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President's blog Wayne Hamilton

It is very frustrating to report that on two separate occasions we have had some unwanted visitors in the night. On the first occasion they carefully removed a pane of glass from Scott's office and placed it behind the built-in BBQ, entered the Pro Shop, but took nothing.

On their way to the pro shop they cut CCTV cables as well as the public address system. It was suggested by police that they will be back, and sure enough when staff arrived on the 18th the shop door had been kicked in and three people had picked up the safe and fled.

CCTV footage shows them backing across the practice green, kicking in the door and departing with the safe. The car involved was stolen and Police later found it burnt out at Ōreti Beach. The insurance claim will include a new front door, new safe, a new counter and hopefully cover the amount of cash that was stolen. I plan to have a full review of our security system to see what else we can do to deter future burglars. I suspect the answer will be, if they want to get in they will, unless you build a Fort Knox.

I wrote in last month's newsletter (and possibly previous to that) that by the time you read this newsletter the chipping of the logs would have been started.

Well, I'm sure this will be the last time I say this. John Hughes has been trying to communicate with the contractor, with little or no response.

As a result he has engaged another contractor, Caldwell Contracting, who were scheduled to start on the March 19.

There will be some inconvenience to golfers over the next week or two as the chip needs to be trucked off the course. Please be careful and stay well away from the area where the contractors are working and trucks that are moving around the course. These contractors will also be doing some stump grinding and once this has been completed the priority is to work the ground and get it sown out in grass seed.

Our architects and engineers are working together, particularly around the design of the new staircase, and once this is completed then Council consent will be applied. We expect this to happen by the end of March.

The new post and rail fence at the entrance to the course is under construction and we hope to have this finished over the next couple of weeks. This will be followed by improving the fencing on the opposite side of the drive to make the entrance to our course more appealing.

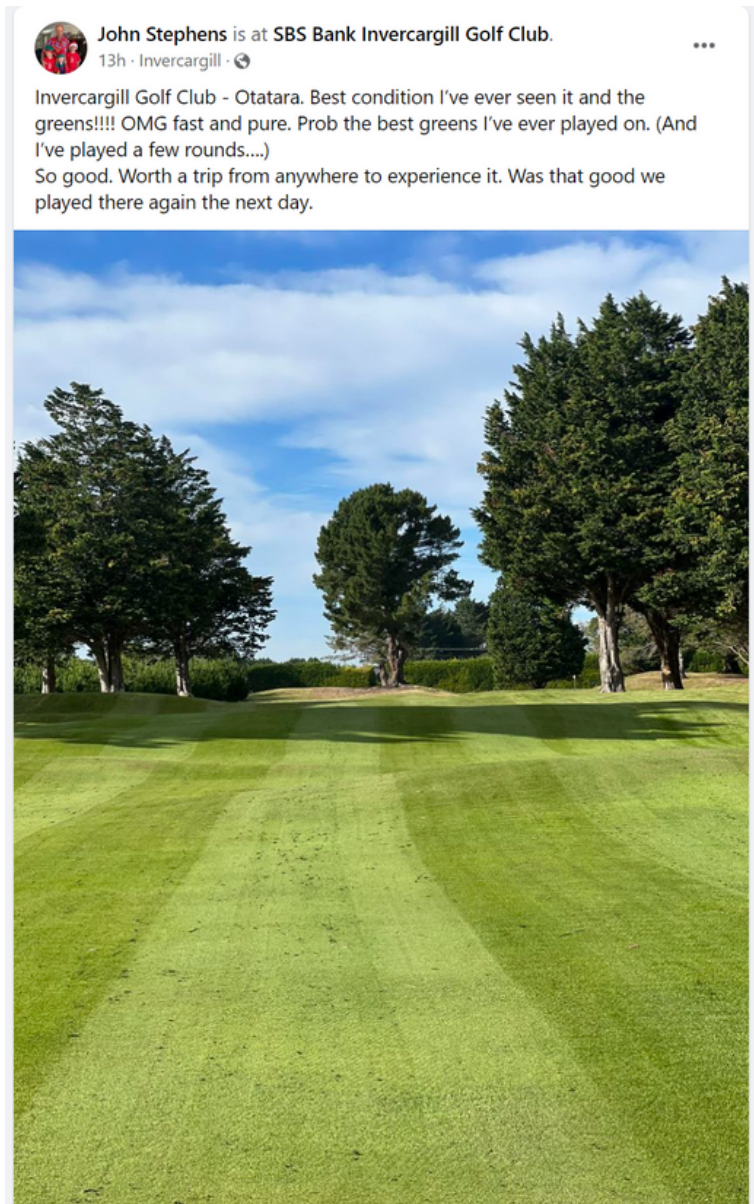
It is pleasing to see that our membership numbers continue to rise with an overall increase from this time last year of 28.

