

CHRISTCHURCH — GOLF CLUB —

Newsletter

Thursday 28th September 2017

Golf Competitions

This week

The competition this week for Men is a Stroke round in 3 grades and 3rd qualifying round of the Club Championship.

The Womens competition this week is a Stableford and round 11 of the shootout. It is also round 3 of the Rosemary Salver.

Next week the competition for Women is the October round of the LGU.

The Mens competition for next week is a Stroke round and round 4 in the Club Championships qualifying.

On Sunday our Pollock Cup and Woodward Cup teams will be in action in the Interclub Finals at Waimairi Beach. The Pollock Cup team are playing Harewood in one semi-final with Russley playing Clearwater in the other. Our Woodward boys are also playing Harewood in one semi-final with Russley playing Templeton in the other. Both teams would enjoy any support that members can give them. Our Presidents Grade team are also in action against Avondale at Christchurch. Good luck to all teams.

Next Thursday marks the start of the new Twilight season for 2017/2018. We are grateful to Hamish and Nicky Wright from Z Shirley for their continued support of this event. Tee times are available from 3.45pm till 5.30pm and you may enter in the Pro-Shop. Twilight dinner available after golf.

Last Weeks Results

The winners of the Womens competitions last week were

- Tuesday. 1st place went to Kirsty Hargreaves from Debbie Barley & Margaret Trowsdale.
- Wednesday. 1st place went to Monica Timu from Sabina Park & Alison McMillan.
- On Saturday the 125 year Tournament was played with results online.
- Thursday 9 Hole Mixed. 1st place was Ann Caseley from Dave Lawrence & Margot Christie.

The Winners of the Mens competitions last week were.

- Saturday. Section 1 was won by Warren Wisneski from Oliver Erskine & Peter Sim.
- Section 2 winner was Mark Stevens from Takahiro Koyama & Darryl Anderson.
- Section 3 was won by Grant Borrie with David Barley 2nd & Michael Ambrose 3rd.
- Tuesday. 1st place went to Alan Jones from Mark Rountree & Richard Coates.
- Wednesday. Chris Thomson was 1st from David Murchison & Murray Turnbull.
- Congratulations to JJ Love, Tracy Tatom and Dave Morrison for winning their respective divisions of the Club Strokeplay Championship for the Colin Caldwell Cup.

For full results go to the Members news page on the website.

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Upcoming Events:

- Women. W/E Oct 7th. LGU.
- Mixed. Sunday Oct 8th. Shirwater Trophy at Clearwater.
- Men. Saturday Oct 7th. Qualifying round 4 Club Championship.

Upcoming Match deadlines:

Men

- September 30th. Round 1 matches in Borthwick Vase.
- October 1st. Final in Campbell Cup.
- October 1st. Final in Ralph Beadel Memorial Trophy & Beadel Plate.

Women

- October 8th. Final in Kingscote Trophy
- October 15th. Final in Womens Club Championship.
- October 15th. Final in Club Championship Plates.
- October 15th. 3rd round matches in Year 2000 and Van Asch Trophy.

Metro Golf report: Ben Frampton.

Gentlemen, we had great weather and the course in superb condition for our second round match at home against Waimairi Beach. A good start, all the members of each team had managed to put their clocks forward and arrive at the correct time.

In our first pairing we had **two** close matches. Bentley Seeto conceded a three hole lead to his opponent in the early stages of the game, but held on to claw back the deficit and eventually held on well to win **2/1**. Ben Frampton took **an** early two hole lead, but after a patchy period was two down at the turn, eventually holding on to win one up.

In the **5 and 6** pairings, both matches were close throughout, Brent Musgrave eventually conceding a **2/1** loss, and Michael Kirkland winning the last **hole** to finish with a halved match.

In the **3 and 4** pairings, both our players were clinical in achieving fine victories. Brian Ronan at number three was in control throughout and eventually closed **the** match out **3/2**. Daryl Anderson was our team player of the day with a gross round of 73, and **an emphatic 6/5 victory**.

