamander side who pulled off a stunning victory in the Grand Final on March 8, over Swansea. This is testimony to a young player policy and our club could perhaps look at this ourselves as we are still struggling for numbers. A very big congratulations must go to our ladies who have catered magnificently over the finals series and major Association Days with still a few to go. The East Coast fours, triples and of course the East Coast Singles are still to be played. The prestigious Michael Polley Day is also on the agenda. A lot of credit for the superb bowling conditions lately must go to Peter Davern (greens manager) who has brought up the green to it's best at the right time. All finalists agreed that the green was excellent. Thanks Peter. Also to Tony Blake and Shaun Aulich for helping when required as the work looks great. Tony spent a lot of time painting seats and borders and is to be thanked by all.

**NOW** to golf and firstly to the course. It is marvellous. Without a doubt from someone who has played on this course now for 21 years continuously and knows it intimately firsthand, the course has come up brilliantly over the summer particularly as its been such a dry spell.

A combination of factors which include

the excellent work of greenkeeper Glen (too dedicated for his own good), a fantastic night in nightout watering programme by Jim Haas (course supervisor), extra work by both these blokes, many members assistance when required and of course a much better array of equipment and fertilisers has produced a layout to be proud of. Thanks to all. It's never been better in summer and the mind boggles as to how good it might be at the prime time - mid to late winter and early spring.

The course certainly must have agreed with Dale "Roy" Ridgers a couple of weeks back as a fantastic round of 65 (2 under par) by Roy is a new course record. He's been in fine form for many weeks now and he has been elected 1997 Pennant Captain and hopes to steer the club to another highly competitive season beginning in two weeks time. Hopefully three flags in a row will be the outcome and ten in twelve years for a good year.

We are truly blessed to have some excellent junior golfers coming through the ranks. Names like Adam Fletcher, Shaun Fletcher, Scott Wilson, Luke Faulkner, Mat Viney, Adam Viney, Tristan Clement, Brendan Blake and Josh Cooke spring to mind. All showing just how good they'll be over the season.

I believe most are available to play pennant which is encouraging to all. A special mention to Josh. I played with him a few weeks ago and was impressed with his swing and his improvement but what really was great revolved around his temperament. Great for someone so young. Good on you Josh.

Last Saturday and the previous week, we have had visits from Mowbray

and North West Bay. Once again our ladies outdid themselves with the tucker and all were suitably impressed. One downer for the North West Bay visit was the theft of some clubs. Although this wasn't done at the Sports Centre we all felt ashamed of the individuals involved.

I haven't got much for the Associates this time in golf, however many congratulations to Lecanne King who defeated some very highly credentialled players to win the North West Open two weeks ago. This is a major achievement and she would be just a little pleased. We are all proud of her. Hopefully more women golf news next time.

Also we had the unfortunate circumstance last week of not having enough players available to play the Wallace Shield at Malahide. We always feared, because of the timing of the event, that this may happen. However we have comfort in knowing that every option was explored before Dale notified Malahide we couldn't attend. You can't help bad luck.

**BACK** to bowls and a very big congratulations to three bowlers in Glenn McDonald, John McDonald, and Gary "Speed" Maher for giving us some great entertainment in the final of the 100 up this year. It was a round robin and the eventual winner, Glenn McDonald, didn't know until the final bowl was rolled that he'd done enough to win his first major trophy. The first of many I expect.

Until next issue, good bashing and rolling.

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# FOOTY NEWS

On Saturday 22 March the Tigers will play their first practise match against St Helens at St Marys. The day will start at 10.30 am with an U/16's match followed by Reserves and Seniors which will kick off around 12.30. The kiosk and bar facilities will be available on the day and it will be a great chance, not only for the Club to gauge how we stand at present, but for you the public to show the Club how strong the support will be this year. There has been plenty of work done at the reserve over the past weeks, with the ground, surrounds and sheds getting some much needed maintenance. Thanks to the efforts of the Council and the volunteer labour that is always available. There are still some more improvements on the way with some long awaited repairs being carried out on the scoreboard that has been on a precarious lean for several years.

Last Sunday a bus was booked and transported those who trained to Scamander for a run. A fantastic day and the lads well looked after by Geoff and staff at the Beach Resort afterwards. There are a couple of more coastal runs to go yet, with Four Mile Beach targetted for Thursday 20 March. Ask anyone of the seventeen

who trained and I'm sure they will agree that it's a little softer than the ground at present!! We hope that everyone can take advantage of the Club's offer as there is always a long hard winter ahead, training on the oval.

On a sadder note, some of the repairs that had to be carried out to the sheds were due to a break in on the long weekend. Not only was there the damage to public property, but a quantity of the Club's beer was stolen from the bar. In total it would not seem a large quantity but it meant twice the value to us because of its resale value. It virtually means the Club put on its last function for no profit. Not what a club, run by virtually all volunteer labour, was expecting. Maybe a sign of the times? Let's hope not.

With 36 players now signed we are well on the way to achieving our goals with player numbers and with Scott and Craig having around 30 boys to choose from for the U/16's, it should make a healthy competition for all spots. We now have to work hard on the senior depth, some positions already filled, but more later.

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