

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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St Marys Red Cross must not be allowed to fold after 64 years of service.

The St Marys Red Cross Branch was formed on the 2nd of October in 1939.

In the sixty-four years up until 2003, the Red Cross has provided many services to the Fingal Valley communities.

- + The Red Cross Ambulance Service (now T.A.S)
- + The Red Cross provided vehicles plus equipment as well as up keep on the vehicles.
- + The Blood Bank ran in St Marys for many years and community members were regular donors.
- + Red Cross collected annually for the Red Cross Door Knock.

Red Cross has been a part of our community for sixty-four years. Sadly, at our meeting on 28th April there were only four members who attended, this not being enough to form a committee.

It was decided at this meeting that the St Marys Red Cross Branch will go into recession till the end of the 2003 / 2004 financial year.

If new members are not forthcoming by the end of the financial year, St Marys Red Cross Branch will cease to be.

Can this be allowed to happen after sixty-four years of service ?

For further information: Please call Neville Peake on 6372 2360

Deadline for next Valley Voice is 4 pm Tues 3rd June

Friday Flea Market in St Marys - see ad inside

Looking back to 1884 Coal in our Valley

" The postponed meeting of the St Marys Coal Mining Company was held at the office of the Secretary, Mr H Cuming, in Cameron Street yesterday at noon. All the share-holders were present and Mr W Aikenhead, J.P., occupied the chair. The prospector, Mr Geo Bell, recently sent out to Mount Nicholas district, reported that since last meeting, he had been engaged with another man in putting in an open cutting into the hill where he had previously discovered a seam of coal.

From the workings he had obtained a quantity of very fair coal, of which samples weighing upwards of 5 cwts, of which the last 3 cwts sent were of a very superior quality, were obtained from a seam 8 ft wide, which appeared improving as it made inwards and showing indications of widening.

The meeting then resolved that two sections of the coal-bearing land pegged out by the prospector should be secured, and the Secretary was instructed to carry out the necessary arrangements, a call of £10 per each contributing share being made to defray the expenses. The Secretary was further instructed to obtain an estimate of the cost of carriage of 20 tons coal from the mine to the Corners railway station on the Main Line with a view of having the coal thoroughly tested. All the shareholders expressed themselves as highly gratified with the result of the testing of the coal on the previous afternoon at the Secretary's Office, and the utmost confidence in the quality of the coal was generally felt. After appointing a sub-committee to draw up the rules and regulations, the meeting was adjourned."

Article taken from Tasmanian Mail February 8 1884



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LOST

New rugby top with name: Naomi McDonald

Could parents please check their children's jumpers to see if they have brought it home by mistake.

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BMX Bike Park

The Break O'Day Council has given approval for the construction of a BMX Bike Park at the St Marys Recreation Ground.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in the supper room of the St Marys Town Hall.

We will be planning working bees and details of the construction of the Bike Park. If anyone is interested or has any skills or equipment they would like to volunteer, please come to this meeting.

For more information please phone Hannah on 6372 2348

Soccer Match:

Saturday 24th May 11 am
St Marys v St Helens at St Marys School footy pitches.

Northeast Wildlife

Carers is now established in St Marys for orphaned or injured native animals.

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Lorraine McGee RN

Appointments 0409 361 005

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**Next session -
Thurs 5th June**



Aulich Max

Wes, Judy, David and Sandra Aulich and families, wish to thank everybody for their cards and personal condolences on the sad loss of Max.

Thank you all.

Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc (TLC)

Points of interest arising from meeting on 19th May 2003.

Check TLC advertisement for new email address and web page.

The TLC will again be having the popular Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon. More details closer to the day.

A major raffle will also be held at a later date.

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105.
Audrey: 6372 2337
Fax: 6372 2172

Leave written material with Kathryn, Marys Health & Beauty Centre, or post:
Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

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Do you know your ambulance service? Can you help?

The St Marys Branch of the Tasmanian Ambulance Service is manned by volunteer officers trained and supported by the Tasmanian Ambulance Service.

