

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR SPORT?

Jim Haas

It was one of those crisp sunny days in late autumn, the ones we get following a frost, the golf course was full, on every hole players were doing their thing. From every corner of the course you could hear the sounds from the footy oval where the St Marys Tigers were doing battle with the Fingal Blues. Car horns hooted, sirens and umpires' whistles thrilled the air and the roar of the crowd as they cheered on their teams echoed all the way to the town centre. Oh, and then I woke up and all was quiet. Oh, so quiet.

What has happened to sport in our town? Where has volleyball, indoor hockey, indoor bowls, badminton and netball gone? Not to mention our football and cricket teams. Lawn bowls and tennis appear to be hanging on, but our golf membership is at it's lowest ever, so much so that summer competition is almost none existent, forcing some golfers to pursue their sport else where. We were all extremely shocked at the loss of Todd's Hall, but surely the loss of our sports clubs, especially our footy club, has left equally as big a hole in our town.

Over the last few years we have seen many new faces in our town and in areas such as the Grassy Bottoms Regional Arts we see the fruits of their skills, but it would appear, very few are interested in sport, indeed, our sports clubs were doing much better before the so called "Boom"

Don't we realise anymore how sport can enhance our community? How it can provide much needed healthy recreation and exercise for all age groups and build character in our young, as well as help keep them off the streets and give them more purpose in life. Kids are introduced to sport in school, and then left in the cold when they leave.

We stood up for our hospital, we are fighting for our doctor, sport is a healthy part of our community, let's fight for it before we have none left.

My next dream is for the next wave of New Settlers to be golfers, footballers, cricketers, volleyballers, badminton players and people with a competitive spirit who just want healthy competition.

Maybe then the locals will be inspired to get off our bums and get into the spirit.

Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue of the Valley Voice is Tuesday 23rd March 2004



**Celebrate
St Patrick's Day
Wednesday
March 17**

The Examiner of 1913

A Dangerous Road 19 April 1913

Tourists and others visiting the East Coast complain of the dangerous state of the road up St Marys Pass.

During the recent bush fires about a mile of fencing was destroyed, with the result that in many places there is now an unprotected sheer drop of from 150 to 200 feet.

At the best of times the road is only sufficiently wide for two vehicles to pass, and it is felt that unless early steps are taken to repair the fence the consequences will be serious in the event of a restive horse meeting a motor on the road.

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Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm
Thursday 10 am - 3 pm
Friday 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm

JOBFIND

Jobfind Interviews will be conducted in the Online Centre on Thursdays but the Computers will still be available to the public during this time. Jobfind will also be conducting training in how to apply for jobs using the Internet.

NEW DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

New multi - card reader for easy downloading of photographs taken with digital cameras and photos can be saved onto a CD.

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Autumn

Wife: "If marriage is a fifty-fifty deal, why haven't you raked up your half of the leaves?"

Husband: "Your half is on the ground dear. Mine is still on the tree".

Kids Creative Music @ St Marys

Encourages development of rhythm, vocal and harmonic skills in a fun and creative atmosphere.

40 minute small group sessions after school on Thursdays.

Special pilot series: March 18th, 25th, April 1st

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St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130

Ah 1800 808 178 Mobile: 0409 361 005

Lorraine McGee RN.

Appointments: 6372 2111

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Next Session:

Thurs 18th March , Thurs 1st April

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Community notices

Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc. St Marys meeting Monday 15th March at the St Marys Community Health Centre. New members always welcomed.

North East Bioregional Network, next meeting 16th March 4 pm at St Helens Neighbourhood House

The East Coast & Fingal Valley Junior Football Association meeting Thursday 25th March 7.30 pm at St Marys Hotel

St Marys Tennis Club meeting Thursday 25 March at 7.30 pm

St Marys Association for Community Development

Next meeting for S.M.A.C.D. will be on Friday 26th March at 5 pm in the St Marys Online Access Centre. All past and present members and curious community members are encouraged to attend.

There will be a brief meeting for the St Marys O.A.C. Volunteers on the same day at 2 pm.

For enquiries please phone:
6372 2005 or 6272 2846

Break O'Day Seafood and Symphony Friday 26 March 6 pm
Portland Memorial Hall St Helens
TSO Box office 1800 001 190 or
Break O'Day Council for bookings

Break O'Day Stitchers Exhibition
10th - 14th April, 10 am to 4 pm at
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St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

What about the rest of us ?

