



Christchurch Golf Club

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Golf Competitions

The competition this week for Men is a Stroke match in 3 Grades and 1st of 4 qualifying rounds for the Club Championships.

The Womens competition this week is an LGU match and 1st round of qualifying for the Club Championship. It is also the 2nd round of qualifying for the Godby Bowl.

On Sunday we have a mixed event for the Wellington Salver hosted by Andrew Sloane from Amicus. Entries can be made in the Pro-Shop.

This Friday we have a corporate event starting at 12.30pm. Members will have tee times at 8.00am.

Friday February 28th we have a corporate event with members again having an 8.00am start.

Next week's competition for Women on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday is a Stableford and Rd 2 of the Shootout.

The Mens competition on February 29th is Rd 2 qualifying in the Club Championship.

Friday Nights at the Club

The members names drawn out on the last 2 Fridays have been Val Hobbs and Margaret Trowsdale. The draw this Friday is for \$450.00 and members and guests are welcome from 4.30pm.

Upcoming Events

- Tues/Wed March 3/4 Womens. Stableford.
- Wednesday March 4th. Men. Stableford.
- Thursday March 5th. 9-hole golf.
- Friday March 6. Lane Neave.
- Saturday March 7. Course Closed.
- Sunday March 8. Course Closed.

The course will be closed on Saturday/ Sunday March 7/8 for the Canterbury Match-play Championship to be held at our course. We do have a number of reciprocal tee times for our members. If you wish to book one of these you need to contact the office

The draw for the Mens Ralph Beadel Memorial Trophy was held last Saturday and this is available on line in the Mens Draws section of the Website and in the Mens Locker room. 1st round matches are due to be played before April 12th.

The draw for the Women's Kingscote Trophy are also available online and in the Women's Locker room.

Interclub

18th Hole Women

Our team played at Russley against Waimak Gorge and won 3 1/2 to 2 1/2

Good wins by Monica 5/4, Annette 7/6 and Dongi 2 up. Shirley had a half which secured the team a win.

After two rounds we are leading the competition but with 9 teams altogether we still have a long way to go!

Cheers Rosie Austin

Pictured below the Women's 18 hole interclub team.



9 Hole

On Monday the Nine Hole Interclub team played Russley 1 at Everglades in perfect conditions. It was a closely fought match and Russley prevailed by two points. We were all tested by narrow fairways and tricky green conditions. Monica McSoriley was our star player.

Lyndsey Sturge - Acting Captain

Presidents Grade

It is always difficult to win at Bottle Lake, and the President's team left with a 6-2 loss, despite four of our players having net scores of 71 or less. The standout player was Brownie Kirkwood, who had a net 62, including three birdies on the first nine. He won 4&3 against an opponent who played well but was outclassed. Dave Butel had a good 4&2 win, but other matches were won reasonably convincingly, despite our good play, by Bottle Lake.

Our next match is a home game at Shirley on Sunday 1 March 2020 with an 8:26am tee off time, we host Clearwater.

Otago GC Match

One of the oldest continuing Golf Interclub matches in the World was held at the Christchurch Golf Club in the weekend. The Christchurch Senior team won the Foursomes Campbell-Hosking Shield on Saturday with +19 and the Singles Hanmer Shield on Sunday 5.5-2.5. Wins in the Foursomes (which are played to the final hole, with it based on the number of holes won) Sincok/Franz +8, Reed/Lever +2, Senior Captain Kitchingham/ Brad Clark +7, Bongartz/ Fergusson +2. Singles winners, Sincok 2/1, Clark 4/3, Kitchingham 3/2, Bongartz 6/5, Lever 3/2 and Richard Reed birdied the last to get the half.

The Friendly team had a tight battle that could have gone

either way, unfortunately, it went the wrong way by 1 game over the two days. Friendly Captain Warren Jones lead from the front being the only CGC Friendly to have 2 wins. He was disappointed to hand over the Friendly Shield on Shirley soil for the first time in around 25 years. We hear a "Boot Camp" will be sorted before next year's event and all selections are "up in the air" Other players to have a win and half were Stu Kemp, Neil Bromfield, Tracy Tatom and Dermot Martin. The weekend was played in great spirit with great banter which was reflected in the bar tab. Thanks to all involved for making it another fantastic weekend.

