



Christchurch Golf Club

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Golf Competitions

The competition for Men this Saturday is a stroke round in 3 grades and round 2 of 2 for the RW Morgan Salver.

The Womens competition is also a stroke round and round 2 of 2 qualifying rounds for the Godby bowl and associated events. It is also round 1 qualifying for the Mitchell Cup.

On Sunday we have our Metro Mens team are playing Bottle Lake at GCG.

We also have our next mixed event on Sunday with the playing of the Wellington Salver.

Upcoming Events

- Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun. Feb 26/27/March 2/3. Women. World Travellers Stableford.Shootout.
- Wednesday Feb 27th. Mens Stableford.
- Thursday Feb 28th. 9-hole golf.
- Thursday Feb 28th. Twilight.
- Saturday March 2nd. Men. Par Handicap. Queensbury Trophy Match.
- Sunday March 3rd. Queensbury Trophy Match.

Recent Results

- Saturday Feb 9th. Men.
- Senior. Steven McLeod from Grant McEwan and Nic Kay.
- Intermediate. Bryan Dunn from Neil Bromfield and Simon Gilroy.
- Junior. Bill Abrams from Bryan Andrews and David Hicks.
- Saturday Feb 9th. Women. Marina Neylon from Megumi Nagayama and Nicola Webb.
- Tuesday Feb 12th. Women. Belinda Richards from Linda Sumner and Nina Acland.
- Tuesday Feb 12th. Men. Lindsay Buxton from Grahame Buist and Howard Marshall.
- Wednesday Feb 13th. Women. Jan North from Jennifer Cho and Janet Christie Anderson.
- Wednesday Feb 13th Men. Murray Smith from Dodge Healy and Rob Campbell.
- Thursday Feb 14th. Men. Peter Sturge from Tony McKeogh and David Eathorne.
- Thursday Feb 14th. 9 Hole Group. Debra Soper from Alison Bluck and Margot Christie.
- Thursday Feb 14th. Twilight. Masami Hasegawa from Barrie Matthews and Masami Taguma
- Saturday Feb 16th. Women. Leigh Hooper from Marina Neylon and Lorraine Smith.
- Saturday Feb 16th. Men.
- Senior. Brian Brennan from Grant Mercer and Kim Sanders.
- Intermediate. Brian Ronan from Dodge Healy and John Boyle
- Junior. Murray Smith from Brownie Kirkwood and Gerry Quigg.
- Tuesday Feb 19th. Women. Jennifer Cho from Susan Townsend and Nina Acland.
- Tuesday Feb 19th Men. Mike Molloy from Mark Rountree and Howard Marshall.
- Wednesday Feb 20th. Women. Helen Lim from Matilda Park and Debbie Barley
- Wednesday Feb 20th. Men. Ross Campbell from Neil Bromfield and Neil Bradley.

Interclub

Presidents Grade

The Presidents Interclub team hosted Russley on Sunday 17 February. The Russley team were extremely complimentary of the Shirley greens and the course layout after the completion of the number 1 drain. They won the match 5.5 to 2.5. After a strong start, the Christchurch team seemed to run out of steam against our younger opponents. Most of the matches went down to the wire. Another close encounter, but again we came out the wrong side.

Highlights were very good birdies on the 18th by Steve Savill to win his match 2 Up and by Brownie Kirkwood to half his match and a very good win by Ian Brooks who held on under intense pressure to win his match 1 Up. I have to mention Dean Sweetman's exceptional front 9 – a 37 off the stick, unfortunately this was not good enough to win his match.

Thanks to Aiza and the team in the clubhouse for a perfect light lunch.

Next match is scheduled for 3 March 2019 at Avondale. Dennis Doherty.

Womens 36 Hole

We are delighted to report that on Monday 18th Feb the Womens's 36 hole open team won 4/2 against Waimairi.

We won both the morning foursomes. Ina Lee-Hall and MaryAnn Sidey 2/1 Lorraine Woodfield and Ruth Cooper 3/2 The afternoon presented with hot conditions and a sea breeze. We had 2 wins from Ina 2/1 and Lorraine 2/1.

Ruth and MaryAnn fought hard but lost 3/2 and 3/1 respectively.

A great day hosted magnificently by Amberley.

Otago Match

The annual Christchurch v Otago match was played last weekend at Balmacewen, an event competed between the two clubs since 1893. A great friendship exists between the two clubs and while the matches are hard fought they are always played in great spirit. A special thanks must go to Simon Fraser who stepped up at very short notice to fill a spot after the withdrawal of our number one Nick Franzmann due to injury. Simon played for the friendly team and Murray Turnbull was promoted to the senior side for the weekend which was greatly appreciated by our team. Thanks to you both for your grand effort and all the best to Nick for a speedy



recovery, I know he was disappointed he couldn't make the trip.

The Saturday competition was foursomes with the format all matches played out to the 18th hole. The result is not decided on individual matches won and lost but the combined total of holes won and lost. The final result after the four 18 hole matches was an 11 hole victory to the Otago side. Not the result we were hoping for but there were some signs of the sort of form we would need the next day to take them on in the singles.