I noticed with interest, in the latest council newsletter, the "Tidy Towns' win once again to St Helens with congratulations to the Parks and Reserves staff, and good luck to them, but can Council advise all the other towns in the Break O'Day Municipality where their Parks and Reserve staff are, as town maintenance in areas other than St Helens appears to be on a 'ad-hoc' basis when someone is available usually in an unsupervised manner.

Not good enough. We are all part of Break O'Day..... I think !

Just another ratepayer. (name supplied)

A memo from Denmark

No, it is not from our now famous Mary, but from Peta.

Peta is a friend who lives in St Marys when she is not travelling and working as a Nanny and has recently taken up a nanny position in Denmark.

In an email to me Peta spoke of her flight to Denmark via Bangkok and gave a colourful description of the chap who sat next to her and some of his less favourable habits!!

She had an unscheduled stopover at Bangkok which was due to a seven hour delay with her flight, so Peta enjoyed the unexpected stay in a 4 star hotel which was a real bonus but she did not go much on the heat of 30° plus the humidity.

Peta commented on her arrival at Copenhagen airport - such an easy airport to get around in and not the hassle usually associated with customs and immigration.

"My host Mor (mum) and Far (dad) picked me up from the airport and are really nice. On Friday Majbrith took me into the city and we went to the mall. The city is so old and pretty and pretty cold also as it has been about -3 to 0° while I have been here but the indoor heating is great" wrote Peta.

(Will write more as I hear from Peta. Audrey)

Two seasons in one

Autumn has come in right on schedule, at least for the first few days, then along came a few rather hot humid days left over from summer then a few days of rain, and now back to lovely autumn again. A few weeks ago Ron and Bettie were caught up in snow but still in summer.

"We left Four Mile Creek and arranged to met Roger and Nola at Deloraine where they took over the driving, far easier than me trying to find my way as it had been some time since we had been up to our son's chalet in the highlands, and with someone else driving we were able to enjoy the scenery and their very informative commentary. While in Deloraine we had time to look around and see the 'totem poles' and the native animal sculptures.

The trip through Golden Valley was spectacular, the trees were still in full leaf and the further we went we could see the changes as we entered the alpine plateau. Some of the rocky outcrops looked as if they had been placed there by man because they looked so neatly stacked.

As we neared the top of the mountain we could see the northern end of Great Lake and down to Miena, from there it was only a short distance to Breona and our destination. After unpacking we sat back with a cuppa and lunch and were able to look out at the wonderful views all around us and watch the first soft fallings of snow.

Next morning we awoke to find our car (this is Tassie summer!), covered in snow but it still was a lovely morning. After lunch we were taken for a tour (by road) around the lake to Miena then on to Arthurs Lake where we noticed a well maintained camping area. Arthurs Lake can also be reached via Poatina. There were hundreds of shacks around the lake country and the wild flowers were all out and making the whole place look pretty good.

Time to leave on Monday and once again we woke to find a blanket of snow on the cars. We again travelled back through Golden Valley and on to Four Mile on the east coast and also to a hot summer day !

ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY

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Friday

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Sunday

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Better funding for aged care

Senator Guy Barnett has assured the aged care sector that he would fight for better funding of aged care in Tasmania.

"I expect that the way aged care is financed will change and hopefully improve as a result of the Hogan inquiry into the sector, and it will be my aim to make sure Tasmania benefits from any reforms or changes," Senator Barnett said.

As secretary of the Australian Government's Health and Ageing Policy Committee, Senator Barnett was speaking in Hobart at the launch of the inaugural Tasmanian edition of the DPS Guide to aged care, a comprehensive publication which provides detailed information for the elderly.

The guide details every Australian Government funded aged care facility and community aged care package provider, plus other editorial information to assist older people and their carers to be better informed about the range of choices available.

"I believe our treatment of the most respected citizens of our society is fundamental to our unique character as Australian. If we short change the elderly then we are short changing ourselves and future generations," Senator Barnett said.

"I remain hopeful that the Hogan inquiry into aged care will be published soon and acted on by the Government. I am keen to see reforms proposing a better funding and indexation system for aged care. We currently rely on an outdated indexation system as a basis for funding, rather than a more realistic indicator which covers the actual increase in costs," he said. Total funding for aged and community care has increased from \$3 billion in 1995-96 to a projected \$6 billion in 2003-04.

