Newsletter

Thursday 22nd February 2018

Golf Competitions

The competition this week for Men is a Stroke match in 3 grades and round 2 for the RW Morgan Salver.

The competition for Women is a Stableford. It is also round 2 of 4 for the Pamela Cuddon Trophy. These Womens competitions are available to be played on Sunday.

On Sunday we host the Ambrose competition to establish the best score on our course.

On Monday we host the 18-hole Interclub.

Last Week's Results

- Thursday 15th Men. Howard Marshall was 1st followed by Mark Rountree & Grahame Buist.
- Twilight. 1st place to Dave Lawrence, from Andrew Stone as leading Man and Margaret Black as leading Women.
- Saturday Men.
 - Senior. Charles Whitwham, from Ian Currie and Warren Wisneski.
 - Intermediate. David Lee, from Nick Sekeris and Peter Kininmonth.
 - Junior. Peter Hollister, from David Barley and Peter Law.
- Saturday Women. Lyn Taylor from Nicola Webb and Marina Neylon. On Sunday, the leading score was by Mel Brew.
- Tues-Wed Women & Tues-Wed Men. No play.
- Mixed 9 Hole. Barbara Middleton from Lyndsey Sturge and Alison Bluck.

Upcoming Events

- Fri 22nd. Wedding.
- Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun Feb 27/28/March3/4. Women. World Travellers and Shootout Rd 2.
- Wed 28th. Cruise ship guests.
- Thurs March 1st. Twilight sponsored by Z SHIRLEY.
- Fri March 2nd. Corporate event.
- Sat 3rd. Stroke round. Qualifying Rd for Deniston Trophy.
- Sun 4th. Mixed Event for Wellington Salver.
- Mon 5th. Corporate event.
- Thurs. 8th. Twilight sponsored by Z SHIRLEY.
- Fri 9th. Corporate event.
- Sat/Sun March 10/11. LB Wood Trowel, Dinner and associated events.
- Sun 11th. Last day for entries into Page Family Trophy.

Interclub

Weekend Women: Diane McLellan

It was a lovely day at Rangiora, but I am sorry to report the team lost 3/1 to Harewood. Hilary had a great day and won 5/4. Jacqui fought until the last moment, going 1 down; there was only a putt in it. Unfortunately, Diane and Janine were outclassed by the low handicapped girls going down 4/3 and 4/2 respectively. The team is hoping for better next weekend.

Presidents Grade: Dennis Doherty

An away match to Bottle Lake, always a difficult match. The team again played well against one of the perennial leading teams, but as has been the pattern this season, we came up just short of securing at least a point – losing 5/3. Good wins to Lindsay Walton and Dave Butel; and halves to Norm Facoory and Dave Isaac. All players played close to their handicap and on any other day this could have resulted in at least a drawn match and a very valuable point.

36 Hole Silver & 36 Hole Open

Christchurch hosted the 36-hole Silver and Open interclub competitions last Monday and with the Open team having a bye it was left to the Silver team to fly the flag. They duly obliged with a hard fought 3.5/2.5 win over Harewood which has left the team in 3rd equal place. Wins in the foursomes to Jo Emson & Hellen Kroeger and in the singles to June Edwards and Hellen and a half in the foursomes to June & Di Collingwood was enough to see the team through. Well done girls.

Otago Interclub – Glenn Bongartz

Another great edition of this interclub rivalry dating back to 1893.

- Friendlies Shield: Christchurch won 9.5/5.5 victory. We tied the fourball 2.5/2.5 and won the singles 7-3
- Hanmer Shield: Otago won this foursomes event 2.5/1.5. The was the first time since 2010 they have won at Shirley.
- Campbell/Hoskings Shield: Christchurch won 5/3

The putting competition was won by Warren Jones in a playoff.

After 30 years playing in the event for both Seniors and then Friendlies, this was the final match for the retiring captain of the Friendlies, Grant Mitchell, who is being succeeded by Warren Jones.

Ken Fergus is also retiring after 36 years playing for both Otago, and as a Captain of the Christchurch Seniors. We appreciate all the time you have both put in organising your teams over the years, and the spirit you both have brought to this historic event.

Thanks to Mark and his staff for the great course and Brendan and his team for looking after us all on Saturday night, all was great.





Glenn with retiring stalwarts Ken and Grant

LB Wood Trowel Weekend

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 2^{nd} .

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.

Ambrose Day

The playing of the 2018 Ambrose event to set the score for the Lowest Round Ever at Shirley will be held on Sunday 25th of February. Teams of 4 should be in age-group ranges as last year. (20–24, 25-29, 30-34 etc). Note that groups with mixed-age players may only enter the 'Open' age group.

Mens or Ladies teams both welcome. Tee times are from 9.45 – 11.30 am. Enter via Rick in the office. Entries close Friday 23rd Feb 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 similar to the Record Low Ambrose Event. Any Club Member may enter for free. An honours board will be created for Men and Women.

See notices in the changing rooms for details.

Working Bee during Coring

Coring occurs on March, 12-14th and we are once again asking for volunteers to help Mark and his team with odd jobs while this process is being done. If you can lend a hand on Monday or Tuesday March 12/13 and/or Friday March 16th we would be most appreciative.