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President's blog Wayne Hamilton

By the time you read this newsletter, we trust that the All Blacks will be flying home with the Webb Ellis Cup in hand. There has been some fantastic rugby played especially the Ireland v NZ game and the French v South Africa game. Let's hope the final lives up to expectation.

Caterer

Ursula has now settled in to the role as our caterer and I caught up with her today, some two weeks after she started. She said she is loving the opportunity and is enjoying meeting our members who she said are just lovely. Great News. I checked out the homemade sausage rolls and caramel square and both were delicious. So please make sure we support her so that she can continue to enjoy this role for some time to come.

Working Bees

We will be calling for some working bees over the next month or two to complete a couple of projects. The first is to build a post and rail fence to replace the dilapidated picket fence by the practice fairway as well as build the same from the club house out to the hedge bordering the 6th hole. We will only need a few volunteers and ideally those that have some carpentry skills. In addition I would like to water-blast the shelters on hole 1 & 10 and then get a crew in to give them a coat of paint. So watch out for emails from Scott or let me know if you are keen to be involved.

Newsletter

I understand that a number of people couldn't download the monthly newsletter as the file was too big. So I have asked Nathan to reduce the size of the file before it is emailed so hopefully this problem is solved. If anybody still has any issues with downloading please get in touch with either Nathan or myself.

Course

The course continues to look great with a lot of work being done to keep pace with the growing season that is upon us. The greens were cored in early October and seem to be recovering well. I played Millbrook over the long weekend and our greens are equally as good if not better than theirs. Please continue to respect our course by replacing divots first then putting sand on top of the divot as well as repairing pitch marks on the greens. If you can't find your pitch mark then just repair a few others.

From the Board

A motion was tabled and approved at the last board meeting, to clarify the current position, that all future Club Trophy Competition events will be restricted to Full Members only.

A short article this month as we roll closer to Christmas with Christmas parties and Christmas Hamper events being organised.

Happy golfing,
Wayne

LADIES' CLUB

It has been a blustery spring and yet the ladies have had a busy golfing month. We ended September on a high having hosted a very successful Teams Tournament. As per usual our raffle table was spectacular and my thanks go to all those who brought along fantastic baking, pots of colour, homemade goods and general nic-nacs.

At the beginning of the month 24 ladies met up at Cromwell for a mini get-away. We had a great couple of nights away and both Cromwell and Millbrook were rather challenging to some. It was great to see the camaraderie once again between our lady members and we are hoping that we can do something similar next year and maybe some of our working ladies could join in.

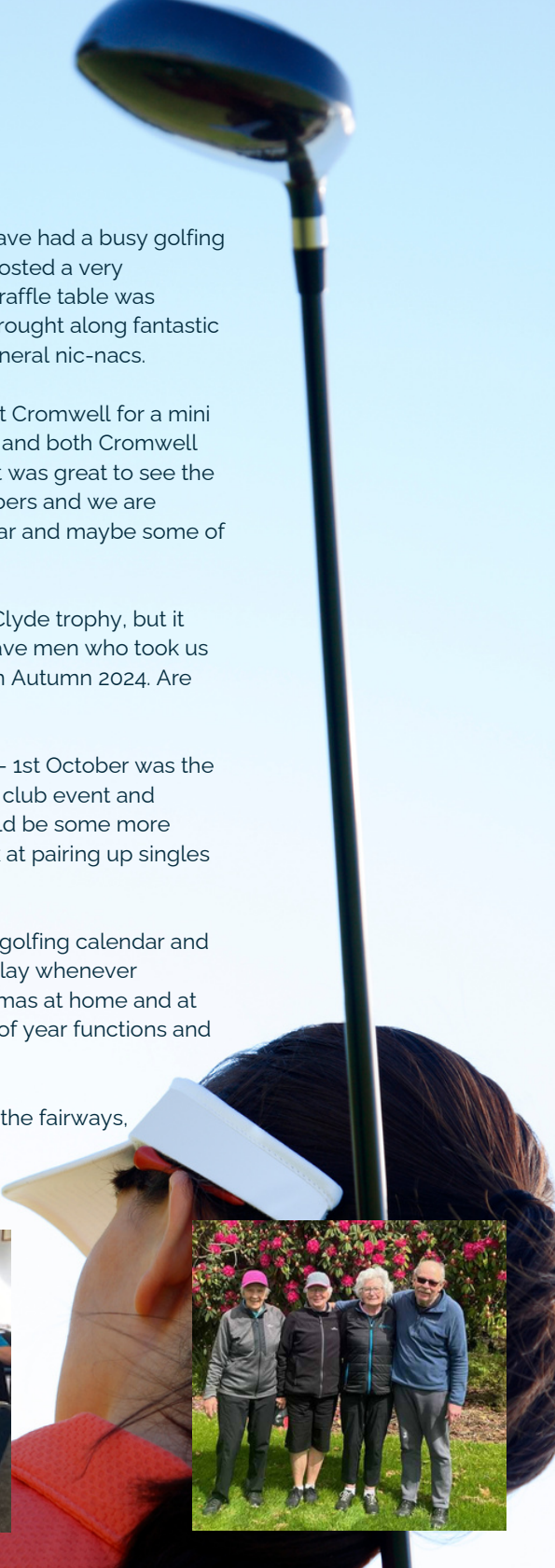
Last Thursday we tried to defend our Bonnie vs Clyde trophy, but it was not to be. Huge congratulations to the 10 brave men who took us on and beat us. We are up to challenging again in Autumn 2024. Are there more men out there?

