

CHRISTCHURCH — GOLF CLUB —

Newsletter

Thursday 15th June 2017

Golf Competitions

This week

Saturday's competition for Men is a Foursomes match to be played in groups of six for the Otago Salver (Gross) and the Old Friends Trophy (Nett).

The Womens competition is a continuation of this week's LGU and Margaret Burt Salver.

Next Tuesday/Wednesday and Saturday the Women's competition is a par handicap match, not the advertised Stableford.

The Mens competition next Saturday is Stableford match in 3 grades and round 6 of the Shirley Links Shootout.

Last Weeks Results

The winner of the Women's **World Travellers** Stableford competition for June was Maree Rodwell (pictured below) with 36 points. Tied for 2nd with 35 points were Lyn Taylor, Marina Neylon and Rosemary McElrea.



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The winners of the Wednesday Mens stableford was Lindsay North with 40 points followed by Brian Brennan and Phil Loughnan both with 39 points.

At time of writing no results had been returned for our 9-hole group or for our Mid-Week Masters Thursday competition. The Mid Week Masters men result from Tuesday resulted in a win for Don Jones with 39 points from Peter Sturge with 36 and Mike Molloy with 35 points.

Saturday's Men's competition was a Bamboozle Stableford competition. The winning team with 126 points were Garry Urlwin, David Barley, Peter Kininmonth and Peter Hollister. Second were the team of Adam Gow, Darryl Anderson, Ben Frampton and Shane Harold and third the team of Marcel Boet, Richard Roche, Bentley and Tim Seeto. Other results saw the nett eagles pool which had increased to \$350.00 struck by Marty Bengé on Hole 8. Well done Marty.

Gimme Putts

There has at times been some consternation over the practice of giving putts. Please note that in a Saturday or Sunday Club competition there can be no putts given to anyone who is either in contention to win, or does win, any prize or trophy. A player who does not putt out is ineligible to win.

However, within this there are some situations where a putt may be given without having any influence in the outcome of the competition, and so such a gimme is acceptable and does not disqualify the player from the competition. For instance, in a Stableford event where the player has already had enough shots to score zero points on the hole, or in a +/- event where a score greater than nett par is to be recorded on a hole. Similarly, if a player has a score so high that they are not in contention then the giving of a putt is acceptable subject to the comments below, especially if it speeds up play. However, don't finish with 4 birdies in a row and then decide perhaps your score could count after all!

If the groups of players involved in various mid-week events have an unwritten rule that allows for gimme putts to count then they may continue the practice, and must rely on the fairness of the players giving the putts. But they should be mindful of the words below, and remember that the handicap system is one of the key levellers that make golf such a good game for all but which relies on honest scores being returned.

The rules of golf are clear ... "The Game of Golf consists of playing a ball with a club from the teeing ground into the hole...". And so, when a score for a hole is returned without the ball going into the hole there is always an element of doubt. This is unacceptable in a stroke competition, and when used for purposes of "posting a good score", even just to impress friends, it is dubious and must be done with a sensible degree of fairness. Statistics on putting are available from many sources, and one shows that for putts of 3 feet or less players with handicaps from 0-5 make 94% of their putts - this means that the remaining 6% are missed! So even in your friendly games if the score is to be returned to count for something there needs to be caution applied before a putt is given. If there is some degree of pressure on the putt, or slope, then a player might miss a short one even more often than you might think.

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Congratulations to Tom Parker

Last Friday night Canterbury Golf hosted their annual Awards night. I am very pleased to advise that Tom Parker won 3 awards including: Player of the Year Award, Vardon Trophy for lowest average score per round in selected events and was the inaugural winner of the Fenix Canterbury Golf Ambassador of the Year, which recognises player excellence in Sportsmanship, Leadership, Etiquette and Values throughout the season. Well done Tom.

Tom is currently in Japan representing New Zealand in the Junior World Cup. Follow Toms and the teams progress at:

<http://www.golf.co.nz/NewsMedia/Article.aspx?id=3341&src=&topickey=&topicid=>

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday/Wednesday/Saturday June 13/14/17. LGU & Mary Burt Salver
- Saturday June 17th. Otago Teams Salver & Old Friends Trophy
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Saturday June 20/21/24 Stableford
- Sunday June 25th. International Teams Event for the Royal Auckland Trophy
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Saturday June 27/28/July 1 World Travellers Stableford
- Saturday July 1st Greensome for Anderson Cup and Qualifying for Campbell Cup

Upcoming Match deadlines:

Men

- June 18th. 3rd round matches in Godby Trophy.
- June 18th. Round 3 matches in Ralph Beadel Trophy and Beadel Plate
- July 2nd. Semi Final matches in the Denniston Trophy
- July 23rd. Round 4 matches in Ralph Beadel Trophy and Beadel Plate
- July 30th. Round 2 matches in Club Championship
- July 30th. Round 1 matches in Club Championship Plate

Women

- June 18th. Round 1 matches in the Wilkin Cup and Dorothy Anderson Cup
- July 16th. Round 2 matches in the Wilkin Cup and Dorothy Anderson Cup

Mixed

- July 16th. Round 3 matches in Page Trophy.