1. The St Marys service has paramedic back up based at Scamander, they cover the whole of the East Coast. The St Marys ambulance covers St Marys, Fingal, Mathinna, Mangana, Scamander, Falmouth, Four Mile Creek and Chain of Lagoons areas.
2. The service is free to Tasmanian residents.
3. Volunteers receive no remuneration for their service.
4. The St Marys Branch like many other branches rely on volunteers to keep their service operating 24 hours a day 365 days a year.
5. The St Marys branch is currently looking for new volunteers to join, so if you are interested in joining a worthwhile and greatly needed service, please call for further information.

Ian Bradbury 6372 2209 or 0438 582 928

The Valley Voice

Dear Editor,

I live in Bribie Island Queensland, about 60 miles north of Brisbane, am a Tasmanian and trying to gather family history on my Morris family, some descendents of whom have lived in St Marys for many years.

Jeff Morris and others have been a great help to me in finding family members but there is still a great deal I don't know on the history of the Gray, German Town and Irishtown and I would like to invite the descendents of William James Morris and his wife Eliza Lohrey, to write down and send on their stories of growing up in St Marys and Gray.

Their school mates, the old "Morrisville" house, sold by Dora and Richard in 1960's, their picnics and beach and creek days, their hardships. Some of the surnames of descendents are:- Morris, Bushing, Semmens, Gardiner, Hawkins, Dakin, Slatter, Pilcher, Hayes, Davern, Wilkins, Whittaker, O'Boyle, Viney, Parker and more.

I look forward in anticipation to hearing your stories.

Many thanks, Ann Daniel (nee Morris)

All replies to be posted to: Ann Daniel

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Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 6pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna Monday 10am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

Anglican Parish - St Helens

6376 1144

St Helens

8am and 10.30am

Every Sunday

St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM:

3.15 pm to 5 pm

for children 5-12 yrs

Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

St Helens 11am and 7pm

Seventh Day Adventist

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Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

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Last Sunday of month we will share lunch together.

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New Beginnings Church is a branch of The Vine Church A.O.G Launceston

Friday Flea Market for St Marys

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts will be holding its first Flea Market this Friday the 23rd May 12 to 2 pm, at its headquarters in Storey Street St Marys.

Everyone is invited to set up a stall, however little or however much you wish to sell.

There is no charge for stalls or entry but please note it is BYO table or else set up a blanket on the floor.



St Marys v St Helens this weekend

St Marys Soccer Club will host the first game in a series of Junior and Senior games with St Helens this Saturday May 24.

The St Marys Junior teams are expecting challenging games against the talented youngsters from St Helens, whereas the St Marys Senior team is expected to win its game easily.

The Junior games will kick off at 11 am at the school footy pitches. All Juniors are invited to play and teams will be picked according to age.

The Senior game will kick off around 12.30 pm. We now have some junior shin-pads in stock and are available at cost of \$7 from Jack.

Meals on Wheels Roster

May /June	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 26th	Glen Lodge	Debbie Speers (W)
Tues 27th	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
Wed 28th	Lorraine Gill	Wendy Blair
Thurs 29th	Heather Griffiths	Christine Woods (P)
Fri 30th	Pauline Berwick	Julie-Anne Claridge
Mon 2nd		
Tues 3rd		
Wed 4th	ROSTER NOT AVAILABLE	
Thurs 5th		
Fri 6th		

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Dr Shah on call phone 6372 2311

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BOOK DONATIONS

A big *thank you* to those of you in the Community who have kindly donated books to the St Marys Day Centre. We now have a very healthy collection for the clients and inpatients to use.

TAI CHI

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When: Thursday evenings

Where: Day Centre Room

Time: 6:30pm– 7:30pm

Cost: \$5.00

All welcome to attend.

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Strength Training Program Commencing on:

Tuesday 20th May– 26th June

Tuesdays 9:00am– 10:00am

Thursdays 12:00pm– 1:00pm



Strength Training Continued...

Cameron Blight Fitness Trainer and Tassie Devils footballer will be conducting these strength training sessions for older people in the BOD Municipality.