The number of people in Australia aged over 65 is likely to swell from 2.4 million now, up to 4.2 million people in 20 years time. Tasmania currently has the second oldest population of any state or territory. Within 10 years the population will become the oldest in Australia.

"In the next 20 years the proportion of the Tasmanian population aged 65 years and over is expected to increase from 13.75% to 22.51%. Tasmania will be the first state required to deal in depth with aging related issues across all aspects of community living," Senator Barnett said.

News Corner: Lions Club of St Marys

Community invited

The official opening of the Lions Club playground in St Marys will be held on Saturday 27 March at 11 am with a free sausage sizzle to follow.

All welcome.

BBQ at auction

Lions Club recently ran a successful BBQ at 'Sharmans' auction on Sunday 29th February. Thanks to all who supported us.

Camping package - Easter raffle

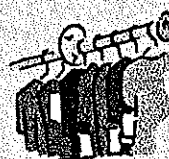
We are currently running an Easter Raffle of a 'Camping Package for 4' drawn on Wednesday 7th April.

Prize includes: Two - 3 man dome tents, table and 4 chairs, stainless steel cups & plates, gas cylinder, gas BBQ, gas light & pole, tarpaulin, plus bonus Easter Eggs. Value \$500.

Tickets \$1 each and available from Lions Club Members and Wombat Post St Marys.

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

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DR GENIOLA

Sat 20th—Sun 21st March

LOCUM

Sat 27th—Sun 28th March

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 63722311

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The Ambulance on:
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000 works on Mobile Telephones.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Scripts will no longer be taken over the phone by our receptionist. A doctors appointment will be required if you cannot speak directly to your doctor. Your cooperation would be appreciated.
Thank you

LOCUM COMING TO ST MARYS DR PAUL KERKENENOV

Dr Paul and his wife Jenny Kerkenenov will be in St Marys from;

22nd March 2004- 1st April 2004

Dr Paul will be doing Dr Pravesh Shah's surgery and on call hours during this period of time. Normal surgery hours will apply during this time. Please make Dr Paul and Jenny welcome during their stay in St Marys.



WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?

Currently we have 4 Medical Student at the Community Health Centre on Practical Experience. If you do not want them to sit in on your Doctor Consultation please let our reception staff know when you arrive. Thank you.

15th/ Mar **TLC AGM, 10am** at the Centre.
All welcome to attend and new faces are always welcome!

17th/ Mar **Pap Smear Clinic** with Dr Libby Reekman. Waiting list available by phoning 6372 2111.

18th/ Mar **Jobfind** 9:30am-2:00pm in Day Centre Room at the CHC.

18th/ Mar **Child Health** with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoints. available by phoning 0409361005 or 63722111 and leave a message.

18th/ Mar **'Get the Most out of Life'** 3:30pm
Please phone the centre on 6372 2111 for further details.

25th/ Mar **'What About Me'** Health Professionals Workshop. For further details about this workshop please see Sophie at the CHC.

25th/ Mar **Hearing Services** phone 63317455 for appointments.

COME TO DAY CENTRE ON 17TH MARCH 2004

On Wednesday 17th March 2004, which is also St Patrick's Day, the St Marys Day Centre will be having a *Trade Table* from 11am-12noon in the Day Centre room of the Centre. If you would like to donate anything or come for a look please feel welcome. New and familiar faces are always welcome.

Information from this page was submitted by:

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

Local supermarket leaps ahead

I would like to congratulate the St Helens Festival Supermarket on its courageous decision to convert to fully biodegradable plastic bags, even though it meant a slightly higher cost. It is great to learn of a small business that has taken it upon itself to be proactive when it comes to its environmental responsibilities.

I strongly urge other businesses in the area to visit the Festival Supermarket to see the new product and start investigating whether they might be able to do something similar.

We still need to do much more to reduce the number of bags used, whilst still leaving shoppers with some sensible way of getting their purchases home. The calico bags that they have for sale are the best option.

The Howard government's solution to our plastic bag problem has been to put supermarket chains in charge of a voluntary reduction and Federal Environment Minister David Kemp recently hailed a 3% reduction in the number of plastic bags as 'magnificent'.

