



## SBS BANK INVERCARGILL GOLF CLUB

# FIRST CUT

Ōtātara Links



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### President's blog Wayne Hamilton

Firstly, it's nice to see club member Graeme Nye & Helen Chesterfield safe after being evacuated by the Indian Air Force from a remote Himalayan town following an earthquake and monsoon rains which cut off access roads.

We sadly farewelled our greenkeeper Hayden Hart this month who is away to Scotland to play rugby and is not sure when he will be back in NZ. Hayden, along with Daniel, has done a magnificent job on our course.

In the 18 months we have had Hayden with us he has become an integral part of our course team. Hayden leaves with our very best wishes and, who knows, maybe we will see him back at Ōtātara one day.

Around September we will welcome Jake Kura (Craig's Son) who is currently completing the Turf Management course at Cromwell. Jake will be with us during the summer months and will return to Cromwell next winter to complete his course.

You may have seen the two containers set up on a pad down behind the greenkeepers' sheds.

In the coming months this will transform into a container shelter with a canopy and gates where we will store our tractors and other implements.

The containers will be used for storage and in due course we will demolish the shed sitting on the south side of the car park.

We continue to work on the planned renovations of the downstairs area of our clubhouse. We hope to have the structural engineer's report by mid July which will be the basis of moving forward with the design work. We really want to move this project along as fast as we can but everything takes time, sometimes more time than I would like.

Other developments continue to take place around the course with some nice landscaping by the boys by the 17th tee, all rubbish bins now in place and I refer you to the Course Committee's update in this newsletter. We have had another meeting with the Airport Authority who have identified trees that are through the height threshold and will need to be removed. They are mainly on the 7th, 8th, 12th & 13th.

# WOMEN'S DIVISION



We all know winter has arrived, the odd day not suited for golf, wet ground conditions and soup.

How we have missed having a caterer, but some wonderful ladies have provided hot soup most Tuesdays and it is comforting to know a welcome bowl is waiting for us.

How nice it is to have some caring and sharing.

The greenkeeper and volunteers put in a lot of hard work, and it has been disappointing to see the total lack of regard some players have shown towards their efforts and the course. There have been large chunks of turf that have not been replaced or filled with sand, bunkers not being raked, and some even tearing up fairways by doing wheelies in carts.

It is up to us all to keep the course in the best condition possible, so call out to those not doing the right thing.

What's the difference between an air shot and a practice swing?  
Nobody curses after a practice swing!

Anita Cloete, Ladies' Club Captain.



# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

## Top Dogs:

We are now down to the semi-finals which are scheduled to be played on or by 12th August.

Thanks to all participants who have managed to get the draw back on track.

## Semi-finalists are :-

McLean & McCulloch v Haywood & Cournane

Burdon & Burnett v Howley & Sutherland

## Longwood Cup:

Pleasing to see that all matches are up to date and the next round scheduled for 19th Aug will decide the semi finalists.

## Quarter finalists are:

Greg Lindsay v Tony Clay

Graeme Fulton v Ron Wilson

David Boniface v Bob Moore

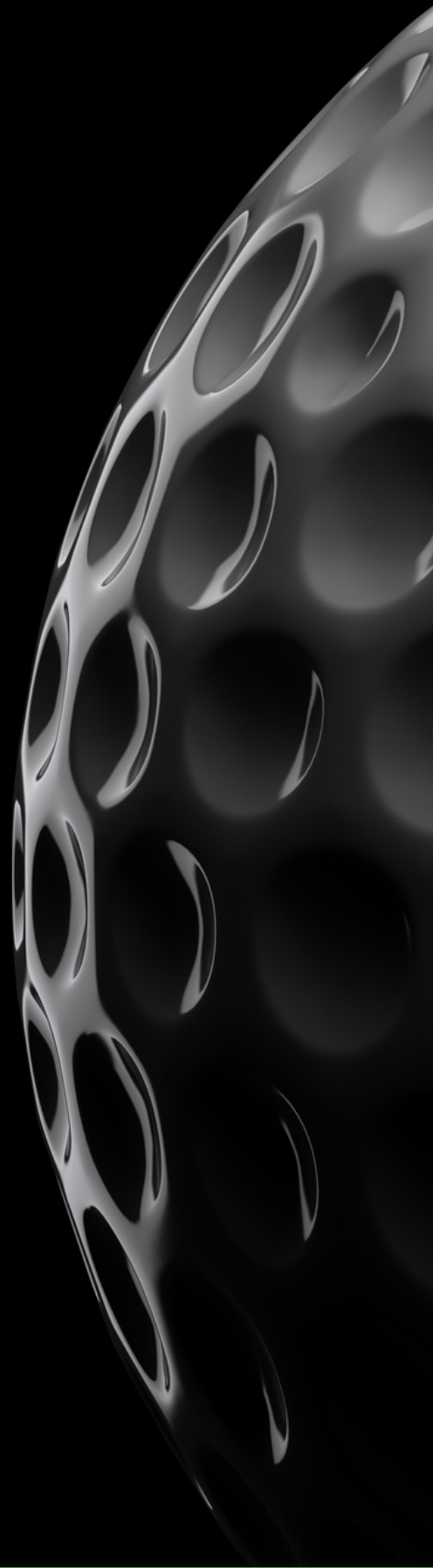
Ron Cardno v Ross McLean

## Sand bins:

Members will notice the new sand bins on all of the par 3's.

Please ensure you use them to fill in any divots you may take.