To register your interest phone Rowena Leitch at the Health Community House on 63762 975.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

22nd/5 Continence Clinic with Karen Bel. P: 63722111 for an appoint.

22nd/5 Tai Chi 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

27th/5 Tom Baine, Barrister 9am-10am

29th/5 Hearing Clinic. For appoint. Phone 6331 7455

29th/5 Tai Chi 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

4th/6 Podiatry. Perry Daly, Lightfoot Podiatry.

5th/6 Child Health Clinic with Lorraine McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoints available by calling 0409 361 005

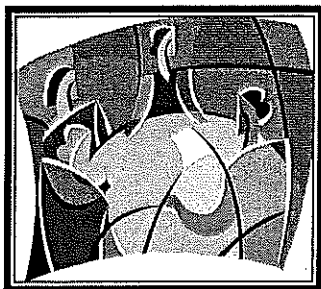
5th/6 Tai Chi 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

11th/6 Jewellery Display in Day Centre. Julie and Mike McHenry, L'ton. For further details phone Hayley on 63722111.

12th/6 Breast Cancer Support Group 2pm in Day Centre Room. Contact Sandra Oliver for further details on 63722111.

Information from this page was submitted by:

The St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek Rd, St Marys, TASMANIA. 7215



PARENTS & FRIENDS

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

7.00pm in the staffroom.

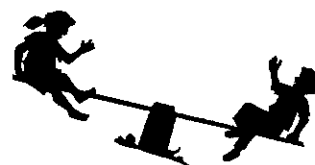
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WHEN: Thursday 29th May 2003
1 - 3pm



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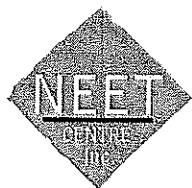
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Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd July

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We have enough numbers for this course to go ahead, but there are still spaces available

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MAY 2003



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th May	20th May	21st May K - 10 Cross Country	22nd May	23rd May
26th May Primary Assembly 11.10 - Hall	27th May ENE Cross Country Mathinna Inter High Cross Country P & F Meeting 7pm - Staffroom	28th May Big Newsletter home	29th May	30th May LAST DAY of TERM



The Say with Cage Rattler

Unidentified Community Group ?

Has anyone heard of a particular community group anywhere around St Marys lately? I can't say that I have.

It has also been quite some time since the popular and informative SMACD report has appeared in the pages of the Valley Voice - wouldn't it be good to see it again.

I'm not going to bag SMACD, but only do some reflection on the original concept of the group born all those years ago. Through these comments I trust that someone will take those early ideas on board for consideration in the future.

The aim of SMACD then was exactly what the initials mean: St Marys Association for Community Development. That development was primarily to offer the opportunity for beautification of the town, help improve existing facilities and seek training for keen community members willing to work.

I recall vividly the enthusiasm when Annette Wines prompted the formation of the Association and the ideas that came thick and fast once the first committee was formed. They were exciting times.

I suppose the jewel in the crown was the Community Contact Centre set up for a year in the Westpac Bank building. This Centre initiated training initiatives for a few people, and provided a drop-in place for a range of services and information gathering. It was terrific. Likewise was the Streetscape Design that would have been amazing if fully carried through. Unfortunately higher powers prevented much of the plan continuing, through little if any fault of the locals. Several worthwhile hands on projects were completed though, which we still see today such as the Sight n' Sound playground and the Old Post Office Park, just to name a couple. By the way, the original Streetscape plans can be viewed at the St Marys Library.

We all understand and appreciate demographics change but perhaps it is time to re-investigate those original SMACD policies for those of us who are not '*megabytely challenged*' !!

It is a great thing the Online Centre, which more recent SMACD committees have developed, but a more diverse range of activities cannot be a bad thing either.

I am sure many of all those original enthusiastic members of SMACD would be only too pleased to rejoin provided something like those original ideas could be attempted again, and maybe revisit those Streetscape plans.

I hope that through the Cage Rattler Forum, a SMACD representative will outline to us all, what they've been up to and if they could perhaps re-invent themselves to again be an avenue for some hands-on projects.

