

# Golf day to benefit Tasmanian asthmatics

## Businessmen and celebs out to help

By ROB SHAW

A GROUP of generous supporters yesterday teed off to support Tasmanian asthma sufferers.

Businessmen teamed up with cricketer David Boon and Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon to support the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania event at Barnbougle Dunes Golf Links at Bridport.

They were supporting the inaugural Sir Donald von Bibra Golf Classic, which foundation chief executive officer Cathy Beswick hopes will become an annual event to raise funds to support the 55,000 Tasmanians whose lives are affected by asthma.

The golf day was named after Sir Donald von Bibra, a president of the foundation from 1977-1980, who donated much of his time and over \$100,000 through fund-raising efforts to the foundation.

"Sir Donald is remembered as a leading Tasmanian grazier, a hugely influential figure in the Australian wool industry and a guardian of the State's heritage," Mrs Beswick said. "We are pleased to be able to honour his memory in this way."

Kenneth von Bibra said his father would be delighted to have a golf day named after him and to know that his work for asthma continues.

"My father saw first-hand the affects of asthma in his wife and eldest son," he said.

"Working with the Asthma Foundation for a cleaner, healthier Tasmania, he often held camps for children with asthma at his property in Ross for them to experience life on a farm."

A respiratory health research scholarship was established in 1983 in memory of Sir Donald and it is hoped that this scholarship will be re-established in the future to help fund research into asthma.

Asthma is responsible for an estimated 1000 presentations to emergency departments each year in Tasmania and one in six Tasmanian children suffer from it. Asthma is also a major cause of absenteeism from school and the most common reason that children are admitted to hospital.



Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon puts plenty of concentration into his putt.

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Cricket legend David Boon keeps a keen eye on his shot.



Richard Sherrliff and Scott Limbrick, both of Launceston, Simon Wise, of Burnie, and Paul Langford, of Launceston.

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