



# SBS BANK INVERCARGILL GOLF CLUB

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## President's blog Wayne Hamilton

Our September newsletter coincides with the start of spring, but as I write this it doesn't feel like spring is close at all.

We received notification that the Tasty Truck has shut up shop effective from 18th August but in fact they are now using a different vehicle and operating under a different model, i.e. food prepared while you wait. The original Tasty Truck may be back at the end of September with its ready made food.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter Jake Kura will be joining the Greenkeeping team and he will be starting with us on 18th September. Please introduce yourself to Jake and welcome him to our club. We have had a meeting with GM Design around the structural capacity of our club house and it is clear that we will need to do some not insignificant works around strengthening our building to bring it up to the required seismic rating.

We will now move forward with the designers to create some in-depth drawings around our original concept plans.

We anticipate that these alterations will come at a significant cost and we will be very reliant on our community funders as well as other benefactors within our club.

We would love to complete this project without having to borrow from the bank so If you are able to help financially in any way please have a confidential chat with the undersigned.

Our AGM is scheduled for 21st September. The official notice and reports will be sent out by Scott in due course.

If you are interested in, or would like to nominate someone for, a position on the board or as an office bearer please get a nomination form from Scott.

You will also notice that Honours Boards for the Ōreti Sands club have been erected upstairs at the western end of the club house. In addition a Māori carving 'Murihiku' has been installed in the same area.

This carving is also from Ōreti Sands and was commissioned sometime back as the first hole was called Murihiku and this carving was installed on that hole and tells the story of Murihiku.

We note with sadness the sudden passing of our member Nigel Russell. Our thoughts are with Nigel's family at this sad time.

Happy golfing  
Regards,  
Wayne Hamilton

# WOMEN'S DIVISION



The ladies have enjoyed another month of winter golf, not too many weather cancellations.

We continue to enjoy the course conditions and the fabulous greens. Thanks to Daniel and all volunteers.

The Country Day tournament was another great success. We had 54 players despite the difficult weather in the morning - very cold, wet, and windy.

A variety of scrummy food and a warm clubhouse was most welcoming at the end of the round. Despite poor weather there were some good scores, and the prize winners were all happy with their winnings.

The raffle table was amazing thanks to the generosity of our members, we are getting a reputation for our great array of raffles.

Thanks to the ILT for some sponsorship. Veggie Boys donated fruit and vege packs for the incentive prizes. We now look forward to planning our Teams Tournament towards the end of September.

It is not only golf that keeps us going to the club, but the friendships and camaraderie.

The photo below says it all. We celebrate where we can and always enjoy a glass of wine together.

We still miss the caterer, although there is usually an offering on a Tuesday and the Saturday ladies are well organized in sharing their baking. I have enjoyed some very tasty treats after a round.

Frances is taking orders for club polo shirts and vests (black with blue trim), The price for a Polo Shirt will be \$45.00 and for a Vest \$75.00.

Orders by text to 027 230 9629. Please note that sizes are on the small size and most people need a bigger size than they would normally take. It is great to see the club shirt when going to local tournaments - we wear it with pride.

Please look out for information on our monthly greensomes that should be starting up in the spring, and a Bonnie vs Clyde will be coming up as well - both great ways to encourage club participation and spirit.

Anita Cloete, Ladies' Club Captain.



# MEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Top Dog finalists have been found.

Ray Haywood & Frank Cournane will take on Nathan Burdon & Alastair Burnett in the final scheduled for 9th September.

The Longwood Cup is also approaching its conclusion. The semi finals will be Ross McLean v Bob Moore and Greg Lindsay v Graeme Fulton. The final is scheduled for 16th September.

Well done to all who entered in these winter competitions and managed to play their matches on time despite trying conditions at times.

## Slow Play:

Of late there have been a few occasions when rounds have taken close to five hours to complete.

That may be the norm on the PGA Tour but it is not acceptable for our club competitions.

Four hrs should be the maximum it takes for a round of golf.

Please take individual responsibility for this and if playing with members new to the game don't be afraid to (politely!) point out ways they can improve their speed of play.