Let's hear from you, what do you think ?

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Before the War by Jeff Morris

A little of what I remember from say, when I was about five or six and then when I was about twelve years of age.

Dad had an old Overland car, later an A Model Ford. Once a year just before Christmas there would be a shopping trip to Launceston. We would save our pennies all year and if we had 10 shillings, equal to about one dollar, we would come home with a heap of things. Nothing at Coles for more than two shillings and sixpence. You could buy a Joseph Rogers Pocket knife (the best!) for about two shillings. We would leave before daylight, stop at Perth Bridge and boil the billy, then continue on to Launceston, there was nothing much along the road until the Six Ways, (nothing at Kings Meadows), down High Street, straight to Reeman and Manning's Garage. Roy Reeman was an old friend of Dad. We would leave the car there to be serviced, go to upstairs Coles to have lunch.

So many wonderful things to examine in the shops, catgut fishing lines and hooks and other such useful things. It was frowned on to buy toys. I can't remember coming out of Coles to any other shops, then back to pick up the car and head for home which we reached well after dark.

St Marys at this time was booming, there were four active coal mines, the railway station and goods shed. Everything was brought in by train for St Marys as well as St Helens and Bicheno. Four General Stores, Dawsons, Dawborns, Hindles (where Stan Graham's shop was burnt down) and Reeces in Groom Street opposite where I now live. Three Butcher shops for a while, two Baker shops, two Hotels, Newsagency, Barber and small shops in between, Chemist, Dentist, Saddlery, Police Station and of course Todd's Hall Picture Theatre and the school in the middle of town, three Banks and a Post Office.

Miners were paid fortnightly and every second Friday night all the families came in from Cornwall and Mt Nicholas to do their shopping, with the shops staying open until 9 pm. There were crowds on the streets, people sitting on Pub verandah and on grass across the street and us kids would sneak in close to listen to the stories being told. I often think it would have been great if tape recorders had been invented and someone had taped the talk.

On Sundays we would go fishing - after morning church or Sunday School of course. We'd head off to Scamander and let Dad off at top of Millers Hill with his shotgun. Dad's sister Jean (later Mrs Charlie Semmens) would take over and drive, stopping at Steel's Lane, pick blackberries if in season or a little further on boil the billy and wait for Dad, listening all the time to hear a shot. Inevitably he would arrive with a kangaroo or two and occasionally a wild duck if he went down along the Broadwater. We would then go on to Scamander where we would fish for the afternoon, sometimes if Dad could afford it he would hire a boat for two shillings, row up towards Green Island. The bridge had been washed away in 1929 and a punt used to run across the river. What big fish we used to catch, even a Gummy Shark occasionally.

Sometimes it was down to Picaninny crayfishing and sometimes we would go to Steve Russell's and stay for tea because when they drove their horse and trap up to St Marys on Friday nights they would have dinner with us. There were so many crays there that at low tide you could see them crawling around on the kelp, we'd bring them home and you could hardly give them away as everybody caught their own.

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Before the War by Jeff Morris *continued*

Then came Christmas and Easter holidays and off camping to Coles Bay. At that time brother Dallas and Gordon Robinson were tin scratching in there about half way between Swanick and Coles Bay. How we ever made it there and back I don't know. The roads were not sealed and the road into Coles Bay was only a track, mostly where they had started to build a railway line from the Mines Lagoon, when they had started mining coal. A jetty had been built and they were going to send the coal out by ship but it all fell through.

No one lived in there, except the two Buckley brothers at Swanick, they used to tie their horses behind their row boat and row across to the other side of the river and ride the beach to Swansea for provisions. But back to our trip !! Just imagine an old Overland car, a pull down carrier on the back, with a great big box on it in which we packed our provisions, on top of the box a rolled up calico tent, inside the car Mum and Dad, at least three or four of us youngsters and other stuff. At least one dog, sometimes two sitting on the running boards - what a load !

