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President's blog Wayne Hamilton

Well, this is our first newsletter for sometime and I apologise for the delay

A big thank you to Nathan Burdon for agreeing to be our newsletter editor. The plan is to have a newsletter out to members once a month. In addition to this Scott will be sending out a weekly email with the week's results along with anything else we need to bring to members' attention.

So much has happened since I have taken on the role from John Hughes, a tireless worker for our club. I guess you have all seen what has been happening around our course from trees being removed (necessary because of the impact they were having on our fairway grass growth and sheltering our greens) to new plantings, the new cart shed and the ongoing improvement to our fairways, greens and tee blocks.

You will notice the new sand and seed bins on the par 3s. These are provided so you can sand your divots on these tee blocks. There are currently three new rubbish bins on the course with another nine under construction which should be out there in another month. Our course committee have so much more planned for the course, continuing the constant improvements we have enjoyed.

In addition we have our new honours boards installed which look fantastic. A big thank you to Brad Harper for all his hard work on this project. There are more to be made to recognise the Ladies Club and our Ōreti Sands colleagues.

We have reluctantly accepted the resignation of our caterer Cheryl. Replacing her has been difficult.

We have had meetings/contact with 17 other prospective caterers without success, mainly due to lack of staffing in these organisations. We have reached an agreement with Jeremy from Tasty Truck to roll his vehicle up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. He provides hot food (pies, nachos, sausage rolls, chicken pie, macaroni cheese, bacon & egg pie, hot dogs etc) as well as cold food (salad rolls, sweet treats, drinks, chocolate bars and more). I encourage you to use it or lose it - if we don't have food we can't open the bar.

We will soon be looking for more volunteers to help us with some projects. These are to "Adopt a Hole", painting maintenance, course seat repairs, and more. So watch this space. The major initiative is to develop the downstairs part of our clubhouse. The plan is to provide new changing rooms for our Ladies Club, refurbish the men's amenities area, redevelop our kitchen and dining area, relocate the pro shop and more.

This is a big undertaking, and will require significant financial input, so we will be looking at funding providers along with the help of benefactors and the club's own financial resources. As this is such a big project we plan to do this in three or four stages. We have engaged the services of structural engineers and are currently awaiting their report. While we have concept plans we will need to engage an architect/draughtsman to move forward to the consent stage.

Our club is in really good heart with the prospect of new members very encouraging. Please continue to support our club with your participation, not only from a playing point of view but also supporting working bees, grounds maintenance and general volunteering. If we don't step up we will have to employ staff and that will result in an increase in subscriptions.

Kind Regards
Wayne

Adopt a hole

We are looking to introduce an initiative called "Adopt a Hole". This would require a minimum of 9 volunteers to adopt and care for two holes each on our golf course.

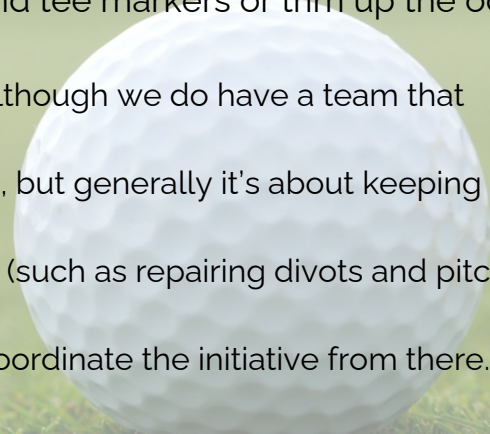
The type of care needed, but not limited to, would be to sand un-repaired divots, tidy up pitch marks on greens, trim around distance markers and tee markers or trim up the odd tree branch.

It may be raking the odd bunker that has been neglected (although we do have a team that undertakes this task each Friday).

In some cases, there may be a hedge to trim on some holes, but generally it's about keeping the holes you are allocated in a tidy and well presented order.

Some of this work could be undertaken as you play a round (such as repairing divots and pitch marks).

Please contact Scott if you are willing to help, and we will coordinate the initiative from there.



WOMEN'S DIVISION



By the time this goes to print, the ladies would have spent two days mixing, spreading, rolling, packing and dispatching 1000s of cheese rolls. This is an annual fundraising event taken on by willing workers and shows the spirit of our group.

