

FROM THE GREENTEAM

Hi everybody, well the month of March has certainly flown by, bringing over 200mm of much needed rain. By the time you read this Pine tree's will have been removed from the left of the 9th fairway, the days of having to plow a track through pine needles is over for that green, yay! Coming up in April is greens renovation time, hopefully the greens will recover quickly without hindering play to much. We will also be doing some path extensions where needed to help reduce the bumpy ride in carts. I would also like to thank all those members that give up their free time to help out around the course, so thank you to Dick Pivac, Ray Baker, Gary Myres, Dave Wistrand, Robbie Robinson and John Triggs for all your help, apologises if I have left anyone out, your help is much appreciated. Well that's all for now, cheers from the Greenteam. John, Sarah and Harlem

SPONSORS CORNER



We're BIG on being local

Waipu Liquor Centre is a family owned business in Waipu with a branch in Maungaturoto. Established in October 1996 by Tony and Anne Picketts. They had the business for 8 years then selling it to David & Lynda who have had it since.

We opened the Maungaturoto branch in 2007.

Liquor Centre is a franchise with over 230 stores nationwide making it the largest liquor group in NZ.

We have been sponsoring the Anniversary Tournament for 4 years now and are pleased to continue our support for the club.

We also support the club by providing all the bar supplies at discounted trade rates. We have a great arrangement with John Pennington working to keep your thirst quenched.

In case you haven't been into one of our stores, we stock all the usual in Beer, Premix drinks, spirits and wine. We have a good range of wines you won't see in the supermarket and we support the small vineyards as well like Lochiel Estate in Mangawhai.

The craft beer market has been all the rage in recent times. Waipu's own Mcleods range from the Pizza barn is very popular and people come far and wide to buy. We are constantly changing our range of craft beers as people experiment with what's available. We regularly ship mixed dozens of assorted craft beers around the country.

Our whisky selection puts us on the national map. We also ship whisky all over the country to our loyal customers as our range is often recognised as one of the most extensive in the country.

We don't operate a website due to costs involved, so feel free to contact us via Facebook or email at shopwol@gmail.com if you are after a certain product or want some catering for your next function. We offer 10% on a mixed case of wine. See you soon.

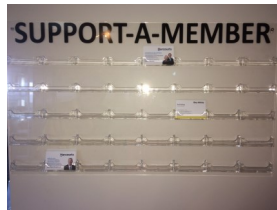
David & Lynda

"SUPPORT A MEMBER" BOARD

I thought it was time that we knew who our trades people were, so as members, we can support them. The cost of displaying your business cards on the board for 12 months is only \$30. You never know when you may need a plumber, builder, dressmaker, cake decorator or any number of requirements around the house. "Lets support one another"

Members have first opportunity of booking a space till the end of April (only 40 available in total) and then we will open it up to our friendly sponsors.

Business—New Business is only "your" card away. See the Ladies in the shop to secure your position. Thank you for giving us the opportunity of helping you to help us. Robbie



CAFÉ GUESTS

Please continue the clubs friendly and courteous manner to all of our guests that come in to use the Café off the highway. These guests are very important for the Café and the club. They ensure we are able to continue to provide all services to our members. Old Chinese Proverb says: "A person without a smiling face must not open a shop."

FROM TWILIGHT CONVENOR



Well another successful twilight series even though we had just the 6 teams.

Lots stayed and enjoyed the meals and socialised. The final night went well with our usual Ambrose golf followed by dinner and prizegiving.

The winning team this year were The Odd Bods. Well done to them as their team members were there pretty much every week and they were rewarded.

The Mighty Finns were second. Well done my team and they were followed by the The Six Pack. The best ladies score was myself and the best men's and overall winner of the Bob Calvary trophy was Roy Buchanan.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the series as it helps keep the club and the caterer going over the summer period. I would also like to thank Warren McLean and The Cove restaurant for their generous sponsorship on the final night.

There have been a few murmurs about do we need to change the format etc. Please contact me if you have any new ideas. Kathy



WHATS COMING UP?

Anniversary Tournament—Saturday 22nd April 2017 Proudly sponsored by The Liquor Centre

FROM THE CHAIR



Hi everyone , The Course is greening up nicely after some more rainfall , warm temperatures and less wind .

We have just had 18 pine trees nearest the 9th green removed and chipped , which is , as you can appreciate , a specialist subject in this day and age.

This should stop the influx of debris onto the green during the southwest winds and allow more water into the water table in this area as the trees draw prolific amounts out of the ground . This is part of an ongoing project to remove unwanted and potentially dangerous trees on the Course.

Paul Jenkins is seeing if the logs can be used at Northpine and if there is any value in them in that capacity , and we are in touch with the contractor who removed trees at Waitotira GC to see if the other pines planted in the seventies are of any value as well .

You will also see changes in the office layout and a new window into the foyer for better lighting and visibility for the staff, and a better flow for our members, customers and green fee players .

Many thanks to Aimee for all her input into the design and the shifting around , and for finding and picking up the new display cabinets for the shop .

Many thanks also to Ross Seward and Brian Smith for their help and carpentry skills in this project , and many other ones too.

Things seem to generally be running smoothly , some machinery maintenance is required , specifically radiators for the Toro rough mower and the Toro fairway mower, but this is general wear and tear on our sand based course and it has been a very hot summer period for both the machines and our staff .

We are looking at a new boom sprayer to fit onto our existing trailer unit , the old one has served us well , but we need reliable distribution of fertiliser and sprays to get the most out of every litre we apply, and the old boom is prone to clogging and uneven pressure along it's length which results in uneven results when applying products.

We are also keeping an eye out for a second fairway mower as this would give us a backup machine and mean that the fairways could be mowed in a shorter time frame with two units in operation at once.

(All contributions gratefully received)

Enjoy your golfing and your Club
Mike

FROM THE TREASURER



Another month has passed as we are still tracking well with our revenue and expenses. Everyone is keeping to budget in the cost department and the improvements around the clubhouse and greenkeepers house have been

kept to an absolute minimum thanks to our two intrepid volunteers, Ross Seward and Brian Smith. Mike van B is of course always there helping out with the electrical side of things and with the recent change over from Vodafone to Spark with our phones and broadband and I thank him also for his input.

There will be a small budget blow out happening with the felling of the trees beside the 9th green, but the Board is confident that we can accommodate this expenditure. Future budgets will contain a provision for ongoing maintenance of our trees – whether pruning or felling is required.

Funding from grants has been nil so far this year, not from lack of trying – but I will persist over the next few months as this source of help with our ongoing projects and costs is very valuable.

Thanks also to Murray MacFadyen for taking a five year sub which has been applied to our ANZ loan (and turned out to be worth some \$20,000 worth of prizes – check out the item later in this newsletter)

Happy with how the year is progressing and am looking forward to some great tournaments. Enjoy your golf everyone.

Margaret Pennington

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