Dad stopped at the foot of Gray hill where us kids and Mum had to get out and walk to the top. The same happened for most of the Pass coming back home as the car would not pull us up. The next stop would be at Mines Lagoon to boil the billy, where the Wild Life Park now is, then on to the Apsley River where we would fill up the water cans.

I remember one trip when the guns were found missing when we stopped for water and Dad had to make the return trip to Mines Lagoon where he found the guns still standing against a tree where he had left them. If there had been rain, us kids would quite often have to get out and push the car through the mud patches in quite a few places, but eventually we got there.

Sometimes we stopped at Swanick, sometimes right on to Coles Bay at the foot of the old jetty and up went that calico tent. Dad drove forked stakes into the ground while we stuffed chaff bags with grass or ferns, poles were pushed through, along sides of the bags and rested them on the forked sticks, and on these we slept.

And oh what a great place to fish was that old jetty. Every type of fish possible, even 'coota and shark and crayfish around the rocks. We took with us mostly only essentials, tea, sugar, flour, salt and such. Mum made bread and dampers in an old camp oven - you haven't lived if you haven't tasted what comes out of a camp oven!

So it was until the war came.

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**East Coast & Fingal Valley
Junior Football
Association**

Not much to report on the last fortnight as all the kids stayed home to cook their Mum dinner on Mothers Day and last Saturday was cancelled due to bad weather.

A reminder that this Sunday we play at Bicheno against Swansea at 10.30 am, then we have 2 weeks off for school holidays.

It is also time to start thinking about our game at York Park on the 29th June at half time of the Hawthorn v Fremantle game.

As around 30 children can play in this game and we have 60 registered children, we will be sending a note home from school to gauge interest in this game. If more than 30 children are interested in the game, a selection criteria will be put in place that will hopefully keep everyone happy.

Leigh Spilsbury 6372 2220

(Loved the paper Leigh !!)

**St Marys High School
Under 16's Football**

This year, due to the St Marys Football Club going into recess, we have formed a St Marys High School Under 16 team to play in the NTFA. We would like to thank everyone involved for their support.

Three games have been played to date. In the first game we played Campbell Town and everyone played very well and won with this one as well as winning the Shield because this was a Country Challenge. Richard Howe won the medallion for the best player. Other good players were Ben Oates, Ryan Stuart and Ben Miller.

The next game we played St Pats and lost, but again the boys played very well. Best Players on the day were Billy Singline, Matthew Hoskinson and Brodie Stuart.

Last week we played Old Scotch and were soundly beaten but the scoreboard did not tell the story as the boys matched it with the best. Best players on the day were Sam Oates, Brock Leedham, Joel Salter and Daniel Cooke.

This week we play Grammar at Bethune Park.

Bus leaves Scamander 7 am, St Marys 7.15 am, Fingal 7.30 am.

Good luck boys.

St Marys Tennis Club

Break O'Day Mixed Challenge

The Break O'Day Mixed Challenge was held at the Club on Saturday and Sunday on the 17th and 18th May. Although it was disappointing that there were no A grade entries this year, many locals again played in the B and C grades to bolster up the numbers – Randal and Linda Faulkner, Chris Gunson, Fran Lowe and Warren Blackberry, Leigh Nehls and Maryanne Richards, Susan and John Miles, Olivier Chartrain and Michelle Loane. The B grade was held at the Hogarth's and Falmouth courts and C Grade was held at St.Marys on the Saturday. The finals and BBQ lunch were at the St.Marys Club on the Sunday. The club appreciates the many volunteers (too many to mention) who assisted in preparation of the courts and surrounding areas, those who gave up their time to help over the weekend and people who donated food. A special thankyou to local sponsors John and Rosanne Cox, Mark Carrick and Kate Almond from the St.Marys Value Plus Supermarket who contributed meat towards our BBQ on Sunday. Many of the visiting competitors were impressed and commented on our improvements to the Club. A great effort through a lot of hard work from our Club volunteers! It was great to see Peter Sanders from the Examiner roving around over the weekend capturing photos and stories from the event.

The results were:

B Grade – Darwin Hansen and Sally Collins (from the North West Coast) defeated Mike Burke and Sharon Thompson (from Hobart) 6-4, 6-2.

