



**Royal Hobart superintendent
Stephen Lewis**

Nickname: Lewie

Age: 42

Family: Wife Tina, daughters Keryn (15) and Claire (13)

Years as a superintendent: 19

Years as an AGCSA member: 20

Current club: Royal Hobart, 27 years

Number of staff: 6

Course specs: 18 holes, 6130m, Poa/bent greens, tees and fairways fescue, ryegrass and native bent mix.

Favourite piece of machinery? Postie bike and vertidrain.

Most embarrassing moment as a super?

Turning a block of tee sprinklers on and not realising a golfer was hitting off. One sprinkler was right between his legs.

Funniest moment seen on course? An old general manager was driving around the course in his car when he drove off the top of a very high greenside bunker and wedged the car tittering half over. He was too scared to get out of the car, so he waited for help.

Plans for the course over the next two years? Construct new tee beds on 2, 6 and 8 and new fairway bunkering on 2 and 16.

Best advice you have ever received? With a small staff, you must have good people and machinery.

One thing about your job you would change?

To tell the staff if a golfer does anything wrong on course, you can mow over their ball.

Best part about being a superintendent? Getting up and about early when nobody is on the course.

Worse excuse from a staff member?

Hydraulic oil dotted across a green in 20c piece blobs. The apprentice said he thought the mower wheel had driven through some duck droppings and had come off the wheel as he went up and down the green.

Favourite spot on the course? The 13th fairway early on a winter's morning covered in frost with the temperature at 0°C.

Career highlight? Hosting three Australian Amateurs and three Tasmanian Opens.

Favourite movie? Something About Mary.

Name 3 CDs you could not live without? Only one - Powderfinger, which I listen to loud while doing the housework.

If you could be any musician, who would you be? Peter Garrett, because he gets paid heaps to look like a goose.

Favourite sporting team? Go the mighty Bombers.

Sporting team you despise? Carlton.

Dream car? 770 Charger.

Irritations? People who reckon it rains a lot in Tassie.

Beer or Bundy? A nice cold Cascade draught. 🍺