We have had a successful season to the end of May. Our Swing South Tournament is proving popular and the Pink Ribbon fundraising tournament raised \$1550 for the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ (we are rather proud of that).

Still to come are our Country Day and Teams Event so there is always planning to do to promote our club and put on a good event.

With the wonderful summer, autumn and winter (so far) we have had good numbers turning up on a Tuesday. It would be great to have more 'business' ladies playing on a Saturday. Our drive over the past summer to introduce golf to women saw 75 take up the opportunity. Sadly the uptake on membership was not a success. If you are aware of any lady showing an interest in our game, we warmly welcome new members and have wonderful mentors to help in getting willing newbies started.

Our women's division is so fortunate to have Robyn Pullar and Olivia Frost as it gives the opportunity to play alongside them and, at the same time, see good golf. Watch for dates for upcoming Greensomes as these are becoming popular and there are usually willing ladies needing a partner. These are ideal ways to increase participation and to meet other members of the club. Our thanks to the wonderful greenkeeping staff and volunteers who make the course something we can all be proud of.

See you across the fairways - Anita Cloete



Pic: Joe Manihera, the only male club member who volunteered to help out with the cheese rolls, is now considered 'da bomb'.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Top Dogs / Longwood Cup:

The first rounds of these competitions should now have been played. A reminder to all those who are unable to play on the scheduled day to contact your opponents to arrange an alternative date.

Please contact Scott if you need contact details for your opponent.

All matches **MUST** be played by the week before the next round is scheduled to be played, i.e. for Top Dogs the 2nd round is scheduled for 8th July so the last day to play the 1st round will be 1st July.

For Longwood Cup, the 2nd round is scheduled for 15th July so 1st round matches must be played by 8th July.

Once the results are known could you please ensure the winners are written up on the notice board on the day.

Cards:

It would be appreciated if all Saturday players sign and scan their cards as soon as they finish their round rather than wait until after they've put away their gear into their vehicles. This will help speed up the results process.

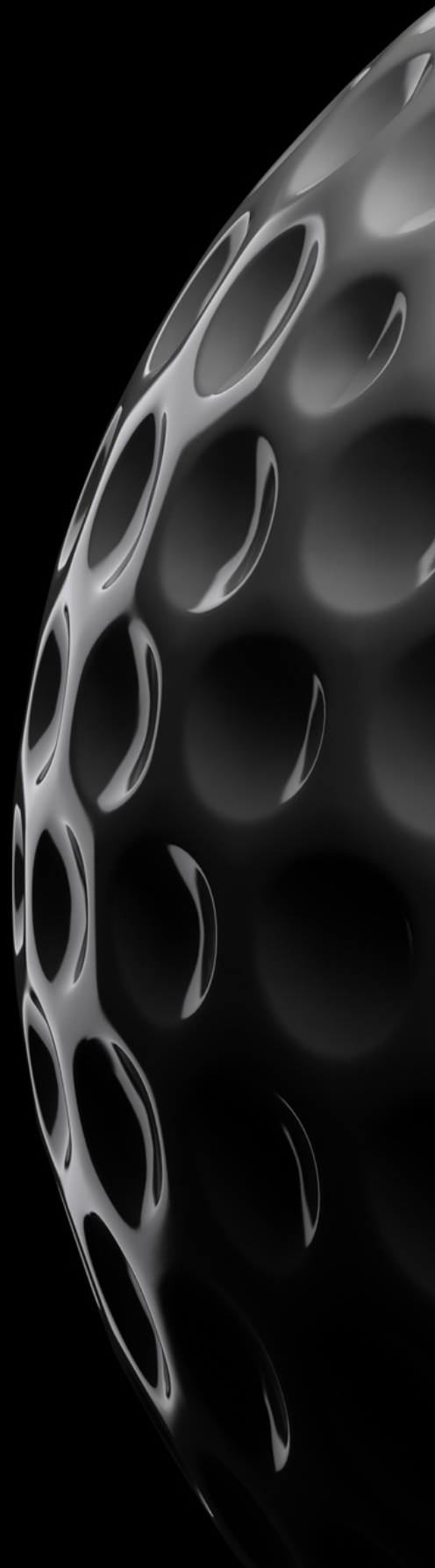
Also if you are playing a match and have to play extra holes please make arrangements so your cards are returned to the pro shop after the 18 holes are completed.