Dr Kemp's praise of the minimal results achieved by supermarkets ignores the fact that far better outcomes have been achieved in other countries by levies or bans. Why would Dr Kemp be happy with such a poor result when a reasonable levy could provide a 90% reduction in six months (as happened in Ireland in 2002), and a ban would eliminate plastic shopping bag use altogether?

There is now an opportunity for the new State Environment Minister Judy Jackson to demonstrate her commitment to her new portfolio by taking effective action on plastic shopping bags with a levy or a ban; action which surveys have shown would be supported by the public, rather than once again buckle to a big business.

Again congratulations for showing leadership on this issue.

Tim Morris MHA
Greens Member for Lyons

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Meals on Wheels Roster

March		St Marys	Fingal
Mon	15th	P & Y Davern	Sharon Hall
Tue	16th	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
Wed	17th	Mary Viney	Debra Speers (N)
Thu	18th	Tania West	Tom Brady
Fri	19th	N & A Challis	Christine Woods (S)
Mon	22nd	Audrey Wright	Lynda Bean
Tue	23rd	Lorraine Gill	Raylene Hall
Wed	24th	Wendy Aulich	Jacquie Death
Thu	25th	Jean Schier	Rachael Reid
Fri	26th	Claire Bean	Shirleen Woods

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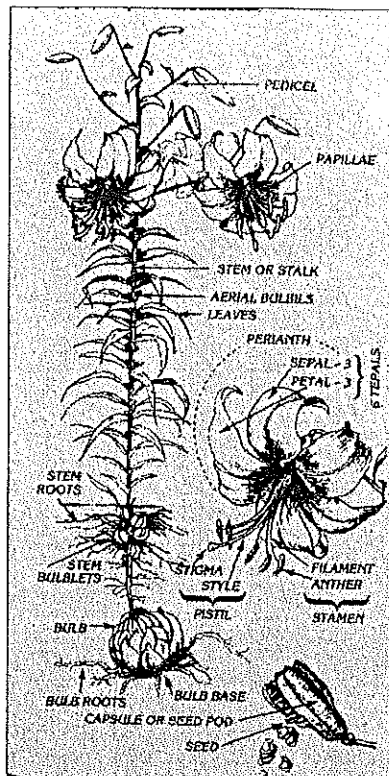
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Lilliums

Lilliums will grow in acid or slightly acid soil, but need effective drainage, sunshine and shade in equal amounts.

Fertilise with a generous amount of properly made compost, with the addition of a handful of complete fertiliser to each square metre. For pot culture use a good grade potting mix, and add complete fertiliser or slow release fertiliser to ensure the plant is well nourished when in growth

Do not allow Liliun bulbs to dry out. The worst pest of Lilliums are slugs, snails and aphids. Scatter pellets every 3 weeks, particularly after rain. In Autumn and Spring spray for aphids.



Free Training for Community Organisations

Session	St Helens	Fingal	St Marys
Submission Writing. A guide to grabbing grants I	Wednesday 10th March '04 1 pm - 3 pm	Thursday 18th March '04 10 am - 12	Friday 23rd April '04 1 pm - 3 pm
Recruit and Co-ordinate Volunteers	Wednesday 17th March '04 1 pm - 3 pm	Thursday 25th March '04 10 am - 12 noon	Friday 30th April '04 1 pm - 3 pm
Food Safety Guidelines for Community food events	Wednesday 24th March '04 1 pm - 3 pm	Thursday 1st April '04 10 am - 12 md	Friday 7th May '04 1 pm - 3 pm
Risk Management for Voluntary Organisations	Wednesday 31st March '04 1 pm - 3 pm	Thursday 8th April '04 10 am - 12 md	Friday 14th May '04 1 pm - 3 pm

St Helens Venue: St Helens Neighbourhood House

Fingal Venue: Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House

St Marys Venue: St Marys Community Centre

All training is free and RSVP please to: Penny on 6376 1545
(Answer machine attached)

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan 6372 2252

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am

1st and 3rd Sunday Mass 10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bichen

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: 2nd & 4th Sunday
monthly at 11.30 am

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

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

Every Sunday at 10.30 with
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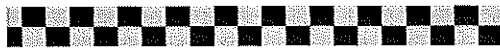
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& Bay Surf Shop 2.