While there has been a slight drop in Junior golf numbers, the male membership has increased by 31 and the female membership has increased by three.

This makes a total membership of 483. May this trend long continue as this increase could represent an increase in income to the club of \$20k to \$30k pa. With the unforeseen costs mentioned above, this additional income is invaluable. Please continue to promote our golf course and encourage friends and acquaintances to join. The course will only continue to improve as our income provides, so the more members the better the course.

Regards, Wayne

PS, speaking of course conditions - see the post below by former Arrowtown and Kelvin Heights general manager John Stephens, who gave the course a well-deserved review on the NZ Golf Course reviews Facebook page. Thank you John, we are pleased you enjoyed your visit.



LADIES' CLUB

It has been a rather busy couple of weeks for the ladies and a lot of golf has been played.

The club champ matches are underway, and we look forward to seeing who the finalists are.

Bonnie vs Clyde was played earlier in the month and the men have kept the trophy for another 8 months. It has been suggested that we move this bi-annual event to a Wednesday so that more men are able to play, so look out for a date in the Spring.

Other than playing around the district, we have had our 36-hole Nancy McCormick foursomes and the 27-hole Helen Pottinger Memorial.

The pennant teams are doing well, and finals are not far away.

Our big event, Swing South tournament was played last Sunday and Monday. It was once again a successful tournament, and most players went away happy.

Congratulations to our winners, Robyn Pullar and Georgina Ellis – well done, you seem to be a winning team.

