

CHRISTCHURCH — GOLF CLUB —

Newsletter

Thursday 15th February 2018

Golf Competitions

The competition this week for Men is a Stableford in 3 grades.

There is also a Mens interclub match against the Otago Golf club on Saturday and Sunday.

The competitions for Women are a continuation of their February LGU match as well as qualifying round 1 for the Club Championship Mitchell Cup and Godby Bowl. It is also round 1 of 3 for the Pamela Cuddon Trophy. These Womens competitions are available to be played on Sunday.

On Sunday we have several interclub teams playing with the Metro team away to Rawhiti, the Presidents team away to Bottle Lake, the Mens over 50 team at Waitikiri and the Weekend Womens team start their campaign at Rangiora. On Monday we host the Silver 36-hole and Open 36-hole interclub matches. Good luck to everyone.

Last Week's Results

- Sunday 11th Men. David Barley from Dave Wallace and Brian Brennan.
- Tuesday Men. Brian Graham from Bruce Kerr and Mark Rountree.
- Tuesday Women. Robyn Gillespie from Cher Xiong and Marjorie Columbus.
- Wednesday Women. Charlotte Van Der Hoorn from Julie O'Neal and Dawn MacKenzie
- Wednesday Men. Lindsay Walton from Dave Butel and Tony McKeogh.
- Mixed 9 Hole. Dave Lawrence from Barbara Middleton and Margot Christie.

Upcoming Events

- Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun Feb 20-21-24-25. Women. Stableford and Shootout Rd 2
- Friday 16th. Wedding, utilising the new lawn
- Thurs 22nd. Twilight sponsored by **Z SHIRLEY**
- Fri 23rd. Queen Street Cricket Bakerloo Tournament.
- Fri. 23rd. Wedding, utilising the new lawn.
- Sat 24th. Stroke round. Rd 2 RW Morgan Salver.
- Sun 25th. Club Ambrose Day.
- Mon 26th. 18-hole Womens Interclub at CGC.
- Sun March 4th. Mixed Event for the Wellington Salver.
- Sat/Sun March 10-11. LB Wood Trowel Dinner and associated events.

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NZ Seniors Championship

Last week's event was a resounding success. The weather conditions were ideal, with just enough wind to keep the players guessing.

A full field of 166 players including 45 internationals competed in this 54-hole event. Stu Duff (Hasting Golf Club) won with a 4-under par 212, four shots better than former Canterbury player Brent Paterson, who shot the low round of the tournament on Saturday (67). Equal third were Nelson's Craig Newman and Fielding's Anthony Chettleburgh with the leading Cantabrian being Peter Brinsdon from Pegasus and John Sanders, the leading Christchurch member.

Notable results by Club members:

- Overall Nett. Dave Morrison was 5th and Jim Duff was 9th.
- 50-54 years. Dave Enright finished 12th in the gross division and 4th in the nett.
- 55-59 years. Dave Morrison finished 2nd, Jim Duff 5th and Phil Loughnan 10th in the nett.
- 60-64 years. John Williamson was 6th in the gross and tied 10th with Tony Park in the nett.
- 65-69 years. In the gross section John Sanders was 2nd, Marty Holman 5th, and Eric Davis 9th. In the nett section Marty finished 2nd, Eric 4th and Keith Love 8th.
- 70+. Andrew Hopkins was 5th in the gross and 7th in the nett with Norm Facocory 6th in the nett.

Sanctuary Cove Test Match

Following the NZ Seniors tournament, teams of 12 players from New Zealand and Australia battled it out to win the coveted Sanctuary Cove Trophy.

The matches are played along the lines of the Ryder cup format where on day 1 there were matches of Foursomes and Fourball and day 2 consisted of 12 singles matches.

After the morning foursomes NZ held a 4-2 advantage which they extended to 7.5/4.5 after the Fourball. The Aussies came back strong in the singles but couldn't quite close the gap and NZ prevailed 12.5 to 11.5.

The match was played in great spirit between 2 highly competitive teams.

Special Thank-you

Tournaments of this size and prestige simply cannot run without the coordinated effort of our staff and our member volunteers who worked tirelessly at least 8 days.

We wish to acknowledge the following member volunteers: Susan Townsend, Ken Fergus, Bruce Cooper, June Edwards, Jo Emson, Bruce Emson, Tony McKeogh, Grahame Buist, Stephen Hicks, Rosemary Holderness, Margaret Trowsdale, Glenn Bongartz, John Dickson and Charles Whitwham.

We received high praise from New Zealand Golf and the players of both tournaments for our organisation, hospitality and especially the quality of the course. NZ Golf officials and leading players sought out Mark to thank him personally. We are all very proud of Mark and his team and humbled by such high praise.

