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President's blog Wayne Hamilton

Well what a great day we had on Sunday 19th for the Ryder Cup for the men and the Solheim Cup for the women.

While the results were reasonably close I would like to congratulate the USA women's and men's teams in taking out both these events.

I think it is fair to say that at the conclusion of the two morning rounds the writing was on the wall (or should I say the cup) with the European team trailing by 14 to 2. A much better effort in the afternoon with results evenly shared. Better luck next time guys. I hope our captain Steve and vice captain Mick came to terms with this drubbing and, as we said Steve, the sun did come up on Monday morning.

One of the highlights of the day (especially for the European team as there wasn't many other highlights) was the fantastic food prepared by our caterer Ursula. A hearty lunch of carbs to get us through the afternoon round and then a magnificent selection of food at the end of the day.

I again reach out to you all to support Ursula as her food is delicious and you can always buy a sweet treat to take home to have with your evening cup of tea.

As you would have read in the last newsletter we planned to have a working bee scheduled for the 23rd November but this had to be postponed by a week due to the weather.

[Building Renovations](#) - We had a meeting with the structural engineers who have revisited their original strengthening proposal and advised us that we may not have to use steel portals to strengthen the whole building but rather the use of timber bracing elements will achieve the desired result at a fraction of the cost of portals.

This is great news and we are now progressing with these recommendations with the architect who is hoping to have some plans to us for consideration in the near future.

With the lead up to Christmas there is a lot happening at the club. Yes it's a bit like you always hear, 'can we get that done by Christmas'. These tasks include painting, course maintenance, chipping and clearing log piles, container garage and hooking up the water pump in the cart shed. Of course we have the Christmas Hamper on 16th December and the Christmas Mixed Greensome on the 17th December.

[From the course committee](#) - We have been in touch with the wood chipping contractor who advises that the logs will be chipped in the next three weeks.

Just a reminder to members that the greenkeepers have right of way. If they are in the vicinity of where you want to hit to then please wait until they wave you up.

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Finally, I would like to thank all those that volunteer their time for the betterment of our fantastic course.

Your efforts large or small are very much appreciated and trust that we will see you all making the same effort on 2024 and hopefully with the help of more volunteers.

To our staff, Scott and his team, Daniel and Jake, thank you for your tireless effort and great work to make our club what it is.

To all the members and your families, may you have a fantastic Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

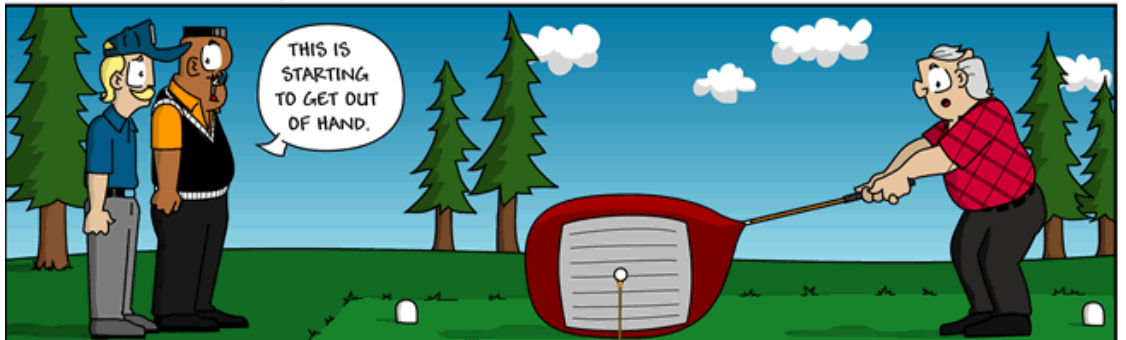
Happy golfing

Regards,
Wayne



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LADIES' CLUB

And so, we come to the end of our golfing program for 2023. It was great to have a team event in the Solheim Cup to finish. Our weekday and weekend players had fun and enjoyed being on the course at the same time as Ryder Cup. Bev was a great supporter for the American team, she must have been their lucky charm. Hoping to have more numbers next year.

