

# Anyone For Tee?



*Waipū*  
**GOLF CLUB**

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## FROM THE EDITOR



I start this newsletter off with sadness that we are losing Gaye from the pro shop, she is my behind scenes support in both this newsletter and another one that I do. So full of computer knowledge – However I wish her the best of luck on her further journey in life where ever she may be.

As this newsletter is being prepared for printing we start another season of enjoyable golf catching up again with golfing mates and enjoying our delightful surroundings. Happy new year to you all.

**Beryl**



## LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year with family and friends. January has already slipped by and we now begin a new golfing year. Look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday at the mixed open, then ladies open their golf year [on February 9](#).

It is disappointing to see so many pitch marks on some of our greens. Maybe this is a unwelcome consequence from lazy green fee players hopefully not our own members. Our green keepers and club members work hard throughout the year to keep the greens in good condition it is not difficult to bend down and repair a pitch mark. So a plead to please do your bit to help our green staff and we the players benefit by having great greens to putt on. Cheers **Wendy**

## TWILIGHT REPORT

Good turnout for golf last night and some pretty average scores mostly and I'm not sure why as it was a nice night.

The winner of the ladies was Maggie Wistrand with 23pts and back refreshed from his holiday obviously was Mike Leech with 21 pts and also a two. Andrew Moffitt also had a two.

The raffle winners were Rosie Guild (Meat) and John Hay and Chris Saunders (wine). The joker gets to live for another week also. Those to pick up vouchers are Jeremy Smith Red Wynyard Stephen Thorburn David & Maggie Wistrand Bob Peni Lynda Peni Leonie Jarvis Audrey Causey Eva Williamson and Wendy Legarth Andrew Moffitt

Three more weeks of competition and the final night and prizegiving will be the 2nd March  
See you all next week. **Kathy**

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



Hi all and Happy New Year. Subs have been coming in well but still a few to go. After Opening Day there is no guarantee that you will still be in the Dot Golf system if you are not financial members. Don't forget the Debit Success option which is suiting quite a few of our members – an easy monthly or fortnightly payment can sometimes suit the budget better than a one off payment.

We did have two members come forward and take up the five year subscription offer – much appreciated – and on 2<sup>nd</sup> February \$7500 was paid off the principal of our ANZ loan. We may consider such an offer again for next year – perhaps at the AGM.

Green fees up to the end of December have exceeded both the "Year to date Budget" and last year's figures – thanks probably to some showery and windy weather – but good news all the same. Lots of nice comments, too about the course from many of our visitors.

We have purchased a second travelling irrigator to help keep the fairways watered over the dry periods, with the help of Oxford Sports Trust funding this to the tune of \$1000. Our dishwasher in the kitchen has been seriously playing up lately and is reaching the end of its useful life. This is an item which we cannot continue without in the clubhouse (Health and Safety issue), so we are currently applying for some assistance from Oxford Sports Trust to acquire a new one. Fingers crossed!!

Enjoy your golf and your club as we enter into another season together

Cheers,

**Margaret Pennington**

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## LADY CAPTAINS REPORT



Happy New Year to all club members. I hope everyone is geared up for our opening days and looking forward to this years golfing fixtures. 18 hole ladies have had very few players participate in our summer cup maybe it has just been too hot.

We had an excellent turn out for Christmas Cheer in December. Thankyou so much for all the help from club members and Richard and Betty Wakelin our sponsors. Here are some of the top prize winners.

**Div 1 Mens Best Nett**—Murray MacFadyen 64

**Mens Best Gross**—Phillip Wedd 76

**Mens Best Stableford**—Chris Butler 42

**Div2 Mens Best Nett**—Gary Meyer 63

**Mens Best Stableford**—Ross Seward 44

**Ladies Best Nett**—Eva Williamson 68

**Best Gross**—Bridget Connolly 74

**Best Stableford**—Christine Raines 38

**9hole Best Stableford**—Juanita McGoldrick

**Runner-up**—Gabrielle Carppe

Our next mixed tournament is on the 12th March [1] Building Fund. We hope to have another fantastic day. Keep this Saturday free on your calendar.

Good golfing and have fun, *Christine*

## JUNIOR REPORT



Well there are a few changes occurring, Kylie Jacoby is taking over the roll of Junior Convenor so my practices on Fridays' after school will happen no more, in there place at present is a practice on Mondays during school term time taken by Kylie. For 2016 I will still do The Top of

The Harbour tournament in April and be the drive for the Junior Golf Scholarship. If you don't know anything about this watch your emails shortly.

*Grant*

## FROM THE HUB OF THE CLUB



Hi all

Happy New Year - Summer is definitely upon us now. Make sure you cover up and hydrate.

The holiday period was nice and busy, with visitors from all over keen to get out there and play. It's always great to see them here enjoying themselves and great support for the club.

A big thank you to all members who helped out during this busy time, it makes such a big difference to a smooth running day.