C Grade – John and Susan Miles defeated Jeff Heathcote and Teresa Mackowski 6-3, 6-2.

We would also like to thank Tennis Tasmania, Alison and Rodney Bushing and Chris and Carole Gunson for their donations to the St.Marys and Falmouth Tennis Clubs Raffle held over the weekend. The winners were:

1st Prize of a tennis racquet and balls – Ray Grambower (St.Helens)

2nd Prize of 2 Crayfish – Sharon Thompson (Hobart)

3rd Prize of a bottle of wine – Fran Lowe

We are hoping that the Examiner, Tennis Tasmania and Break O'Day Tourism Association, as major sponsors of this event, continue their support in 2004 for this great tournament on the East Coast!

Junior Championships

Dean Aberle, from the Cornwall Coal Company, recently attended a secondary school assembly at St. Marys District High School to present the winners, Todd Spilsbury and Nadine Ozols, and runners-up, Riley Gunson and Ella Cooke, with their fantastic trophies. The Club appreciate the Cornwall Coal Company's kind donation of these trophies and their continued support of this event.

Coaching

Michelle Rowell will be available for adult and junior coaching on Saturday 31st May, Monday 2nd June and Saturday 7th June. Please contact her directly to make a booking on Mobile 0408832075 or Home 63432075.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th August at 7.30 pm.

Susan Miles (Secretary)

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St Marys Sports Centre News by Kackhander

Side still undefeated

A Grade pennant side continues on its undefeated path with another good result at home to Freycinet last Sunday.

St Marys maintains a terrific home record over the past 18 years that currently stands at 64-2. Those two losses came against Bicheno in their successful years.

Last Sunday we felt the side would be justifiably challenged by the strong Freycinet line-up but our mob dug deep to come up with a nice 6-1 score.

Special congratulations this week to Craig Mitchell who played sub-par golf in wet heavy conditions to win a top game. Mark Carrick and Smokey Dawson also did very well to come from behind and win.

In A Reserve, oh so very close, with the game decided on the 19th hole in the final game. Don't worry boys you'll get there soon. Stars this week without doubt were Todd Spilsbury who is really hitting the ball well at the moment and Skeeter Webb who recorded his 2nd win of the year.

This weekend the teams head off to Malahide for another tough game.

In Club golf Chris Davern played very well to take out this years Geoff and Ruth Gill Memorial Trophy with a good nett 65. This is off a 5 handicap. Shan Wilmot was also very close as well. Last week the 9 hole 'Mud Run' saw Mark Carrick continue his excellent recent form to score a terrific 29½ nett. Well done.

Haven't a lot from Ladies Golf, except to repeat that St Marys Pennant team is joint leader with a few games to go and we're sure they'll acquit themselves well again.

In Club news there are some important announcements. Boy are we down on membership!

We only currently have about 55-60% of last years subs in. Even allowing for natural attrition, this needs to be arrested soon otherwise we are really going to struggle over winter when we need the funds most.

What we need is a commitment from those who have yet to re-join, and as soon as possible. Winter is a tough time and every cent makes a big difference.

There are several developments about to occur in the next few months and priority of these is:

1. Revamping our problem roof which needs some much needed attention. All hands on deck for that one.
2. All who can lend a constructive time for our new watering scheme will be appreciated. This is perhaps the single biggest project the club has ever undertaken and it's exciting to think that in a few months we could have a decent system.
3. A major fundraising idea has been put forward which will involve a great outcome for all if it comes to fruition. As soon as we look into the details we will announce what's happening. Let's just say it will be great to reap the benefits if you are lucky enough to do so.

Another worthy project is Mark Carrick's new footy tipping concept. Week 1 is complete and it is great to announce that we have 40 people taking part which will allow for terrific prizes at it's conclusion, weekly winners will also be pleased.

Week 1 saw a three way tie on 47 points. Those three lucky persons are; Diedre Panton, Wombat Wilson and Chris Davern.

Make sure you get your selections in early.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling

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