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PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

AGM

TUESDAY 30TH - 2.30 PM

AT THE SCHOOL

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School Executive Officer
St Marys District High School
13 Gray Road
ST MARYS 7215



Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders close on Friday 26 March at 12 noon.



St Marys Playgroup

PLAYGROUP is on AGAIN!!!!

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Christie 6372 2154

DENTAL THERAPIST



The dental therapist will be visiting the school on

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th March

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th March

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th April

For emergency treatment please phone
Kelham Street - Launceston 6336 4100

St Marys Dental Van - Please phone and
leave a message on their machine - 6372 2488.



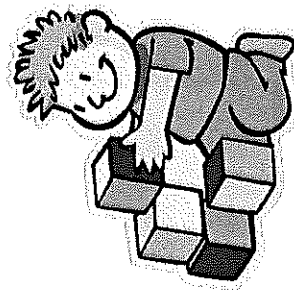
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st March Dentist	2nd March Dentist Swim Carnival 3 - 6	3rd March Bicheno Carnival Dentist	4th March St Helens Swim Carnival	5th March St Marys Carnival
8th March	9th March St Helens Swim Carnival Gr 7 - 10	10th March Fingal Carnival	11th March	12th March Playgroup 10 - 12 noon
15th March Primary Assembly Dentist	16th March ENE Swim Carnival Gr 3 - 6 Dentist	17th March Swimming Rain Day	18th March	19th March Playgroup 10 - 12 noon
22nd March	23rd March	24th March	25th March Combined ENE Swim Carnival Comedy Performance	26th March Playgroup 10 - 12 noon
29th March Primary Assembly Dentist	30th March Dentist	31st March Sports Leaders Camp	1st April Sports Leaders Camp	2nd April Playgroup 10 - 12 noon



Parent/Child Sessions (St. Marys District High School)



WHAT: PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS
WHERE: ST. MARYS KINDERGARTEN
WHEN: MONDAYS 1.30—3.00 P.M.

STARTING: 15th March, 2004

This session is provided for those children who will turn 4 during 2004. Parents must accompany their child, and younger brothers and sisters are welcome. A fee of \$2.00 per child or \$3.00 per family a session is required to cover the cost of art materials.

Please bring a hat, a drink and a piece of fruit (for your child or children)

FIRST SESSION 15th March, 2004 - an informal session (get together)
where we will become organised for the year.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

Anne Bennet and Christine White (Parent/Child Coordinators)

The Say by Cage Rattler

Town of Trees

This weekend in the Examiner (7 March '02), there was a headline story about St Marys that revolved around what makes this town unique. The article touched on the fighting spirit of our community, what it's achieved in the face of threats and disappointments and why it's proving so popular with newcomers wanting to settle here - and it's all correct.

One thing though that we really do need is something that makes travellers and tourists want to stop and spend time and money here.

I strongly believe that one of the original ideas that S.M.A.C.D. developed could eventually prove to be that 'something'. How does this sound. An Arboretum (*a place where trees are grown for study and display*) so we become known as a town with a showcase of a diverse species of trees.

Okay, it won't happen overnight and it may takes decades to really take root. Sorry about the pun, but with proper forethought and Council assistance, developing a plan and management, it could become a reality.

Believe it or not we already have a few beginnings for it. Next time you go up the St Marys District High School driveway, just have a look at all the varieties of trees there. That is almost a small arboretum anyway. Please also take yourself to the Wombat Walk and look at what a handful of volunteers have achieved there in tidying up and helping to create a wonderful tranquil place for people to enjoy. Just imagine if differing native and appropriate European and American trees could be planted and nurtured there for people to enjoy, as well as other prime locations around the town.

I always liked the idea of an arboretum because of it's long term possibilities and associated spinoffs.

Wouldn't it be great for St Marys to one day be known as the Town of Trees.

What do you think?

AUSKICK

The East Coast & Fingal Valley Junior Football Assoc. will be holding it's AGM at St Marys Hotel on Thursday 25th March at 7.30 pm. All welcome.
Leigh Spilsbury President



Soccer news

St Marys and St Helens Soccer Clubs will be hosting an "Introduction to Coaching"- level 0 course this Sunday 14 March at St Helens D.H.S. from 12 noon to 4 pm. The course is open to anyone aged 14+ who is interested in the game or who is interested in helping out at soccer practice. The course is free.