**Oncore Golf Balls** - Now selling in the shop and proving very popular. Give them a go.

We are having a clearance sale in the shop, all displayed on the table. So come on in and check it out.

That's all for now folks. Enjoy the long summer days.

*From the girls and the guy in the shop*

## FROM THE KITCHEN



Hello Everyone, happy New Year to you all and welcome back.

It is good to see some good new faces among our members, welcome to you.

We have already come to the end of January and have a few things coming up. Thank you for

your support for our raffles, our next purchase will be a toaster, very much needed in our kitchen.

The raffle sheet is on the kitchen counter, cost \$2.00 which could win you \$30.00 HAVE A GO.

*The Girls in the Café*

*Bon appétit!*

## FROM THE BAR



**Sobering Thought** For many years now I have accepted change – run with it, supported it and even promoted it. I remember the days on the golf course where after a round of golf, the socialites would go out and play an extra few holes of “skinners” with a beer in hand – and go out and have some fun! I remember the days you used to be able to play a round of golf with a few beers in the bag – all part of the social side and fun, particularly on a hot sunny day!

But now the rules have changed-----

Licensing laws have become much more strict – we cannot supply alcohol on the course unless we get a special licence for the day-a very costly exercise! Where once it was accepted that the Club licence covered the whole golf course, this is now not the case.

The consumption of alcohol on the course (whether BYO or supplied by the Club's bar) is against the law and even though I personally feel the rules have been tightened up a bit too much – IT IS THE LAW! Heavy fines can and will be imposed on all Golf Clubs who do not abide by these rules-heavy fines for the Club and the Duty Bar Manager, with the potential of loss of our bar licence.

Your full co-operation would be appreciated. Please don't give the bar staff a hard time as they are only doing their job and do not want to lose their licences and/or pay any fines. Signage to reflect the more stringent rules will be erected by the driveway and the clubhouse.

On a lighter side, for those who like a craft beer, we are trialing a pilsener variety in cans from “Sawmill Breweries”. It is a bit more expensive than a regular stubbie or handle – priced at \$6.00 – but worth a taste. The contract that we have with Lion Breweries does not allow us to have too many non-Lion products for sale in our bar, so this will not be the beginning of the introduction of a whole lot of new lines.

See you in the Clubhouse

**John Pennington**

Bar Manager



## VETS CORNER



Happy New Year to all and the very best for golfing for 2016.

We had another amazing Christmas Cheer and all enjoyed the day. A big thank you to all who helped out on the day.

Our first Vets day for 2016 is on Friday 5th February. All new members are most welcome

to come along. Ladies 50 and over, men 55. \$5 scramble fee, cards in by 9am and tee off at 9.30am.

Quads will be held at Waipu on Thursday 11th February. \$5 scramble fee, cards in by 9.30am tee off 10am.

March Vets is on Friday 4th and Quads will be at Warkworth on March 10th.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 5th February.

**Jeannette**

## CAPTAINS REPORT



Happy new year.

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer holidays and got in some good golf through the heat of the days.

Thanks for supporting the course development tournament played on first Monday of January, it was quickly organised at end of the year thanks to Greg and Joe, with the return of Dion Hall playing well taking a share of the win with surprisingly enough my self. Thanks for the music later on Dave Hopkins.

Big thanks to our president for organising Summer cup scrambles. The addition of the white tee summer cup was a late idea but slowly caught on.

A Few good ideas for Saturdays have been thrown around so come along and join us see what you think. Mixed opening day on the sixth then McKay Memorial combined nett over two rounds.

See you out there

**Dogie**



*Dave Hopkins had a hole in 1 on the 13th hole while playing in the Wednesday men's scramble last month.*

## NINE HOLE REPORT



Hi everyone.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and that the rest of the year goes well for you.

High temperatures and humidity have made playing golf a bit of a challenge at times, however, some of our more keen golfers have

been putting in some very amazing nett scores. I hope this is a sign of good things to come.

For the first game of pennants in February we have got a bye, so we don't get underway till March and hopefully the weather will be a bit cooler.

Unfortunately I won't be there for the beginning of our golfing season, but will catch up with all on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Luckily for me I have many good ladies to help me, which I greatly appreciate.

**Carole Calvert**



*Wednesday men enjoy their game on the carts on the 15th green.*

## FROM THE GREENKEEPERS



Happy new year everyone and a big welcome to the new members. Mother nature has thrown everything at us this year with rain, strong winds, high temperatures with high humidity making greenkeeping difficult to say the least.

With the course greening up this summer Brendon and I have been stretched to the limit trying to give our members the best possible playing surface, with some fairways you can even play the lie, I cannot recall a summer here when this has been possible before.



We now have two travelling irrigators which will help our fairways go into winter in better condition and increase the spread of kikuyu

throughout the course.

Some areas of long grass have been mowed to help speed up play by reducing time looking for golf balls, so I hope this helps your golf just as much as it helps mine.