If you have entered in the competition of the day then please ensure your card is returned (even if you have had a shocker!).

This will ensure time isn't wasted chasing up unreturned cards.

Regards

Steve Kellett, Club Captain





Men's competitions scheduled for July:

Sat 1st – Monthly Medal & 2nd round Hogg & Gladstone Cups

Sat 8th – 4Ball Aggregate Stableford & 2nd round Top Dogs

Sat 15th – Medal & 2nd round Longwood Cup

Sat 22nd – Stableford & 2nd round Patrons Trophy

Sat 29th – Bisque Par

Welcome to our new club members:

Scott Milne

Amelia McEwen

Brendon Boyer

Sabhan Rizzi

Brandon Dempsey

Shane Freiberg

Joan Mulqueen

FROM THE COURSE COMMITTEE

The major work on the course, apart from regular maintenance, has been the planned removal of trees and limbing up of remaining trees.

The large piles of wood and slash will be chipped once they have had time to dry out. The scarred areas will be stump ground and grassed in spring. Some further native planting is planned for selected areas.

There are now bins located on each par 3 containing seeded sand. Members should fill their divots on the tee block after teeing off.

Just a reminder to all members to please attend to the basics of repairing pitch marks, raking bunkers and sanding divots.

There will be a new supply of sand buckets arriving soon, please use them.

The non-raking of bunkers has been an issue for quite some time. Members should be vigilant and direct others to attend to this basic task.

Greenkeepers' notes

The greens have just been aerated, so they'll be a bit bumpy for a while. This work is done to relieve compaction, help drainage and reduce disease pressure.

Please keep carts off worn areas, and please continue to replace divots (and fill with sand) to help turf recovery.



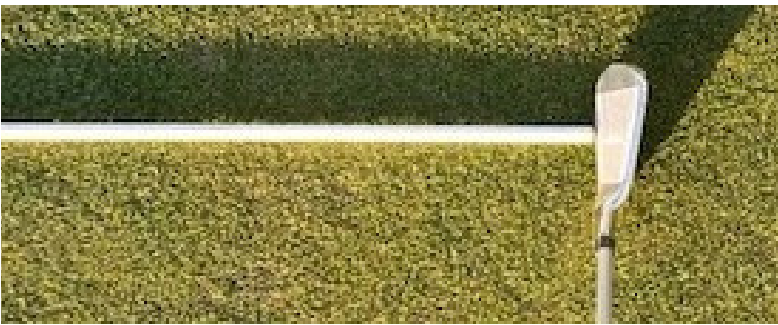
Golf Tip of the Month

This month's tip is about alignment. Are you aiming in the right direction when you set up to the ball? Is the clubface pointing in the right direction? And does it matter? Yes, it does matter!

Good alignment is critical to consistent and accurate golf shots. Here's how to aim the clubface and your body correctly.

1. Draw a straight line from the ball to the target. This is called the target line.
2. Aim the leading edge [bottom edge] of the clubface at a right angle to the target line.
3. Position your feet parallel to the target line.
4. A line drawn across your knees, hips, and shoulders should also be parallel to the target line.

Sometimes it's difficult to see where you are aiming from your set up position, so use alignment sticks when you practise, and get your alignment checked regularly. Good alignment isn't something that you learn once and then you have it forever – you need to check it (and practise it) regularly.

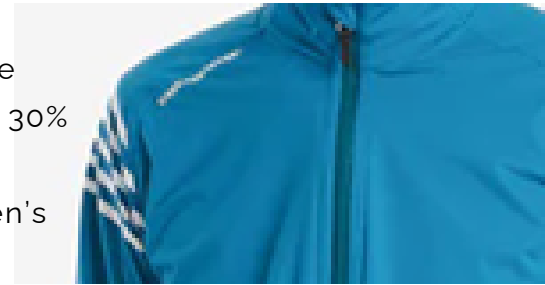


Golf Equipment

Have you checked the condition and quality of your grips lately? Are they slippery? Are they hard or shiny? Have you worn holes in them? It could be time to replace them – check out our extensive range of grips in store. We can fit them for you too. Grips should also be washed regularly (use hot soapy water and a scrubbing brush).

