



Christchurch Golf Club



THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Golf Competitions

The competition for Men this Saturday is a stableford round in 3 grades.

The Womens competition is also a stableford round and round 2 of the Pamela Cuddon Trophy.

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

On Monday 18 hole Womens Interclub is being played at CGC.

Upcoming Events

- Tues/Wed/Sat/Sun. Feb 12/13/16/17. Women. LGU & Godby Bowl Qualifying.
- Wednesday Feb 13th. Mens Stableford.
- Thursday Feb 14th. 9-hole golf.
- Thursday Feb 14th. Twilight.
- Saturday Feb 16th. Men. Stroke.

Recent Results

- Sunday Jan 20th. Mixed. 1st were the Husband & Wife pairing of David & Brigit Blair from Charles Whitwham & Jennifer Cho with Bruce & Ruth Cooper 3rd.
- Tuesday Jan 22nd. Womens Opening Day was won by the pairing of Robyn Gillespie & Rebecca Henderson from Janet Christie Anderson & Ina Lee Hall.
- Tuesday Jan 22nd. Rod Trowsdale from Grahame Buist and Derry Lee.
- Wednesday Jan 23rd. Men. 1st place to Stephen Hicks from William Wootton & Tony Park.
- Thursday 9 Hole. Summer Stableford was won by Rod Bourke Shaw from Sally Young.
- Thursday Jan 24th Men. Grahame Buist from Mick Emmanuel and Mark Rountree.
- Twilight. Jan 24th. 1st place to Terence Gillis from Karl Todd with Jennifer Cho top Women.
- Saturday Mens Opening Day.
- First. Dave Wallace, Keith Hoard, Mark Jordan, Andrew McLachan.
- Second. Brian Brennan, Stephen Hicks, Steve Ellis, Nick Smith.

- Third. Simon Fraser, Ken Fergus, Bryan Andrews, Brian Ronan.
- Saturday Women. Mel Brew from Marina Neylon and Susan Townsend.
- Tuesday Jan 29th. Men. Mick Emmanuel from Jack MacDonald & Bill Abrams.
- Tuesday Jan 29th. Women. Rosie Kennedy from Debbie Barley and Gill Walker.
- Wednesday Jan 30th. Men. Dave Henderson from Marty Holman & Gerry Burgess.
- Wednesday Jan 30th. Women. Helen Lim from June Edwards & Jacqui Lowe
- Thursday Jan 31st. Men. Jack MacDonald from Richard Pearse and Grahame Buist.
- Twilight Jan 31st. Mike Toeke from Tim Seeto & Megumi Nagayama leading Lady.
- Summer Stableford Results. In the Mens section the winner was Bryan Andrews from Nick Sekeris and Bentley Seeto. In the Womens Helen Lim was 1st from Megumi Nagayama and Jennifer Cho.

Obituary

It is with regret that we inform members, of the sad passing of one of our life members Anne Gibson recently. Anne was a great stalwart of the club over many years, as a Player, Women's President, Women's Captain and committee member.

Interclub

Presidents Grade

Last Sunday 27 January we were warmly received onto the Everglades Golf Course, like some long lost relatives. It was very good to see our friends from Everglades and they were very pleased to see us. The course was in excellent condition, very green & wet - from heavy irrigation.

The weather was kind, a cooling breeze keeping the heat of the sun's rays to a pleasant level. Our match was played in good spirit, there was good banter and we were made very welcome. Our host providing, post match, some good wholesome tasty pies and sausages - more than adequate as we convivially drank our beers.

Well at long last - to the match

Some definite signs of improvement - although we went down 2.5 to 5.5 - the team as a whole played close to their handicaps - There were some very good gross scores and some close matches. The highlight was Norm Facocory's gross 76 to win his match 4/3. Dennis won his match 5/3 with a gross 79. Dave Butel fought back well to half his match by winning the last hole. Bill Abrams and David Young were very unlucky to lose their matches, as they both played very well, both shooting a gross 81 - (net 64 and net 61 respectively). Special thanks to Dean Sweetman - who answered an emergency early morning call from me on Sunday to fill in as a late replacement.

Our next Round is a home game and we host Russley on Sunday 17 February - with our normal 8:30am tee off time. *Dennis Doherty.*

Womens 18 Hole

The team of Shirley Wisneski, Gillian Crombie, Sue Cowles, Dawn MacKenzie, Rosie Austin and Jan North had a win in the first round of the 2019 Competition beating Harewood 4-2 at Waimak Gorge. All matches were challenging and finished either on the 17th or 18th hole in very hot conditions. A great start to the season.

Womens 36 Hole

The 36 Hole Open team got off to a great start drawing our matches against the winners for the last two seasons Tai Tapu 2. We were tardy in the morning & found the speed of the Waimari green difficult to cope with at first, both pairs losing in the morning. However we came back in style in the afternoon, Ina Lee-Hall, Janet Christie-Anderson & Ruth Cooper all taking convincing wins. Jennifer Cho fought bravely, having to give 8 shots, including one on 18, and she just missed out on the last. In very hot conditions the team has set us up for a great season ahead.