Widening of the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway landing zone will be carried out to give a fairer lie to those hitting off the blue/black tee.

Every first Thursday of the month will be volunteer day so come along and lend a hand, there is lots to do, the more volunteers the better, thankyou to John Pennington for helping around the course giving Brendon and myself more time to keep up with the grass growth.

So happy golf everyone and please remember to **fix your pitchmarks and any others you may see and also please keep your cart well away from the greens and surrounds to help stop tyre burn.**

Cheers from the green team,

**John & Brendon**

## FROM THE CHAIR



Hi everyone

Thanks to some lovely rainfall after New Year's Day, the Course has been looking very green for summer and there have been plenty of happy comments from visitors and members alike, and remember there had to be grass present to grow when the rain did come so our fertilising and spraying programmes are starting to pay dividends.

You may have seen a second travelling Irrigator on course, we now have one for each side of the course!! Thanks to the Oxford Trust for supporting our application for funding on this project.

My thanks to all our staff and volunteers who put in long hours over the holiday period to keep the Course, Clubhouse, Bar and Kitchen open and maximise the income for the Club over such a busy period.

We are presently dealing with the Northland Regional Council over the issue of invasive fish in our ponds, this is potentially a very hot potato for the Club, the ponds are under a Notice of Direction so there is no unauthorised entry or removal or adding of fish!!! This is a prosecutable offence under the Bio Security Act. No fishing has been observed and none is allowed and we are working to minimise or eradicate the fish where possible in conjunction with the NRC. The Club wants to preserve and encourage a pristine environment in our wetlands as they will become a feature and a point of difference for the Club, and Dune lakes are getting fewer and further between in the coastal regions.

There has been talk about the funding of the Dot Golf Subscription, this provides the Club access to the handicapping system, tournament results and the Leaderboard among other benefits. We have been very lucky to have been sponsored since the start of the Dot Golf system by Graeme Finlayson and his partner Rosemary and last year by Kathy Cogan. The costs are in the vicinity for \$5,500 per year and become due in June.

Last year there was approx. 9500 cards drawn by members and the idea has been put forward of a \$1 donation / levy to help fund the Dot Golf system, this is a "user pays" philosophy but obviously contentious. I would love some feedback on this, my personal idea is that we would make it a voluntary thing as opposed to a "law", if everyone paid then any excess would be put towards our insurance premiums which are in the vicinity of \$10,000 pa and if we got a 50% uptake on the cards taken out then it all helps considerably. There would be a button on the Shop till to keep a running tally so we could end it once the target was reached if that was favoured or keep it going all year for the insurance etc, some people may give \$20 for the year ahead of time and not pay each round and that would be great too. Our subs are low compared to neighbouring and similar Clubs and this is a viable way for all members to donate to a fixed cost for much less than a price of a coffee.

Enjoy your golf and I will see you on Opening Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Mike**

## MEN'S PRESIDENTS REPORT



There have been good numbers fronting up for a game of golf on a Wednesday morning and Saturday morning. If the weather is good around 30 will tee up on both days. Both tee off now at 8:30am instead of 8:00am which occurred during the summer off season. It was a wise decision to not play the Building Tournament at the end of January as golf is not a lot of fun in 28 degrees.

**Grant**

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### New Members

John Inimaera	1st Year Full Playing
Wayne Le Sueur	Pay as you Play
Tony Short	Full Playing
Jono Mills	Pay as you Play
Richard Dobbinson	1st Year Full Playing
Tricia McKay	Pay as you Play
Ross McKay	Associate
Mike Saunders	Pay as you Play
John Brockliss	Pay as you Play
Hannah Carrington	Full Playing
John Grigson	Pay as you Play
Adam Pearce	1st Year Full Playing
Peter Reilly	Casual 4 months
Jim Mayes	Full Playing
John Logan	9 Hole
Leo Wooster	Full Playing

#### Reinstated

Grant Martin	6 month casual
Kevin Sunde	Pay as you Play
Callum Harnett	Under 25
Nancy Meredith	Casual 4 Months
John Meredith	Casual 4 Months

#### Changes

Caroline Lamb	From Pay and you Play to Full Playing
Shane Samtani	From Pay and you Play to Full Playing
Ron Greenwood	From Full Playing to Pay as you Play
John Hay	From Pay and you Play to Full Playing
Chris Paget	From Associate to Full Playing
Glyn Tucker	From Full Playing to Social

#### Resignations

Don Ruegg	Associate	Tony Simpson	Full Playing
Rex Ogle	Full Playing	Brett Sloan	Full Playing
Cathy Ogle	9 Hole	Margie Sloan	Full Playing
Jordan Dackers	Junior	Keith Caulton	9 Hole
Madison Dackers	Junior	Betty Caulton	9 Hole
Judy MacKenzie	Full Playing	Rodney Dickinson	Full Playing
Graham Child	Pay and you Play	Margaret Wright	Full Playing

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