

CHRISTCHURCH — GOLF CLUB —

Newsletter

Thursday 11th January 2018

Golf Competitions:

The competition this week for Men is round 6 of the Summer Stableford series and round 5 of the Summer Stableford series for the Women.

Next week we continue our Summer Stableford Series for both Men & Women.

Last Week's Results:

- Saturday Men. The 5th round of the Summer Stableford was won by Norm Facoory with Kahu Simmonds and John MacVicar 2nd and 3rd respectively.
- Saturday Women. 1st place went to Laura Meriluoto from Gillian Crombie & Leigh Hooper.
- Tuesday Men. 1st place was Jack MacDonald from Graham Purkis and Raj Rajendra.
- Tuesday Women. 1st place was Stephanie Beth from Susan Lim & Hellen Kroeger.
- Wednesday Men. No Play
- Wednesday Women. No Play
- 9 Hole Mixed. No play

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday Jan 14th. Mens Presidents team vs Russley at Russley.
- Tuesday January 16th. Course layout changes.
- Thursday January 18th. Twilight sponsored by **Z SHIRLEY**.
- Tues/Wed/Sat Jan 16th/17th/20th Women. Round 5 of the Summer Stableford series.
- Saturday January 20th Men. Round 6 of the Summer Stableford series.
- Saturday January 20th. Club Opening Day Mixed Event sponsored by **AMICUS**. Entries at Pro-Shop.
- Tuesday Jan 23rd. Womens Opening day. Entries in changing room.
- Saturday January 27th. Mens Opening day. Mens ringers start.
- Saturday January 27th. Weekend Womens Opening day.
- Sunday January 28th. Last day for entries in to Ralph Beadel Memorial Trophy. Entry sheet in the Mens locker room.
- Sunday January 28th. President grade & Metro grade interclub at Ch-Ch GC 8.30am start.
- Sunday February 4th. Summer International. Contact Dave Robinson or Bryan Graham.

Ralph Beadel Memorial Trophy:

Entries are now open for this popular event. The entry sheet is in the Mens locker room and entries close on Sunday January 28th so grab a partner and enter for one of the Clubs major Mens trophies.

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Twilight:

The 2017/2018 Twilight season continues next Thursday with starting times from 4.00pm till 6.00pm. The start sheet is in the Pro-Shop or you can ring the Pro-Shop or office to book a time. This event is sponsored by **Z SHIRLEY** and we thank Hamish, Nicky and staff for their continued support.



NZ Senior Open:

The 2018 NZ Senior Open is being held at our club on Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat February 7/8/9/10 followed on Mon/Tues 12/13 by the Sanctuary Cove test match between the New Zealand and Australian Seniors teams. This is one of NZ Golfs most prestigious tournaments and gives our club the perfect opportunity to showcase our course and facilities to players from throughout NZ and Overseas. At time of writing there have been entries from 32 overseas visitors and 80 visitors from outside the Canterbury region. With a tournament like this goes a lot of work and we are calling for Volunteers to assist with the running of this Tournament. If you, or you know of someone willing to help during this period please contact Rick at the office. With so many players from outside of our region playing there is also a requirement for trundlers to be available. If any members have a trundler available that players could use throughout the week of the tournament please contact the Pro-Shop or the office.

During the days of the Open our course will be closed to members but we do have reciprocal arrangements at various courses throughout the region. Please contact the office if you require one of these. The normal Saturday competition for Men that week (RW Morgan Salver Rd 1) will be played on Sunday February 11th.

Course Change:

From next Tuesday the layout of our course will revert to the 9 hole loops that we played before May of last year. This will mean that the current 10th hole (Wilsons) will revert to being the 1st and the current 1st hole (Pagoda) will revert to being the 10th. Changes on the course itself will begin on Monday with staff changing over signs and advertising hoardings.

Local Rule:

For areas on holes 1 and 9 where new turf has been laid and hasn't knitted together properly, a new local rule will be in place whereby a player finding their ball in the groove between 2 pieces of relaid fairway may place the ball within 15cm.

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Welcome:

The club would like to welcome Mark Stevens (pictured) to the Mens committee. Mark has been a member at the Christchurch Golf Club for 10 years and previously at the Muriwai GC in Auckland. Mark has a wide range of interests apart from golf and has a background in the Logistics and Manufacturing sector. The committee looks forward to working with Mark and know that his experience and knowledge will assist the committee and the club.



Course notes – John Sanders

Recent cooler and wet weather has been a major boost for the course, in particular the newly turfed and hydro seeded areas around the work done on holes 1 & 9.

The greens have been rolling beautifully in the last few weeks, and Mark will be lowering the blades from 2.5mm to 2mm some time in the next week, as we prepare for some upcoming major events. Members should notice an increase in speed once this occurs.

With the upcoming NZ Seniors tournament, we are very keen to showcase the course to the many domestic and international competitors. Mark's team will be focusing on this over the coming weeks and again we ask your assistance with repairing divots and pitch marks

The contractors returned on Monday to finish the part of the drain from outside the greenkeepers sheds, out to Golf Links Road. The vehicle bridge will also be finished as soon as the bridge abutments are ready. Mark is confident that the hydro seeded areas will be playable in the near future, so that we will be able to return to having hazard lines around the new drain.

Finally, a reminder that rakes should be left outside the bunker, on side farthest away from the green.

Hopefully the rain we are having today will allow us to golf this weekend.