Most of the trophy winners for 2023 have been decided, some matches still to be played to get ready for our prize giving dinner. If you have a match to play, please get playing!

We had 2 members playing in Stead Cup at Queens Park and a good result for both. Janet Anderson lost in the semi-final to Robyn Boniface and Sharon Faul was runner up in the Amateur Sports Trust Cup - well done!

Golf Southland's Bowmont Meat 4BBB for women will be held at our course on Monday 11th. Remember the Christmas tournament and Christmas greensomes weekend 16th and 17th December, a great way to get to meet other members.

The Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale soon, marvelous hampers once again to be won.

I should like to thank Daniel and the volunteers for their amazing work, the course is amazing and even if the golf isn't the greatest, the course it.

I wish you all a very Happy Festive Season look forward to seeing you in 2024 for a great summer of golf.

Anita Cloete
Ladies Club Captain



MEN'S CLUB

Congratulations to the USA team who took out the Ryder Cup 22 & ½ to 9 & ½ in a match where the Europe team failed to fire a shot in the morning 4-ball & foursomes matches.

After partaking of an excellent lunch prepared by Ursula our excellent caterer Europe were a lot more competitive in the singles matches but the damage had already been done and the match was effectively over by lunch time.

Thanks again to Ross McCulloch for organizing the event which will be a highlight on our golfing calendar in years to come.

The schedule for December is below.

2nd December – Monthly Medal, 1st round Summer Singles & 3rd round King Putt

9th December – Stableford & King Putt Final & Closing Day

16th December – Xmas Hamper Stableford

17th December – Xmas Mixed Greensome

Big thanks to the large numbers that turned out for the interclub v Queens Park.

I guess the fact that the match was transferred to Otatara at the last minute no doubt contributed to our comfortable win.

An all too frequent occurrence is a line up of golfers waiting to scan their cards because someone has entered an incorrect score and they have to manually re-enter their scores.

Please check your cards thoroughly before signing and scanning them. In particular make sure the X is in the correct box.

It is the cause of much frustration when processing the results takes a lot longer than it should do.

You can all help to speed this process up by:-

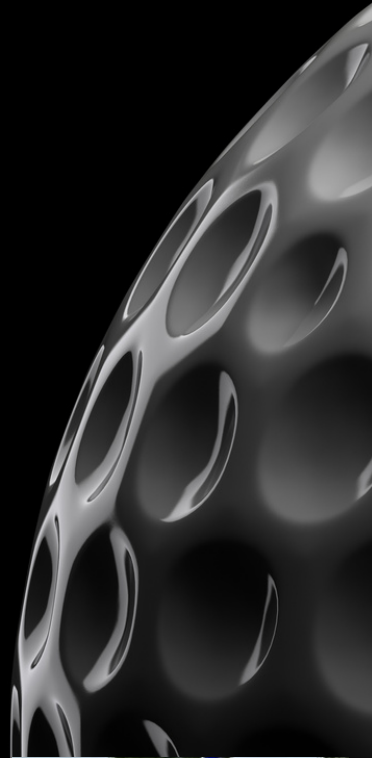
1. Watch your speed of play (a round of 18 holes shouldn't take any longer than 4 hrs)
2. If you're in one of the last groups, after completing your round scan your card before putting your gear away.
3. If you're the last group off #1 please collect the closest to pin markers from 12 & 17 and the longest putt marker off 18.
4. If you're the last group off #6 please collect the closest to pin marker from #4.

Most importantly if you do collect the markers remember to hand them in to the pro shop and not leave them in your golf bag!

Thanks to those members who helped out in the starter's box this year.

Hope you all have a great festive season

Good Golfing!
Steve Kellett





Welcome to our new club members:

Hamish Harris

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