There was another mixed event that was played - 1st October was the Agnes Smith Mixed Foursomes. This is an annual club event and although the turnout was ok, I am sure there could be some more participation from members. We can always look at pairing up singles to get a bigger field.

We are now on the countdown to the end of the golfing calendar and matches need to be played. Please organize to play whenever possible. It is a busy time getting ready for Christmas at home and at golf, baking for Christmas baskets, planning end of year functions and club events.

Happy golfing everyone and hope to see you on the fairways.

Anita Cloete
Ladies Club Captain



MEN'S CLUB

Congratulations to Ross McLean who recently took out the Longwood Cup final over Greg Lindsay.

Draws for both the Summer 4Ball and Summer Singles are on the noticeboard.

Please ensure you contact your opponents well in advance and arrange to play your matches in a timely manner.

The Ryder Cup is to be played on Sunday 19th November. Team Europe will be keen to emulate the success of their "B" team in Italy a few weeks ago!

No doubt Team USA will be seeking retribution. Thanks to Ross McCulloch for organizing the event which promises to be a highlight on our golfing calendar.

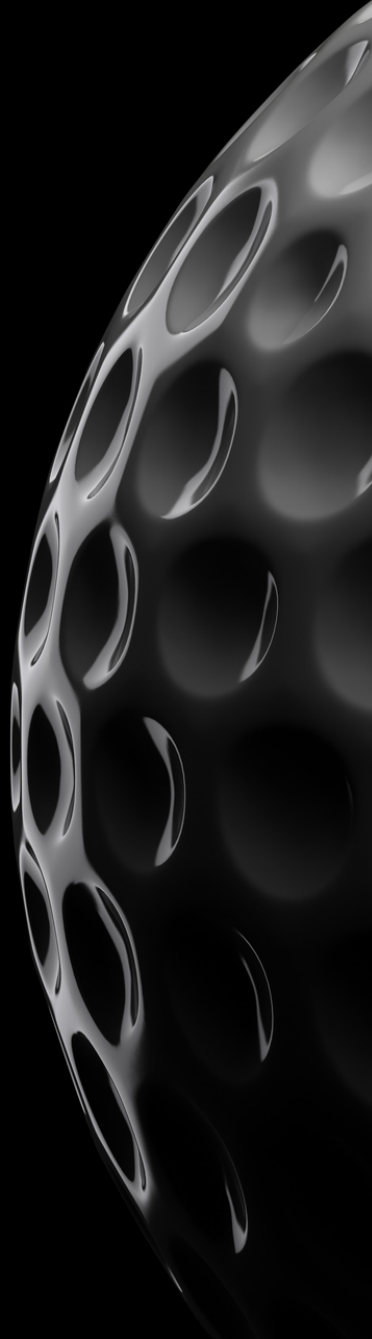
The schedule for November is below.

- 4th Nov– Monthly Medal & 2nd round King Putt
- 11th Nov – Interclub with Queens Park at Queens Park
- 18th Nov – Stableford & Remembrance Cup
- 25th Nov – 4 Ball African Stableford & 1st round Summer 4Ball

Please note the interclub v Queens Park is set down for 11th Nov. We had a very poor turnout for the interclub held at Green Acres recently (even allowing for the poor weather conditions).

Our reluctance to support these "away" interclub fixtures reflects badly on our club and I would hope to see a better turnout at Queens Park.

Good Golfing!
Steve Kellett
Men's Club Captain





Welcome to our new club members:

**Lucas McNaught
Scot Mortimer
Elliot Warrender
Kirsty Murrell-McMillan
Leigh Collins
Ngaire Hamilton
Brayden Lindsay**

From the Course Committee

The piles of logs around the course will be chipped in mid November , depending on weather conditions. The chip will be trucked off course immediately and the remaining slash will be burned, again depending on the right weather conditions so that our neighbours are not too badly affected.

Once the above is achieved the affected areas will be stump ground and prepared for re-grassing.

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