



SBS BANK INVERCARGILL GOLF CLUB

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President's blog Wayne Hamilton

Doesn't it always happen that when the blossoms come out the wind arrives and blows them all away. There have been some extremely windy days on the course which has been duly reflected in the scoring.

Caterer: We have a new in-house caterer starting with us after the school holidays. Her name is Ursula Calder and she currently runs the canteen at Verdon College. She also spends school holidays at Deep Cove catering for the two hostels there. She is a self confessed 'foodie' and I am sure you will all not only make her welcome but support her by buying her lovely food.

If she doesn't get the support then you know what the alternative will be! Jeremy from the Tasty Truck has chosen not to return citing that he was not making any money out of the venture. There are of course two sides to every story - suitability of food and his overheads on one hand, and lack of support on the other. I expect Ursula will get back to the type of food that Cheryl used to provide but with her own twist. Please support her to ensure a long and happy stay.

As we head into the spring/summer season the course will continue to get busier, particularly on Sundays with green fee paying players. As we did last year, I believe that we will need to introduce tee booking times.

This is mainly to protect the playing rights of our members so they don't come out for a few holes only to find that they have to wait to get on the course. On the other hand we also ask that all players (particularly on a Sunday) not only report to the Pro Shop before play but also use No1 as the only starting hole.

We don't want people not reporting in and then just jumping on to the course at whatever hole they choose.

With the AGM having been held on the 21st September I would like to welcome both Geoff Shepherd and Michael Mackway-Jones to the board and look forward to working with them and their positive contribution to this position.

We farewell from the board both John Hughes and Andrew Ward. I have made comment in my President's Annual Report regarding the amazing contribution that John has made to our club and I am pleased that he will stay on as part of the course committee.

Andrew has chosen to stand down given his increased business workload following the sad death of his dad, Chris, coupled with the demands of a young family. Andrew has committed to providing the club with his wise legal council and I take this opportunity to thank Andrew for his contribution to our board and, in particular, taking care of any legal matters that have been required.

Electric Carts: The board has made the decision to retain our new cart shed for club-owned carts only (other than a couple of existing carts). Space in the shed is at a premium, especially as the club purchases new carts. It is not the Club's responsibility to provide storage for privately-owned carts. We would encourage people to donate these carts to the club, which would maintain it (subject to conditions) and the owner would have free use of a cart. The cart used would not necessarily be the one donated as it might be stored at the back of the shed or already hired for the day.

Happy golfing
Regards,
Wayne Hamilton

WOMEN'S DIVISION

The ladies have supported several tournaments in the area over the past couple of weeks and I am delighted that there have been some great results for the SBS Invercargill Golf Club ladies.

At the Queens Park Handicap Foursomes, Ali McCulloch and Raewyn Hartley won the nett competition, while Sharon Faul and Jo Wadworth won the Stableford.

Sharon and Jo also each won a nearest the pin, and Ali had the longest putt. Well done!

It was great to have some of our members in the Southland 4BBB matchplay, and a great runner up result for Ali and Raewyn (becoming quite a team).

The annual Teams Tournament is on Thursday, and we are delighted to have 28 teams registered, 84 players in total.

We are looking forward to some good fun and lots of laughter when we get away to Central Otago next week. We hope for some good golf at Cromwell and Millbrook.

Bonnie vs Clyde is coming up, this is a great way to have competition between the men and woman so look out for date and detail.

Happy Golfing.
Anita Cloete, Ladies' Club Captain.



MEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Congratulations to Nathan Burdon and Alastair (Red) Burnett who recently won the Top Dog Trophy 3&2 over their opponents Ray Haywood and Frank Cournane.

The Longwood Cup should reach its conclusion in the next few weeks. Greg Lindsay will play either Ross McLean or Bob Moore in the final.

Please remember to take a bucket of sand with you to repair your (and other) divots and make use of the sand refill stations.

Note; the correct procedure is to replace your divot first and then place sand over the top – do not just fill the divot hole with sand.

Coming into summer we can expect quite a few green fee players on the course.

To try and manage congestion on the course, particularly on Saturday, we will be looking at starting from approx. 11.45am and using 1 & 10 as the starting tees.

The schedule for October is below.

7th Oct – Monthly Medal & 5th round Hogg & Gladstone Cups & 1st round King Putt

14th Oct – 4BBB Stableford & Qualifying for Summer 4Ball

21st Oct – Medal & Qualifying for Summer Singles

28th Oct – Stableford

For those new members who may not be aware, the first Saturday of each month is usually the Monthly Medal day when the senior golfers (Index 10.3 or less) play off the Blue tees and the juniors (over 10.3) off the White.

The winners of each division wins a "mug" which they are entitled (and encouraged!) to ask their fellow golfers from their grade to fill with beer.

Please note that whilst anyone can elect to play off either the Blue or White tees on the day, the Senior mug is only awarded to Senior golfers and likewise the Junior mug can only be won by Junior golfers.

Good Golfing!
Steve Kellett



Welcome to our new club members:

**Tyler Hawke
Eugene Campbell
Conor Bolton
Tony Winsloe
Timothy Winsloe
Alec Thomas
Michael Jones
Allan Thomson
Daniel Whittington
Benjamin Bean**

Golf Tip of the Month

Does your POSTURE make a difference to your swing? YES it does! Is your back tilted on a good angle? Are you in an "athletic" set-up position? Can you swing freely with your current posture? Book in for a golf lesson now – and get your set-up posture checked! It matters. 😊

Golf Equipment

Wilson Club Fitting Day – Thursday 12th October – Bookings Essential

Shop Special for October

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Cobra Fly XL Package Sets: WERE \$1795 NOW \$1395.

Only while stocks last – BE QUICK!



Rules & Etiquette

Quick Rules Question: How long can you spend looking for a ball? 3 MINUTES
If the ball hasn't been found after three minutes of looking for it, it is lost.

Admin

Our new season of golf has started! Our subscription year starts on 1 October.

Please keep a look out for your subscription invoice in your email.

Please contact Scott if you have any questions about your invoice, or your subscription.

Upcoming Events - Southland Chamber of Commerce tournament & Helicopter Ball Drop – Friday, 1st December



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