The Otago side were particularly strong this year with their top 3 players all being current Otago representatives, so we had a big challenge on our hands. To the credit of our boys we took them on with the attitude of giving it everything to retain the shield. It came down to the last two matches which we needed to win both for a 4 all result which would be enough to bring the silverware home, but unfortunately the opposition came out on top and the result ended at 5 1/2 - 2 1/2 to Otago. Perhaps not a true reflection of how close it really was. Well done to Glenn Bongartz and Tony Park who were our winners and Phil Lever for his half point. A successful weekend for the home side once again, the tradition of winning at home continues.

We were well looked after by our hosts throughout the weekend, the food was superb and the service excellent. The course was immaculately presented and a pleasure to play as always. Thanks also to Arjun Gill for hosting both Christchurch teams at Little India on the Friday evening, another wonderful experience. Both Christchurch teams were looking very stylish sporting new shirts and caps for the occasion, thanks to the Pro Shop and Jonesy for their support in making this happen.

Karl Kitchingham

Otago Challenge Match

Great weekend in Dunedin playing the annual challenge match against the THE OTAGO GOLF CLUB. This has been running since 1893.

Although the final result didn't make good reading we certainly enjoyed our time there. On Saturday we woke to winter type conditions, very cool and the smell of rain in the air.

By the time we arrived at the 1st tee at 12.00 noon, showers and a cold southerly had arrived which put us all on high alert that the challenge was going to be tough.

Please note that Simon Fraser our Mens Club Captain was not originally in the team but had the emergency call up late Thursday due to Nick Franzmann (senior team) having to pull out with an injury. Murray Turnbull kindly accepted the invitation to move up to the seniors to fill Nicks spot. Great effort by both and much appreciated

4BBB - Saturday

Toon / Fraser out 1st but were out played by a couple of guys in hot form, in particular Phil Broughton - L 4/3 Martin / Gill out next and held a 3 up lead with 3 to go and bravely hung on to win - W 1 up

Duff / Hadley, never ahead in this one but drew level on the 17th hole after grinding their way back into the match. Looked certain for a result but things didn't go their way down the last L - 1 down

Kemp / Neylon these two held the upper hand, and with a few holes to go looked totally in control only to finish up all square. Still top result on the away turf and of course much needed. - All Square

Jones / Kemp off to a hot start then applied the blow torch and got the job done. W 8 / 7

Result Christchurch 2.5, Otago 2.5

Singles - Sunday

Jones - McKnight L 5/4 McKnight was on fire. Revenge from the day before.

Toon - White W 6/5 Toon very steady, wasn't keen for any more hills so finished it early.

Bromfield - Grant L 4/2 Conservative beat Bravado.

Martin - McDonald L 3/1 Two form players but McDonald got the job done.

Neylon - Marsh L 5/3 Out of the gates early but ground down in the long straight home.

Duff - Harper L 5/3 Harper Houdine had all the answers for our Jimmy.

Gill - Abbott L 3/2 Seesaw match that that even had one hole halved in quads.

Hadley - Broughton L 7/6 Hadley no answer to this guy who was in outrageously hot form.

Fraser - Hogg L 1 down Top effort by our super sub. Result just a putt away.

Kemp - Kerr W 2/1 Our only man to get more than 1 point for the weekend, top result. Skippers pet.

Result Christchurch 2, Otago 8

Overall Result Christchurch 4.5 Otago 10.5

We enjoyed great hospitality, the dinner on the Saturday night was wonderful along with the two lunches.

The course was in superb condition, even had the greens rolled Sunday morning and the cups painted white, nice touch and appreciated. Felt like we were playing something special and of course we were.

Thanks again to the OTAGO Club for hosting what is a special occasion every year.

Looking forward to 2020 already.



Course

Having returned to the course after 2 weeks away, it is noticeable how recent nor west winds and warm weather have further dried the course. Mark as needed but tells me this is only to keep ahead of the things if we don't get any rain. The forecast is for a weather change at the weekend and into early next week, so there may be some relief. However, I must say the golfing conditions are perfect right now.

The No 1 drain project was completed late last year, but there are some areas that need remediation by the contractors. This process is due to commence next week, with work on the driving range mounds one of the obvious ones needing work. This will be tidied, then mulched and seeded.

Other items include bridge approaches, channel and matting repairs, some duramesh wall and hydroseeding (hole no's 9 & 17), fences and access ways. There may be some disruption to normal golf, ie we may need to direct golfers around this work, but we will know this closer to the time of commencement. It is intended that golfers have right of way, but please do take care to ensure that you are seen by the contractors prior to hitting your shot. *John Sanders.*

NZ Stroke Play Championships

As a lot of members will already know we are hosting the NZ Stroke Play Championship at our course from March 21st – March 24th. We have had a few requests for players wanting to be billeted for that period. If anyone is in a position to billet, male or female players, can you please contact the office and we will put the players in touch with them.

Office

As members are aware, we have had a transitional administration structure in place since December last year following Peter Randle's departure. Before we confirm our future structure we have asked Mike Hadley, as transitional CEO, to deal with a number of important issues, most notably a review of our hospitality operations. We have also engaged temporary cover for the vacant finance role in the office.

Mixed Event

This Sunday we have our next mixed event with the playing of the Wellington Salver Match. This is a Fourball Best Ball Stableford competition and is Kindly sponsored by Amicus. represented at the club by Andrew Sloane.