That meant we had **4 1/2** in the clubhouse. Our top pairing of Murray Turnbull and Adam Gow were both having very close matches, respectively being one up and one down coming to the 18th. **All** four players **parred the hole**, meaning that each side took one point from that pairing and our final result was a **5 ½ to 2 1/2** victory

That was a very satisfactory result against a team with whom we have always had close matches, and who were last year's Champion team. It leaves us with one loss and one win after two games, so obviously in the middle of the field at this stage. Our next game is another home match against Coringa on Sunday, October 8. That date clashes with the **Shirwater** fixture **at Clearwater** so I will be contacting people to check availability well in advance of the match.

Congratulations.

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Congratulations to Kate Johnstone on her appointment to the Vice-Presidents post of the Canterbury Golf Association at last week's executive committee meeting. This is a great honour for both Kate and the Christchurch Golf Club.

Congratulations to our representative players who travelled to Ashburton last weekend for the annual match against Aorangi. In the Womens match Olive Tapu and Melissa Newburn both had 2 wins and Catherine Bell had a win and a loss. In the Mens Tom Parker had 2 wins and Richard Reed had a win and a loss, in the Mens Masters Jason Sincock had 2 wins and in the Junior match Richard Roche had a win and a loss. Well done to all our players.

Congratulations to Jason Sincock on his selection for the Canterbury Mens Masters Interprovincial team to play in the South Island Interprovincial at the Lower Waitaki GC on October 7/8.

2017 AGM update

Thank-you to all who attended last night.

Election Results for Officers and Committee members.

- Re-appointed unopposed were Bryan Andrews as President, Glenn Bongartz as Mens Captain, Jennifer Pryor as Womens Captain and Susan Townsend as Womens Vice Captain.
- Board. Congratulations to Spencer Smith, Michael Hadley and Andrew McLachlan who join incumbent Ben Frampton on the Board. A huge thank-you to our retiring Board members Bruce Matheson and David Barley.
- Womens Committee. Congratulations to newly elected Jeanette Lawrence and returning members Louise Guthrey, Valerie Hobbs, Susan Lim, Jan North, Olwyn Rae, Jan North and Monica Timu. Thank-you very much to retiring member to Louise Glubb.
- Mens Committee. Congratulations to newly elected Ben Dyer and returning members Brian Brennan, Rod Hayes, Paul Needs, Bentley Seeto and Andrew Sloane.

Congratulations to you all and thank-you in advance for your extensive commitment to the Club.

Life Membership. I am pleased to confirm that Barry Quirke's Life Membership was approved.

2018 Subscriptions. The motion to approve subscriptions, with no increase from 2017, was approved.

#1 Drain. We announced that we were very close to agreeing on contractual terms with the City Council for this project to go ahead. Once agreement is reached I will provide a more detailed update to members.

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Course notes – John Sanders

Last Saturday evening, I joined members and guests from other clubs at the dinner for the Womens 125 year celebrations. It was a very successful event, but what stood out for me was the number of comments received regarding the wonderful state of our course. I know I keep harping on about this, but we are very lucky and if I know Mark and his team, the preparation done to date will see the course in quite possibly the best condition this summer that we have seen it. Looking at the greens right now, coming out of a very wet winter, I can't wait to see what they are like when real growth kicks in.

Next week the greens staff will be doing some very important course maintenance, so as we maintain that very good condition I refer to above. Firstly, on Monday, they will be spiking the greens with 8mm tines. This is to partially aerate them and also to assist drainage. The greens will be mowed immediately after the spiking. There will be no disruption to golf, and the impact on the surface is expected to be minor. Should your ball come to rest in one of the spike holes, we will have a local rule that allows you to take relief at the nearest point.

The fairways will then be spiked during the rest of the week. Mark had hoped to do this earlier in September, but ground conditions have simply been too wet for that. If we had done so, the holes would likely have closed up immediately and the effect lost. Fairways will be mowed soon after spiking as well. We intend to leave placing in play in the meantime, at least until the holes have disappeared which Mark think will be approx. 2 weeks.

