

CHRISTCHURCH — GOLF CLUB —

Newsletter

Thursday 22nd March 2018

Golf Competitions:

The competition for Men this week is a Bisque Par match. This match differs from a normal par match whereby members can use their allotted handicap on the holes of their choosing. You must choose to use your shots before teeing off the next hole.

The competition for Women this Saturday and Sunday is a Bamboozle stableford with the best 3 of 4 stableford points counting.

Last Week's Results:

- Thursday Men. Won by Roger Armstrong, from Robin Douglas and Rod Trowsdale.
- Saturday Women. The Irish Stableford was won by the team of Jenny Clark, Julie O'Neal and Janet Christie Anderson.
- Saturday Men. The Mens Irish Stableford was won by the team of Jeff Suddens, Marty Bengel, Ross Campbell and Paul Needs.
- Tuesday Men. Won by Grahame Buist from Brian Adams and Peter Sturge.
- Tuesday Women. The Bamboozle was won by the team of Jennifer Cho, Terry Cain and Rosemary McElrea.
- Wednesday Men. Won by Stephen Hicks from Graham Watson and Steve Ellis.
- Wednesday Women. The Bamboozle was won by the team of Helen MacLeod Walker, Heather Harman and Sue Brown.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday 24th. Wedding.
- Sunday 25th. Metro Grade at Waitikiri. Presidents Grade at Shirley. Juniors at
- Sunday 18th. Junior Interclub at Weedons.
- Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun March 27/28/31/1 Women. Nancy McCormack Foursomes.
- Thursday 29th. 9 Hole mixed and Queen St Cricket Club Tournament.
- Saturday 31st. Men. Stroke in 3 Grades.
- Saturday 31st. Wedding
- Easter Monday. Teams Ambrose for the Centennial Jug. See the flyer below.

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Matches to be played:

Mens

- Round 1 matches in Godby Trophy by March 25th.
- Round 1 matches in Ralph Beadel Trophy by April 1st.
- Round 1 matches in Denniston Cup by April 22nd

Women

- Round 1 matches in Dobermann Salver by April 14th.
- Round 1 matches in Kingscote Trophy by April 22nd.
- Round 1 matches in Godby Bowl, Isabel Hall & Nan Hay Trophies by April 15th.
- Round 1 matches in Vernon Salver by May 6th.

Mixed

- Round 1 matches in Page Trophy by April 29th.

Interclub:

Weekend Women – Diane McLellan

A better day today for the weekend women who managed a draw to Amberley. It was great to have Olive back with us and while she had a battle on her hands, having to give 11 shots to a very steady opponent, she prevailed 2/1. Jacquie had a great game winning 2 up. Diane fought all day with a lovely player that never faltered and went down 3/2. Janine met her match losing 3/2.

Metro – Ben Frampton

Our Round 12 game against Everglades was played with a 7:30 a.m. with scheduled arrivals in the dark at 7 a.m. resulting in several people struggling to locate the course, however, everyone was there on time. Although Everglades is a short course with four par threes in the nine holes and no par fives, it is by no means easy to play, and many of the holes are a very tight driving proposition. The result of our match was a five - three loss, with good wins to Albert Bell, David Wallace and Simon Fraser. We were up against a team that was well-organised and keen to win, and they were obviously conscious of the position that they are also still in the running for a semi-final place. Several of our players encountered opponents with immaculate short games, and that was a telling factor in several matches. Our players all fought hard, but the overall result was against us, although the three games which we did secure might help in the final counting.

We are still in fourth place and if we beat Bottle Lake we will secure a semi-final place. If we lose or draw that match, Everglades or Hagley can get ahead of us by winning their matches as they are both ahead of us on individual games.

We don't want to depend on what other people do, so Plan A is obviously to beat Bottle Lake.

Woodward, Blank and Simon Cups

If you wish to be considered for any of the above teams, please contact Glenn Bongartz or the office. These competitions are played over the months of July, August and September.

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Long Drive Contest – Rod Hayes

On a cold grey Friday a few members turned up to see what they could do in front of a couple of brave hecklers sitting in the gallery, so there was some entertainment after all.

Despite the conditions we had one drive of over 300m! In the age groups there was only competition in the Men's 60s. However, as organiser Rod Hayes failed to hit the fairway, William Wootton (who made an entry he was not expecting and nailed all 3 drives) currently holds the record.

A single lady braved the weather, hit a good one, and an even better one, although that finished in the rough, unfortunately.