Steve Kellett, Men's Club Captain



**Welcome to our new club members:**

**Matt Saunders  
Michael Thomas  
Bob McMurdo  
Karl Hawkes  
Graeme Robertson  
John Egan  
Timothy Gutsell  
Kayleigh Dempsey**



**Congratulations to the two lefties, Boof and Adams, who after 30 years of trying managed to take out the 2023 Fiordland Classic at the Te Anau Golf Club.**

# FROM THE COURSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all those who are helping to maintain the course by using sand buckets during their rounds.

A reminder to please return your sand buckets to the baskets provided beside the clubhouse, rather than leaving them in the car park.

## WANTED

Adopt a Hole Volunteers

We still need some volunteers to fill the above vacancy. Ideally we would like another 9 volunteers to take care of a hole e.g. divot replacement, pitch mark repairs, maybe a bit of gardening on certain holes, trim grass around distance markers etc. Much of this could be done when you are playing a round of golf - in fact you could get your four to take a bucket of sand and help you with divots.

Please reply to Scott.



## Golf Tip of the Month

### The Chip and Run

Always using your lob wedge for chipping? Maybe there's an easier way! For little chip shots around the green, plan to make the ball bounce about a metre or two past the edge of the green, and choose the club that has the right amount of loft and power to make the ball run to the hole! Often, the "chip and run" style shot is the best way to get consistent results.

## Golf Equipment

Thinking of getting some new clubs? We have demo clubs in store to test – and we can custom fit them to your swing. We can custom fit for shaft length & flex, club head lie angle, grip size, and set composition. Book in now to plan your next set of clubs and improve your golf!

## Shop Special for September

For September, 15% off all rangefinders and GPS units.



## Rules & Etiquette

This month's etiquette advice is about speed of play. An 18 hole round of golf, played in a group of four, should take about four hours. That's considered normal speed, and golf is usually played in groups of four. Turn up on a busy day as a group of two, play in a golf cart, and expect to whizz past everyone? Think again. Golfers trying to play too fast are just as much a nuisance as those who play too slowly. Two hours for 9 holes, four hours for 18 – pace yourselves, be patient, and be courteous to others.

## Admin

As summer approaches and the golf course gets busier, we may have to introduce a booking system for Sundays – we'll work on an online booking system to make the process easier – watch this space!

Upcoming Events - SBS Bank Invercargill Golf Club Annual General Meeting – THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.

# SOUTHLAND REAL ESTATE RPM JOINS BAYLEYS

We are delighted to officially welcome Southland Real Estate Property Management to our Altogether Better whānau as they rebrand under the Bayleys banner.

Based in Invercargill, the REINZ-accredited team manages a portfolio of over 450 properties across the Southland region and joins Bayleys' growing national property management portfolio currently valued at over \$8 billion. The rebrand involves a move from their longstanding premises to a new central-CBD office fitted out with Bayleys branding.

"Following the rebranding of our Southern Lakes property management business, the Southland team also joining the Bayleys brand is another exciting milestone to becoming New Zealand's leading residential property management provider", says Stuart Bent, National Director of Property Management Services.

The new entity of Bayleys Southland Real Estate represents the unification of two leading real estate brands - Bayleys Real Estate which is New Zealand's largest full service real estate agency, and Southland Real Estate which has been successfully trading in Invercargill since 1993.

With support from Bayleys' national and international marketing initiatives, the Southland Real Estate team now part of the Bayleys brand will be able to add even more value to their vendor relationships - ensuring the maximum value is achieved for their vendors in the sale process.

Bayleys Southland Real Estate is part of Bayleys Real Estate - New Zealand's largest full-service real estate agency with a network of 93 offices nationwide, employing more than 2,000 sales and support staff nationally.

Bayleys Southland Real Estate continues to be a market leader in real estate in Invercargill and is proud to give back to the Southland community through supporting and sponsoring many local organisations and sporting groups. Founding member of Southland Real Estate Gus Johnston has managed the team since the beginning and is proud of every milestone that has been reached. "It has been a privilege to be part of Southland Real Estate and I would like to thank the Southland Community for their support since we opened in 1993."



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