Although this topic is not strictly course related, Anthony and I thought members would be interested anyway. The golf shop took delivery this week of 4 new EZGO golf carts. They are the latest technology, being the first lithium powered carts on the market. They will be easily identifiable being Augusta green coloured compared to the cream of all our others. Why did we invest in these? Firstly, the lithium battery pack weighs less than one battery in the current carts (some have 4 some have 6), so a lot less weight on the wheels and possibly less wear on the course. They also last longer and are easier to maintain.

An equally exciting prospect for Anthony and I is an addition to each cart we are going to add some time in the new year, hopefully prior to winter. The parent company of EZGO, Textron, based in Augusta, Georgia, has just bought a company that manufactures GPS systems and has one, in the form of a 10 inch touch screen, especially for golf carts. These are being tested right now by the Auckland based NZ agent for EZGO. Some of you will likely have already experienced these (I think they are in carts at Millbrook) and they are a very good addition to the experience you can have in a cart for any round of golf. They allow you to calculate any distance by touching the screen at the point you wish to measure too. I will provide more detail on these nearer the time, but one really good part of these GPS systems is that they will also provide what is known as "geo fencing" where we can restrict where each cart is allowed to go on the course, thereby protecting those parts that are prone to wear, especially in winter.

Good golfing this weekend.

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125 Years of Ladies' Golf at the Christchurch Golf Club

Over 300 members and guests enjoyed the celebrations which began with a morning tea for our senior ladies on Wednesday 20 September. About 45 members many who are no longer playing golf enjoyed the morning and were very interested in all the wonderful old photos and memorabilia that were displayed in the Clubhouse. The event was sponsored by the "Links Functions and Events" and the Women's Committee of the Golf Club.

On Friday an open stroke tournament was held and the Ladies' field included invited guests from Royal Auckland & Grange, Mangawhai, Royal Wellington and Timaru, representatives from Canterbury Golf and many of the Canterbury Clubs.

The weather was far from perfect for the players but they all donned wet weather gear and were still smiling at the end of their rounds.

The overall winner was Amelia Garvey who had a gross 74. Di Yates won section 2 and Lorraine Woodfield section 3. A full report of the results can be found on the website.

On Friday evening about 140 Women attended the drinks party and prize-giving after the golf. It was a really good opportunity for people to get together and look at all the old photos displayed and reflect on the history of the Women's Club at Christchurch.

On Saturday we played a special Ambrose for past and present members, men and women. The Ambrose was held in beautiful weather quite different from the Friday. Sausages and drinks were served by a very able team at the Pagoda, and all players really got into the spirit of the celebrations.

Best gross went to Maryanne Marlow, Sir Bob Charles, Diana Taylor and Bruce Taylor with a score of 69. Best net was won by Phil Lever, Monica Timu, Rod Hayes, and Valerie Hobbs.

The last hurrah for the 125 celebrations was the Black Tie Dinner held in the clubhouse. This was attended by 160 members and invited guests and was the perfect climax for the weekend.

A big thank you to all members who helped and volunteered over the weekend.

The gardens around the clubhouse were planted and tidied which was no mean feat given the weather conditions prior to the weekend. The gardens looked amazing by the Friday morning - it was a huge effort.

We would like to thank our sponsors who generously supported the Celebrations, they were so important to such a successful event.

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Clubhouse News

Play to Win – Tuesday 10th October at 4pm.

Learn how to increase **your business'** odds of **winning in the market place**

I am pleased to invite members to this free business strategy and leadership seminar, delivered by AdvisoryWorks. Further details can be found on the attachment.

[Click here to register online](#) or sign up at the Club.

Cooking Classes.



Cooking class photos: Tasting, cooking, wine, fun and a chance to see behind the scenes! – register your interest for this exclusive cooking class with Chef Graham Clark – Next course starting soon - \$50pp

October Pop- Up Restaurant Night - please register your interest with Karyn Yorston if you would like to attend- we will require a minimum level of interest from members to make this happen. I would be interested in hearing what nights work best for you, what price point and styles of cuisine.

Twilight dinners – We welcome members to come along to our twilight dinners served at the club house from 6pm till 8pm every Thursday during Twilights – You do not need to be playing golf to join in. Meals range from \$20 per head. This is a great opportunity to show case the venue on those lovely warm evening to your friends and Family. Bookings required.