



## SBS BANK INVERCARGILL GOLF CLUB

# FIRST CUT

Ōtātara Links



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## President's blog Wayne Hamilton

I am pleased to announce that the Board has agreed to employ John Hughes on a part time basis.

John was planning on seeking part-time employment and if that had come to fruition we would have lost his services at our club and the wide skillset that he possesses. His role will be to provide assistance to our Greenkeeping staff when the need arises, as well as focusing on special projects that our greens staff just don't get time to complete.

We have a large number of these special projects around the course we want to complete; right through to clubhouse renovations.

I am sure you will agree that John has been a real asset to our club over many years and will continue to add value to our course into the future.

We expected to have the log chipping well and truly underway by now, but a number of issues including logistics of available trucks and family bereavements in the contractor's family has resulted in continuing delays.

I hope by the time you read this newsletter in early March we will be seeing some real progress.

There has been a lot on at the club over the past couple of months with:

- SBHS Rugby Tournament Fundraiser
- Hawthorne Care Village Fundraiser
- Inter-club with Wyndham Golf Club
- Southland Strokeplay Championship.

So, the boys and volunteers have been very busy making sure our course is in tiptop order for these events. We continue to get amazing compliments from all these visitors regarding the quality of the course, especially the greens. One commenter said it was the second best links course he had played, second only to St Andrews!

We had a very successful Working Bee recently with a good turnout of volunteers and we managed to get many jobs ticked off, including:

- Painting the back and roof of the shelter by the practice green
- Re-staining all the rubbish bins
- Trimming up trees and shrubs along the cart paths
- Weeding of gardens
- New roofs on the shelters on No 1 & No 10, with a new sign on the shelter at No 1.
- Roadside grass cut

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Off course there is always a list of things to do and that list seems to continue to grow.

I had a meeting with a representative at the ICC regarding the filling-in of the ditch along the roadside adjacent to the practice fairway. We followed this up with a letter to the council outlining our concerns, so we await a response.

We have also communicated with the Airport Authority regarding the costs associated with the removal of trees that they have instructed us to undertake seeking their financial support. We also await their response.

Happy golfing,

Wayne



## FOR(E) SALE

**1ha Section on a quiet secluded area of the most beautiful and the most southern 18-hole links course in the world. Special Offer. Price by negotiation.**

**We have had a meeting with the developer who is very keen to get started on stage 1 of the development on the north boundary of our course.**

**For stage 1 he plans to release approx. 12 sections at the eastern end of the development with access via Korimako Ave.**

**Most of the conversation was around the sale of the 1ha block of land on the east side of the 14th tee.**

**We are now seeking confidential expressions of interest from our members who would be interested in purchasing this block of land or who may be interested in any of the sections on our north boundary.**

**Interested members would be able to secure the pick of the sections which will have a 'soft' boundary opening onto the golf course.**

**Makes it easy to drive your cart to and home from golf on a Saturday!**

**Contact John Hughes or Wayne Hamilton for more details.**

# LADIES' CLUB

It has been a rather short month with a lot of golf for some of the ladies.

Below are photos of some winners in Central Otago.

Sharon Withers, Ali McCulloch, Jill Forde, and Raewyn Thompson (QP) won the Central Otago Trilogy and two weeks later, Sharon Withers and Jill Forde won the Dunstan Ladies Tournament - well done!



The weekend Pennant teams are doing well and are halfway through the competition.

We look forward to challenging the men on Thursday 7th in the Bonnie vs Clyde. Tee time 10am and we hope to have good numbers.

Our annual Swing South tournament is coming up 17th and 18th March.

Each year we try to get bigger and better. A lot of planning goes into hosting this tournament and a lot of effort from our members. If you know of any ladies out there who might want to play, entry forms are on the website.

Happy golfing and see you on the fairways.

Anita

Anita Cloete  
Ladies Club Captain



# MEN'S CLUB

Congratulations to Denis Kent and Raewyn Hartley who won the Agnes Smith Memorial Trophy Mixed Foursomes played on Sun 11th Feb.

Congratulations also to the February monthly medal winners Daniel O'Connor (Senior) and Cameron Boyer (Junior)

The interclub with Wyndham was held on the 17th Feb and despite a number of our "stars" playing in the pennants at Green Acres we still managed a convincing win – well done to those who played.

The first two rounds of the Vice Presidents pennants were played at Green Acres on 17th Feb.

The Otatara team had a good day with a comfortable 4/2 win over Winton in the morning and finishing all square versus Green Acres 2 in the afternoon round – well done guys – a top effort.

Our Handicap Pennants team played at Waikaka on the 18th Feb and unfortunately results wise didn't have a very successful day. Onwards and upwards from here team!

The March schedule is below:-

Sat 2nd March - Monthly Medal / 1st Round Club Champs / 3rd Round Summer Singles

Sat 9th March – Pairs Special 6's and 3rd Round Summer 4Ball

Sat 16th March – Single Par

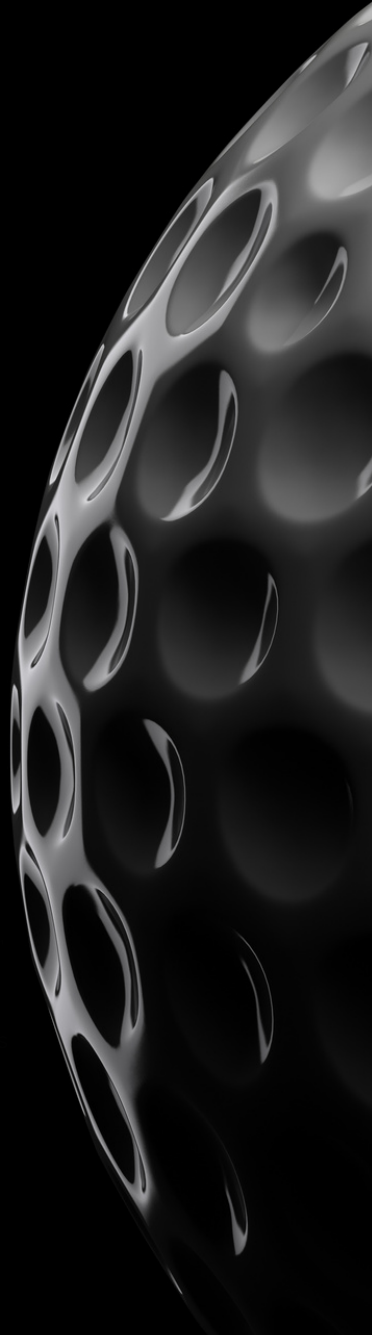
Sat 23rd March – Medal / 2nd Round Club Champs / Final Summer Singles

Sat 30th March – Stableford / Final Summer 4Ball

Good luck to those who have entered 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







**Welcome to our  
new club members:**

**Calem Castle  
James Garnett  
Zayviyn Henry  
Richard Affleck  
Jack Sexton  
Kurt Henderson  
Christopher Callahan  
Lachlan Albert  
Terry Son  
Nicole Lee  
Grant Morgan  
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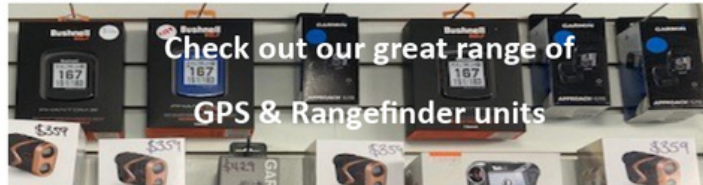
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