There was a family affair too. Jones the elder played a magnificent draw, whilst Jones the younger's high fades all missed the fairway, so he failed to qualify. We do however have a great drive from another teenager who shall remain nameless for the time being.

There are currently several age-groups not yet uncontested so come on down.

The next session is Friday 23rd from 4-6pm, and the final opportunity is the same time on Easter Thursday.

Easter Hours

During the Easter break the Clubhouse and Pro-Shop will be open as normal albeit with Easter trading rules applying.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to those members who helped the greens staff last week with the coring of the Greens. With Marks team down on numbers due to an injury to 1 staff member and another member leaving it was a superb effort to get the work completed so members could enjoy their golf at the weekend.

Masters Breakfast

Monday April 9th marks the final round of the US Masters from Augusta. Members and guests are invited to join us for what has become a tradition at the club "The Masters Breakfast". Breakfast begins at 8.00am followed by the TV coverage from Augusta, which is then followed by a 9-hole shootout. Please book with Karyn.

Bag Tags

2018 tags are now available for collection. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. Thank-you to Formthotics for their sponsoring of these tags.

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Administration Office

Please be aware of the following admin team leave arrangements over the coming weeks;

- Rick – On leave Friday 23 March to Friday 30 March inclusive. Any golf related matters over this period have been pre-arranged and/or will be handled by the Proshop.
- Peter – On leave Saturday 24 March to Sunday 15 April inclusive. Please direct any matters to Rochelle in Peter's absence.
- Rochelle – On leave Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 March inclusive. Returning Tuesday 3 April after Easter break.

Rosie, from Karyn's team, will be covering the office in Rochelle's absence:

- Wednesday 28 March 9am to 3pm
- Thursday 29 March 9am to 11am

Rosie will do her best to find answers to any enquiries and messages over this time, but we do ask that for non-urgent matters, please wait for Rick and Rochelle's return on Tuesday 3 April, after Easter.

We appreciate your support and understanding over this period.

Course – John Sanders

The scarifying and coring recovery process continues on our greens. Last Friday a large group of helpers assisted Mark and his team to remove as much sand as possible from the greens. Although the process of blowing and raking the sand took considerably longer than expected, due to some of the sand being moist, it was all done by 6.30pm on Friday night.

This week the staff have put more sand on, raked it over and applied solid fertiliser to promote quicker growth of the grass. This was perfectly timed, as the current rain will help the process even more. I played both on Saturday and Wednesday and although naturally they are nothing like the quality of the greens prior to the maintenance, they are nonetheless playable, and it won't be too long before they will be back to normal for our winter golf.

Those of you that have played recently will have noticed that some of the fairways have started to dry out markedly recently. Mark is not concerned with this as he has purposely not been watering as much. It will be interesting to see what the drier fairways such as No 6 (Terra Nova) look like after the rain.

Thanks again to all the members that helped on the course and around the pro shop last week.

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#1 Drain

Starting next week, phase 2 of the Drain project begins. We will provide more details soon, but I would like to share some high-level information with you.

- This phase of work is significantly larger than phase 1 and includes the section of drain from the culvert exit on the right-hand side of 10 all the way to Horseshoe Lake Road
- The entire project is scheduled to be completed by 30th September.
- Contractor entrance to and from the course will be from Horseshoe Lake Rd near where the drain exits the course. This means construction traffic will cross the 2nd and 17th fairways to access the primary construction areas.
- The primary works to be completed by 30th September include:
 - Drain naturalisation
 - Relocation of the excavated fill to other areas on the course
 - Building the pond and associated weir
 - Replacing all the irrigation on holes 1, 2, 9, 10 and 17.
 - Felling trees and planting some new ones
 - Planting a hedge along the HSL Rd boundary.
 - Replacing all bridges.
- Works starting next week will include:
 - moving the contractors base of operations from Marks yard to the triangle area between the 10th and 17th fairways.
 - felling trees along the drain path and along the fence-line by the 2nd tee.
 - Establishing safety fence lines and environmental controls
 - Starting to build an internal haul road from HSL Rd to the area between 10 and 17. This will run along the south side of the drain.
- Our ongoing aim is to minimise member disruption
 - All holes will be in full play on weekends
 - During construction of the drain across 2 and 17, we will use temporary tees and greens on the both holes from Monday to Friday, as we did on 9 and 10.
- We thank you in advance for your ongoing patience while we undertake these excellent course improvements.

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