International Teams Event – Saturday 25th June

This always popular event is almost here so get your teams together. For those players or teams wishing to play as an international team please contact David Robinson and for the New Zealand teams contact either Bryan Graham or Paul Needs. This will be multiple tee start at 11.00am and the cost is \$25.00 which includes your meal. For new members, this is a great event to get involved in and meet other members so talk to David, Bryan or Paul.

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Course

This week I want to mention part of our course that I haven't talked about that often and that is our practice facilities. We are extremely fortunate to have such a large facility that copes well with the member numbers that we have. To have a wide driving range as well as separate large putting and chipping/bunker facilities is a blessing for all of us. Our range is a little limiting for longer hitters, but largely does the job. If I had any thoughts about what we could have that was better, it would be a slightly longer range and/or higher fence and a separate green that we could practice pitch shots. These are future options that are included in the Course Advisory Groups' planning.

My reason for mentioning these facilities, is that, a little like our main course, I think we could do better in caring for them. For starters, everyone using the range should take sand from the box adjacent to the range building and fill any divots they have made. I sometimes try to replace the divots, and while this is not always possible, proper sanding is. Each day, the golf shop staff move to a new area, the ropes that we wish you to practice within. Given the use that we make of the full width of the range, replacing or sanding the divots is critical to ensure we have grass to play from, the next time that area is used.

Similarly, around the chipping green, which is often used for pitching, I see many small divots taken, that could easily be replaced or sanded. The practice bunkers should be raked just as you would any bunker on the course, so that the next person using them has a proper surface to play from.

One further item regarding the range involves making sure everyone is safe. Under normal circumstances, most people use range balls from the golf shop. In these cases, the balls are collected by shop staff later in the day. In a small number of cases, members are using their own balls. These members **MUST** be aware of others who are using the range and should only proceed to collect their own balls, once everyone has finished hitting, or make suitable arrangements with those people still on the range to stop while you collect yours. We would only anticipate this being appropriate when a small number of players are on the range, as it is not appropriate for you to be collecting your balls when a large number are hitting, such as on a Saturday or a Wednesday. The shop staff will monitor this in coming months.

Good golfing this weekend

Clubhouse News

All Blacks Lions Test Series - Watch in the Clubhouse

Last Saturdays event to watch the Crusaders vs Lions was a hit so we plan to repeat it for the three All Black tests on the 24th June, the 1st July and 8th July.

Join us at 6pm for a delicious Bistro style buffet dinner followed by the live screening of the game. Please register your interest with one of the Clubhouse staff or email Karyn@linksfunctions.co.nz.

Midwinter Feast - Friday 21st July. Mark your calendar.

This was a great night last year so be sure to join us. See the brochure below.

Winter Meeting Package – Book your discounted event today!

See the brochure below for a special promotion for free room hire for your next winter event.

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June is Craft Beer Month

Join us in the clubhouse this month while we explore some new flavours. We are kicking off the week with your favourite Emerson's Brews including: Bookbinder, 1812, Pilsner, Daredevil and Phantom Lord Stroat. Available in 330ml bottles, \$8.50 each.

Grab yourself a Stamp card. Every 10 stamps get 1 free Craft beer of your choice.



NEW BEER--- this month we are introducing-- MACS SASSY RED – on TAP.

Look out for our BEER & FOOD matching specials – Pint of Sassy Red & Lamb Hot Pot - \$20pp –

Enjoy your Christmas with us and enjoy a bonus!

Links Functions and Events is taking Christmas bookings. Free venue hire for groups of over 30 guests. Dates are filling up fast so book early to avoid disappointment.

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A Midwinter Feast



Friday 21st July

The night's are dark and spring feels a long way off. So join us for a social gathering at the New Links Restaurant. Enjoy a feast of succulent, juicy roasts with all the trimmings served on shared plates to the table, with good company and new friendships to be had. Together we'll banish the winter blues. Bookings are now being taken for our Midwinter Feast.

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