St Marys soccer practice will be each Wednesday after school at the footy pitches near the school gate starting 21 April. St Helens will be hosting soccer practice each Saturday at 9.30 am starting 24 April. Enquiries about the Course or soccer in St Helens or St Marys: Jack Foreman 6372 2034

St Marys Tennis Club

Annual Club Dinner

The Annual St Marys Tennis Club and Pennant Dinner will be held at the St Marys Hotel on Saturday 17th April, 7 for 7.30 pm, for a meal and the presentation of Pennant and Club

Championship prizes. We welcome all Midweek, Night Roster and Pennant players and their partners to this function. Please RSVP to Susan Miles on 63722431 no later than Wednesday 14th April so our numbers can be confirmed.

Junior Championships

The Junior Championships will be held on Saturday 3rd April. This event is open to students up to and including grade 10. The cost is \$5 for non-Club members. Those interested should forward their names to Maureen Bushing at the school.

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held **Thursday, 25th March 2004** at 7.30 pm.

Susan Miles Secretary



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St Marys Sports Centre News by Kackhander

It's exciting to report in golf that now the Club's bowls commitments are pretty much over and a new re-vamped golf fixture is available, good Saturday attendances are assured. Sorry that it has been a little while coming but that's the way it is when we are in dire need of numbers. It is truly a catch 22 situation if ever there was one, for events you need players and to get players you need events.

Our Annual Tournament is missing from the NTGA Roster, an apology for that, so we will be applying for the weekend of August 28/29 for a new Spring Tournament date so we will not clash with Scamander, Malahide, St Helens, Freycinet, etc. events already scheduled.

The major objectives of golf this year, through the auspices of Mark Birch, Bob Hersey and everyone who wishes to help, is player participation.

Innovations like new trophy events, a fantastic weekly putting trophy idea, end of year awards for consistency, best gross, best nett rounds and averages culminating in a 'do' at around Christmas time and a new intra-club social pennant comp in spring called Supa5. Each team must have every grade covered in their team and it should be masses of fun for all. More details on this to follow.

We are currently negotiating with several companies for naming rights sponsored days and once secured these can be passed on to sub-committees for ratification and published to our members. It looks very promising indeed after initial discussions by chance meeting with representatives.

Another big thing for the club is pennant. St Marys has a proud and unequalled reputation in the East Coast pennant and something that can only be enhanced this year with possibly the best ever chance of a State flag as we host the northern semi-final and the state final. Who could forget the incredible finish to the 2002 season and Dale Ridgers' victory that gave us that unexpected title with the 4-3 result that day at Bicheno. Last year the side went through undefeated to win the flag in A Grade and surely it's time for A Reserve to do well again. The signs are promising and with the same team and a very good additional player who is interested in playing with us this season, that elusive state flag may be a reality at last, lets hope so. Put your name on the board as soon as you can.

To bowls now and in a very close run contest in the first semi-final, St Marys went down by 6 shots. No disgrace there and as our side is by far the youngest in the competition, it is extremely likely that we can go from strength to strength there in the next season or two.

Don't forget that on Friday 26th March we are holding a dinner at the club which will include all kind of things as well as the Best and Fairest count and trophy presentation. RSVP by March 16 to Rod Spilsbury or Jack Viney. Thanks Jack for your organising so far.

Trip to Launceston coming up on April 3rd/4th for the East Launceston visit. Jack needs to know definite numbers as soon as possible. Finally to club news and it's a prime objective in the next few months to get the place jumping again on Friday nights with 8 ball and other ideas. Also planned is soon to have a big Trivia night, so keep your eyes peeled for that in the next report.

What we really need is new members, so please try and encourage people you know to join us because then we can really get on.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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Live Music

Saturday 13th March 8.30 pm

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Young gun guitar slinger has been playing around the State and is also at Forth Blues Festival. For a pre-festival warm-up, come check him out. Originally from Melbourne. Plays with Steve Quinn bass (ex Pete Cornelius & the DeVilles). Steve Sowerby drums, played with the who's who of OZ Rock, one of Australia's best drummers.

Friday 19th March 8.30 pm

© Ian Moss - ex Cold Chisel \$15

Mossy: Cold Chisel's guitar player, been rockin' it out since the 70's with hits like Bow River, Tucker's Daughter, just to name a couple. A real legend at a legendary venue, come check him out - you won't be disappointed.