Steve Kellett, Men's Club Captain





**Men's competitions scheduled for August:**

**Sat 5th – Monthly Medal & 3rd round Hogg & Gladstone Cups**

**Sat 12th – 4BBB Par & 3rd round Top Dogs**

**Sat 19th – Medal & 3rd round Longwood Cup**

**Sat 26th – Stableford & 3rd round Patrons Trophy**

**Welcome to our new club members:**

**Bruce Bissett**

**Clark Sutherland**

**Cam Archer**

**Andrew O'Hara**

**Benjamin Strang**

**Michael Manson**

**Dylan Nel**



# FROM THE COURSE COMMITTEE

A further reminder to members to continue with the use of sand buckets to repair divots, raking of bunkers and repair of pitch marks on greens. Please take some time to replace the divot and place sand on top to keep it there. Don't just throw some sand in the hole and leave your divot down the fairway.

The particularly wet weather has identified some drains that are in need of unblocking and this work is in progress.

There are some very soft ground conditions in places and we ask cart users to avoid roped off areas and follow directions.

## WANTED

Adopt a Hole Volunteers

We still need some volunteers to fill the above vacancy. Ideally we would like another 9 volunteers to take care of a hole e.g. divot replacement, pitch mark repairs, maybe a bit of gardening on certain holes, trim grass around distance markets etc. Much of this could be done when you are playing a round of golf - in fact you could get your four to take a bucket of sand and help you with divots.

Please reply to Scott.



## Golf Tip of the Month

Having trouble with getting good contact on your chip shots? It may be that your stance is a bit too wide. For little chip shots around the green, stand with your feet about 10cm apart. Position the ball back in your stance, and check that your weight is mostly on your front foot. Accurate chipping is a great way to improve your scores!

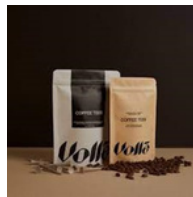
## Golf Equipment

Time for a new set of Ping clubs? Do it right and get them custom made to improve your golf. Our next Ping Fitting Day is Saturday, 2nd September – contact the Golf Shop to book in.



## Shop Special for July

New Volle golf tees - made from upcycled coffee grounds.  
Buy two bags, get one FREE.



## Rules & Etiquette

Please drive carefully and thoughtfully if you are using a golf cart – avoid driving close to greens and tee areas, and please don't drive between the greenside bunkers and the greens.

## Admin

As Summer gets closer, our course will start to get very busy again - please regularly check the Events Schedule on our website to help you plan your golf games [www.invercargillgolf.co.nz](http://www.invercargillgolf.co.nz)

Upcoming Events - Women's Teams Event – Thursday 28th September.



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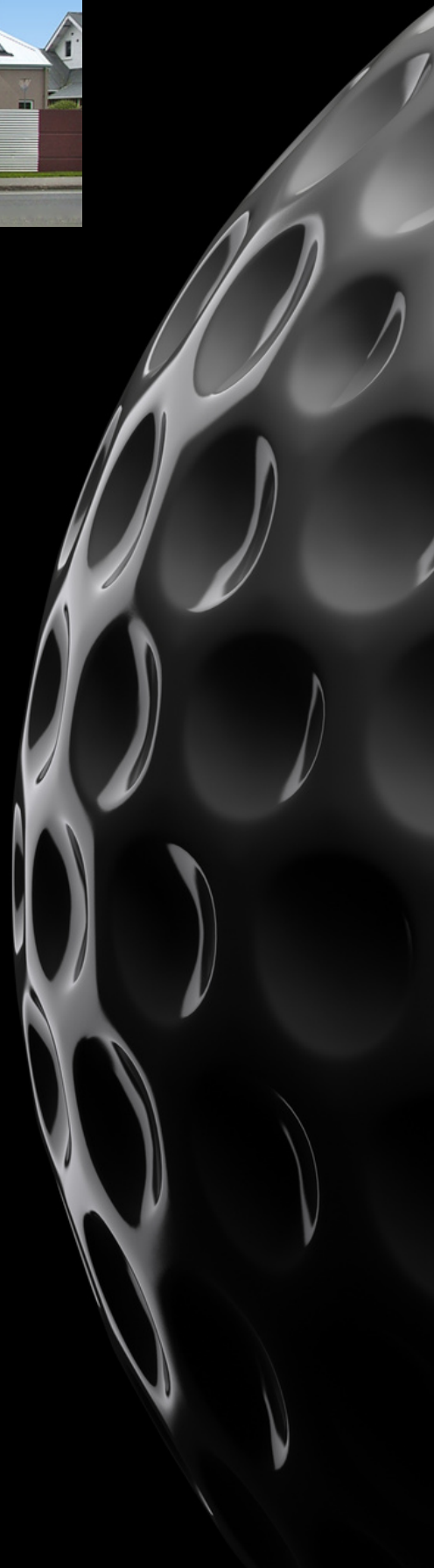


Know anyone looking for quality accommodation in Invercargill? Be sure to tell them about the 295 on Tay Motel.

This modern motel complex offers quiet luxury accommodation in spacious, apartment-style rooms with modern décor. Their warm, comfortable, clean, affordable units come complete with fully equipped kitchens, some with spa baths and in-room laundry facilities, 50 Sky Channels, Netflix, and Free Wi-Fi.

Geoff and Yvonne Shepherd invite you to come and stay at the 295 on Tay Motel Invercargill, where you can sit back and relax in your well appointed unit and experience and enjoy their southern hospitality.

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