Shop Special for July

OK it's winter time, and I don't want people to be cold! So, for the month of July, all waterproof jackets and pants are on special at 30% off the normal retail price! Only while stocks last, only for items currently in store. Check out our great range of men's and women's Cross and Proquip waterproof clothing now!



Rules & Etiquette

A quick reminder about some golf etiquette:

1. If it is safe and you are ready, take your shot. Keep up with the group in front.
2. Let faster groups play through if there is space.
3. No more than 4 players to a group.
4. The average round should only take 4 hours [2 hours for 9 holes].
5. Grab a bucket, fill it with sand and repair your divots as you go.
6. Rake the bunkers after use -return the rake to where you found it.
7. Repair pitch marks on the green - use your pitch mark repair tool.
8. Drive Golf Carts carefully - do not damage the cart or the course.

Admin

A friendly reminder that, if you are paying your subscription monthly, please make sure you keep up to date with the payments. If you've received a statement by email, please pay the amount due, and save me a phone call ☺

Upcoming Events - Women's Country Day Tournament – Monday 7th August

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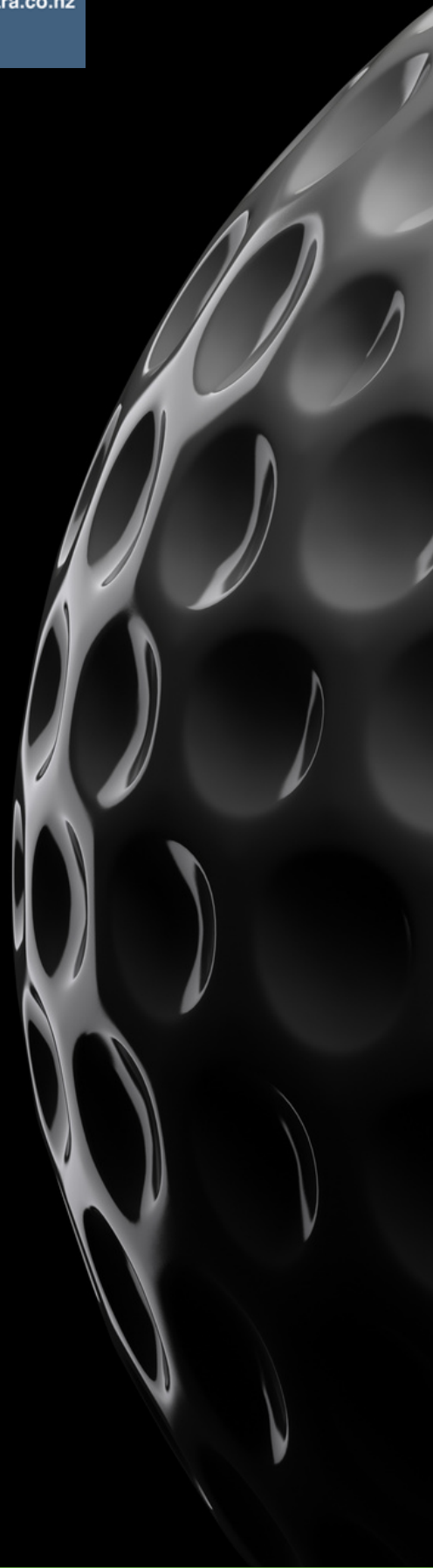
Warren and Vicki Burns have owned and operated Gordon Officer (1991) Ltd for the past 32 years, and the business has been on its current site for over 70 years. Warren took over from “the original Gordon Officer” back in 1991.

They currently have a team of nine who are all I-Car trained which enables them to work on all makes and models including EV vehicles.

They work in conjunction with all the major insurance companies, and also cater for customers on smaller private repairs, i.e shopping trolley incidents, WOF repairs, or any little touch ups.

Peter McCallum is trying very hard to get Warren back on the golf course, to no avail at this stage, but hopefully semi-retirement may be looming and this will give him some free time.

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