9 Hole

Today we played Amberley at Bottle Lake. Unfortunately we were soundly beaten by 74 points to 47 points. Dave Lawrence was our top scorer with 16 stableford points. The team is looking forward to better success in future rounds.

Notable Results

The Canterbury Stroke-play Championships were recently held at the Pegasus Golf Club. In the Mens section Nic Kay finished 2nd after setting the 1st round pace with a course record 64. Josh Roche continued his good form with a 7th place and Marty Holman finished 2nd in the Masters section.

In the Womens section Roun Lee a Junior member finished 1st with Olive Tapu 5th and another Junior Jeong Hyun Lee 8th.

The NZ Open qualifying was recently held at our course with 2 of our members progressing to the final qualifying stage to be held at Cromwell. Nic Kay and Gyung Mok Moon both shot 73 to qualify to be part of the 5 players to progress.

Last Sunday the Coringa Open was played with 5 of our members featuring in the top 10. Nic Kay finished 1st, Josh Roche 2nd, Mike Toeke 5th, Jason Sincoc 7th and Nick Franzmann 10th.

Opening Days



David & Brigit receive the Trophy from our sponsors Murray & Monique.

Mixed Open Day

Mixed opening day for the Sir Cyril Ward Memorial Trophy was held on Sunday January 20th in beautiful warm conditions. The winners were the Husband & Wife pairing of David & Brigit Blair followed by the pairing of Charles Whitwham & Jennifer Cho. Thanks to Murray and Monique Turnbull from MF Turnbull Ltd for their sponsorship of this event.

Womens Open Day

Women's opening day was held on Tuesday January 22nd with the playing of the Mary Burt Salver. The winners were the pairing of Rebecca Henderson and Robyn Gillespie with Janet Christie Anderson & Ina Lee Hall second and Maria Lee & Jennifer Cho third.

Mens Open Day

Mens opening day was held on Saturday January 26th with a teams event for the BB Wood Memorial Trophy. The winning team was the team of Dave Wallace, Keith Hoard, Mark Jordan and Andrew McLachlan. Second were Brian Brennan, Stephen Hicks, Steve Ellis and Nick Smith and third were Ken Fergus, Bryan Andrews, Brian Ronan and Simon Fraser.

International Day

Last Sunday saw the playing of the Members International match with about 80 members teeing off in warm conditions. In the Mens section in what proved to be a very close contest the teams couldn't be split with a tied result being the final outcome. The Womens match was won by the International team who triumphed over their NZ counterparts.

Course

Many of you will have experienced the new golfing season starting with men's, ladies and mixed opening day's over the last week or so. Men's opening was a very large turnout last Saturday and I imagine all members will all be looking forward to golf this year with our new grounds in play. Like me, I am sure you will have visited the new rough a few times and I hope you will agree that firstly they make the course look fantastic and secondly have created variations of lies, particularly side, up and downhill, that we haven't had on our course before. We did have to remove many trees to achieve what is now largely completed, but from general comments I have received, most of you are very happy with the result.

Mark and his team are spending much of their time cutting grass but are also catching up on tidying work including hedge/tree trimming, weed spraying etc that they have had little time to do over the past 6-8 months. There are a few really dry areas on the fairways that Mark is watching and also 3 greens (5, 6 & 12), that will be aerated to try to improve these. Our greens, tees and fairways maintenance will be, later than usual this year as we hold the NZ Amateur Strokeplay in late March. I will give you details of that maintenance nearer the time.

Lastly and especially with many areas that have been worked on during the Drain project, we would appreciate all members using the seeded soil to not only repair your divots, but also on any area such as where there has been re turfing where the new irrigation was installed. Please also concentrate on smoothing the bunkers and repairing pitch marks.

Good golfing over the next few weeks. My next report will be later in February as I am heading away for 2 weeks from this Saturday.

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.

Cruise Ship

Last Thursday we welcomed Perry's Golf Cruises to our course and the hospitality after the game. The players were most complimentary about our course and facilities with most players saying our greens were by far the best they had played on this trip. We must thank the 9 hole group and the mid-week Mens group for adjusting their playing times to enable us to cater for the cruise players but as these cruise groups bring in a large amount of cash to our club we think the inconvenience is well worth it. We are grateful to Perry's Cruise for once again choosing our course and have already taken the booking for next year and tentative booking for 2021.

Pictured below part of the carts and gear ready for players from the cruise ship.



Tree Harvest

Over 30 years ago the golf club planted trees between the 11th and 16th fairways with the sole purpose of harvesting. We are now at stage when the optimum market price and condition of the trees means we should commence harvesting. We have taken professional advice which is indicating the golf club will be able to net \$40k. We are considering the various replanting options and remediation of the land after harvesting. No decision has been taken to commence harvesting at this point.