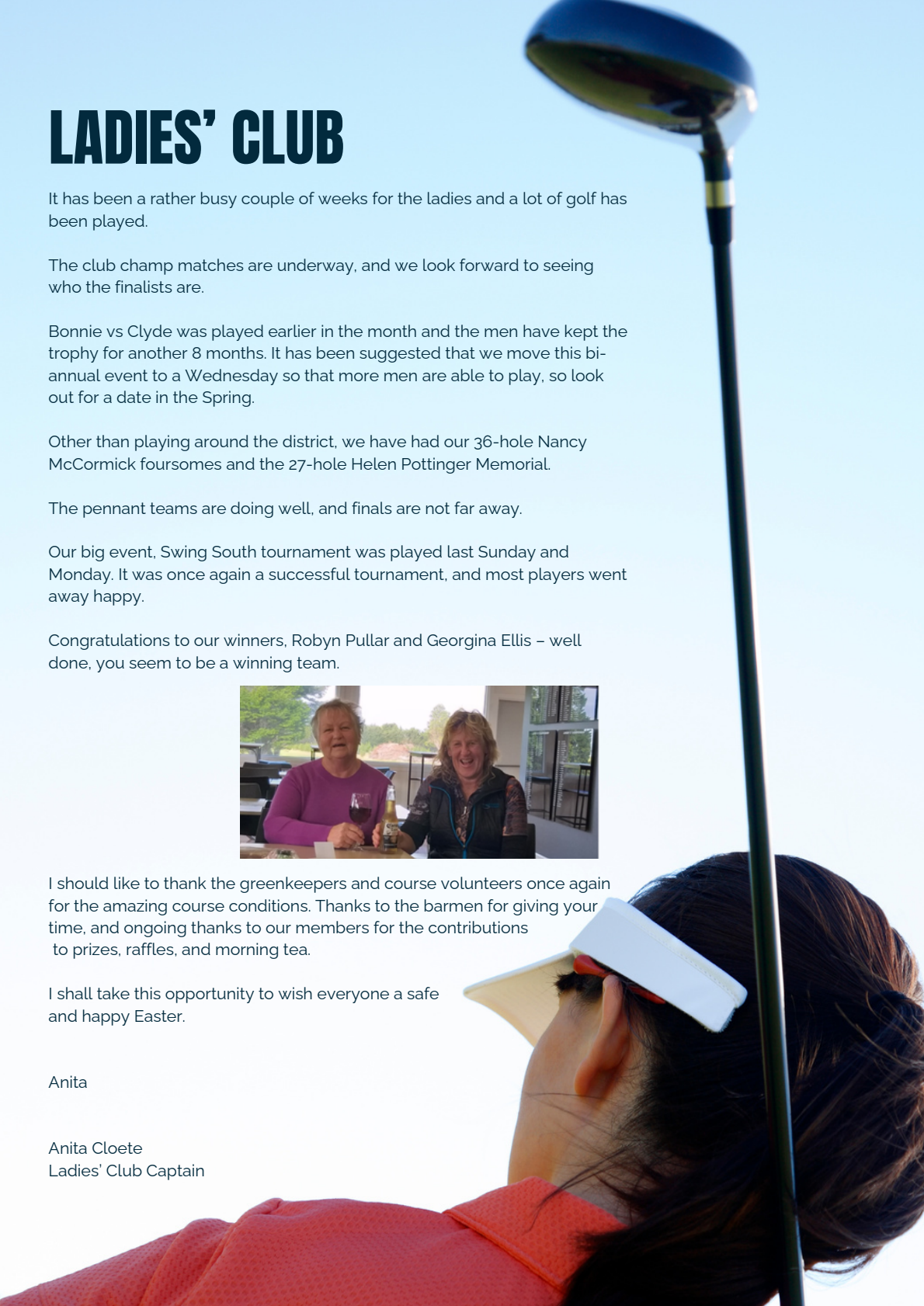


I should like to thank the greenkeepers and course volunteers once again for the amazing course conditions. Thanks to the barmen for giving your time, and ongoing thanks to our members for the contributions to prizes, raffles, and morning tea.

I shall take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Anita

Anita Cloete
Ladies' Club Captain



MEN'S CLUB

The third and fourth round of Vice Presidents pennants were held at Queens Park on March 16.

Invercargill had the bye in the morning round and fought hard in the afternoon round before going down to Queens Park 2 by 3.5 to 2.5. The next round is at Mataura on 23rd March.

The latest round of handicap pennants was played at Riverton on March 17 and it would be fair to say our boys are struggling on the smaller country courses! (But they are trying really, really hard, Ed.)

Thanks to all those representing the club in these competitions.

Well done to Ron Wilson on his 2-up win over Brendon Robertson in the Summer Singles final.



Congratulations to the March monthly medal winners Tony Clay (Senior) and Nathan Burdon (Junior).

Just a reminder, mainly for new members, that the first Saturday of each month is usually official medal day.

Winners of the senior (blue tee) and junior (white tee) competitions are presented with "mugs" which are theirs until the following month's official medal.

The winners of the mugs are entitled (and encouraged!) to have them filled up (and paid for) by their fellow competitors from within the same division. If you are fortunate enough to win the mug don't be shy to use it!

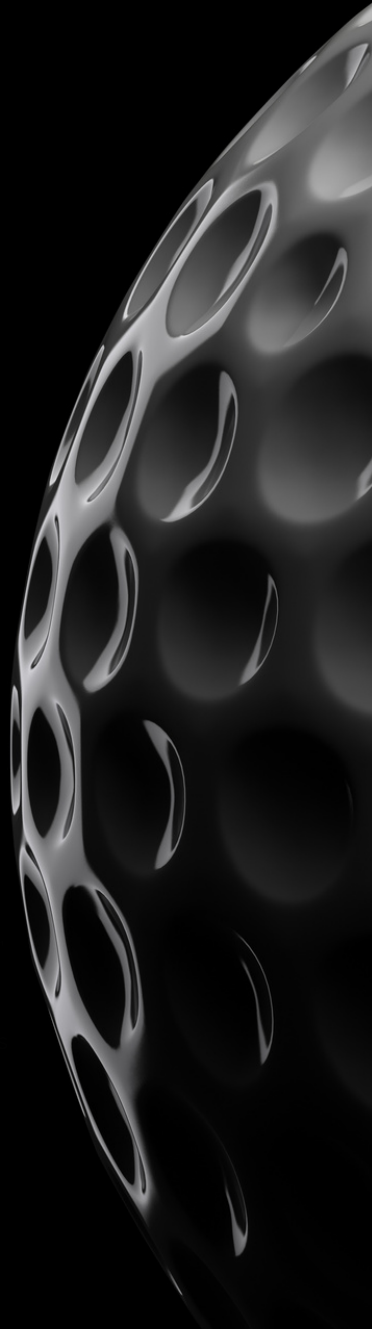
The April schedule is below:-

- Sat 6th & Sun 7th April - ILT Gold Cup
- Sat 13th April - Official Medal & 3rd round Club Champs
- Sat 20th April - Pairs - Russian Roulette
- Sat 27th April - Stableford & Club Champ Finals

Good luck to those who are left in the club champs. Please be sure to make contact with your opponent and try and play your matches before or on the scheduled days.

Good Golfing!
Steve Kellett

Men's Club Captain





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new club members:**

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