Many players also asked me to pass on their gratitude to our members for allowing them to disrupt their schedule

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LB Wood Trowel Weekend – March 10 and 11th

This time honoured Mens event is approaching. It is earlier than in previous years to take advantage of the superb condition of the course and hopefully better weather.

As was the case last year players will be able to enter the Saturday qualifying round online with the normal tee times opening on Friday March 2nd.

Raffle tickets will go on sale in the office on Wednesday March 7th.

The dinner and draw for the Sunday playoff will take place in the clubhouse from 7pm on Saturday evening.

For those newer members or any members who are not familiar with this event please talk to the office or members of the Mens committee to ascertain any relevant information.

The committee look forward to welcoming all members who are eligible for this event to the golf, dinner and associated events.

Congratulations

To Janet Christie Anderson on scoring a hole in 1 on the second hole at Pegasus last week.

To JJ Love on his superb win at the Coringa Open last weekend. JJ prevailed over another of our members, our Junior Captain, Tom Parker in a sudden death playoff after both players finished the 36 holes at 5 under par. JJ pictured with the Coringa Open Cup.



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Interclub:

- The **9 Hole Mixed** met Kaiapoi at Avondale and had the narrowest of wins. Sally Young returned the best score contributing 17 Stableford points and Christchurch won a low scoring game 53 to 52. Although it was hot, the course was in fine condition. Well done.
- The **18 Hole Women** met Hororata at Waimakariri Gorge. The Captain, Gill Davis, described the event as 'A beautiful day out in the country, but unfortunately a 2.5 to 3.5 loss for Christchurch'. There was some very close play with the result hinging on the last putt, which unfortunately slipped by. It was a stroke hole to Hororata and the game was halved. Earlier, one of our Silver players found her match ending just before her final stroke hole. These two incidents highlight the importance of appropriate positioning of stroke indices in match play and how they can influence the result.

Ambrose Day – Sunday 25th February

This event aims to set the score for the Lowest Round Ever at Shirley. Teams of 4 should be in age-group ranges as last year. (20–24, 25-29, 30-34 etc). Last year the record was set by the 60-64-year-old Men's group, with a 57. Note that groups with mixed-age players may only enter the 'Open' age group

Mens or Womens teams are both welcome. Tee times are from 9.45 – 11.30 am. Enter via Rick in the office. Entries close Wednesday 21st Feb at 10am.

Long Drive Championship

This event will be held over three consecutive Friday evenings - **March 16, 23 and 29 from 4pm-6pm on the 1st tee**. Please note that 29th is the Thursday before Easter.

The event will be held in 5-year age group categories like the Record Low Ambrose Event. Any Club Member may enter for free. Men and Women. An honours board will be created.

See notices in the changing rooms for details.

Member Survey

Thank-you to everyone who has responded. The survey will close on Wednesday 21st March, so there is still time to have your say. We do want to hear from as many members as possible.

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Stroke Indices

The Men's and Women's Committees appreciate that several the members are concerned about the recent changes to the Stroke Indices. The changes were based on recommendations from the R&A on the allocation of Strokes, (<https://www.randa.org/Guidance-on-Running-a-Competition/Rules/8-Miscellaneous-Matters/SubRules/5-Stroke-Index>), recommendations from Sir Bob Charles, work undertaken by Tom Music and Rick Vincent on how men and women, low and high handicappers, play the holes, together with input from the Men's and Women's Committees and NZ Golf. The discussions took place last year with a view to implementation when the Board had made the decision as to which 9-hole loops would be played in 2018.

It is important to appreciate that **Stroke Index 1 is not necessarily the hardest hole and likewise Stroke Index 18, is not necessarily the easiest hole**. To quote the R&A, there is "no one basic principle for fixing the order of the Stroke Index". For stroke play when all 18 or 9 holes are played, it is immaterial as to where the strokes are taken i.e. the player has x strokes per round. In match play it does matter and stroke indices 1 to 4 shouldn't be on holes 1, 2, 17 or 18 as the match may be over before the 17th or 18th hole is reached and if the match continues to the 19th it is unfair to a lower handicap player to have to give another stroke here. With two nine-hole loops and matches starting on hole 10, the same applies to holes 8, 9, 10 & 11.

The Course will be re-rated when the Council's work on the #1 drain has been completed. This will be an opportune time to re-assess the current Stroke Indices giving due consideration to all comments received from members (Men and Women).

Great Golf Down Under

This prestigious book has arrived and is available for your inspection and purchase in the Clubhouse and Office.

As you can see below from the photo below, our 10th hole is featured on the cover along with our club crest. The 330-page book also has a full page, photographic spread of Shirley's 4th, 7th and 16th holes. Some of the best and most renowned courses in Australia and New Zealand are featured in this 3rd volume. It provides a brilliant profile for our course, which you can enjoy for yourself or make it a memorable gift. Retail price \$90. Member's Price \$60.

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