Pictured below the handing over of Trophies.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike Toeke who finished tied for 2nd at the recent Canterbury Stroke-play championships and followed that up with a win in the Russley Open. Yoonji Woo finished as the leading Womens player at the Stroke-play and Kwang Hoon Woo was 1st in the Mens Masters section. Congratulations also to our Men's over 50s team who once again retained the Pirie Cup by 31 strokes in the best 6 round competition and to Peter McDougall who won the George Turner trophy for leading individual in that competition.

Health & Safety

Unfortunately there have been a few H&S issues on the course of late. Members are asked to report any incidents to the office so we can keep records of them and follow up. This is a requirement under the H&S act.

Valley of Peace Cricket

Christchurch Golf Club 1st XI were happy to be back at the Valley of Peace on a warm summers day for our much awaited annual fixture. After the win at the STAC #1 ground last season, the CGC brought along a youthful team to defend the title, some golfers with representative cricket pedigree grouped with a bunch of good athletes (and an international super coach) gave the side a strong favourites tag.

CGC won the toss and with no hesitation on the new look Valley ground decided to bat. Bongartz was first to go, after what he called an unplayable ball, some first to differ, knocked over his castle for 0. The Valley, against all odds, had the better of the early exchanges, with the CGC reeling at 57 for 5 from 18 overs, but the plan was working, now the "pros" got to bat. Former international Warren Wisneski and Green keeper, Premier grade and youth rep Callum Cameron were now at the crease. Wisneski (8 "6's" in his 86) and Cameron (6 in his 62) cleared the boundary into the adjoining fescue grasses with regularity, long searches and two lost balls being the end result. After the 143 run partnership was broken Dale Stevenson, coach behind another CGC member Tom Walsh added a couple of more big hits, but it was our solid (in all ways, and maybe the best number 10 to play for the CGC) James Pearson (who was a bit angry with a point to prove) smashed 9 "6's" in the last 6 overs as part of his 44 not out, that boosted the CGC total to a formidable 275 for 9 off 50 overs.

In reply, the VoP got off to a good start, after 22 overs, at 89 for 3, the VoP were ahead of the CGC by comparison,

a good achievement against the aggressive open spell from Pearson (6 overs 1/26) (three nice shouts for LBW turned down) and the solid Mika MacDonald (8 overs 2/40). Richard Reed (3 overs 0/11) was next, and bowled well, with a bad shoulder cutting his spell short, but he was like a Spider Monkey in the field, leaping on anything near him. Findlay Jones bowled some nice spin, to start the slow down (5 overs 1/14). But with Tom Music at the crease Captain Bongartz (5 overs 0/15) played on the fact that Captain Music would never live it down if he dismissed him, so he brought himself on, and along with MacAlpine (4 overs 1/11) the classy spin twins put an end to the Valleys hopes, stopping the runs and MacAlpine snaring the valuable scalp of Music, with a great catch by Callum Cameron. Jack Carsons spin was exceptional (5 overs 2/15). After MacAlpine, Bongartz and Carson, Mcleod (6 overs 1/16) and Cameron (2 overs 1/7) finished the squeeze, the Valley worked its way to 162 all out, with the final wicket falling in the 44th over knocked over by MacDonald. Some outstanding fielding, catching and great wicket keeping by Dale Stevenson finished off a clinical display of cricket by the CGC. CGC won by 113 runs.

Both captains made mention of the facilities – the ground is an absolute picture so sincere thanks to the committee, members and friends of the club that put in the foresight, expertise and time to give us such pristine conditions. To David Eathorne (CGC for the day rather than VoP) Scott and Nick behind the bar thanks for the excellent service.

We look forward to the next decade where the battle will resume.

Pictured below: A day at the cricket vs the Valley of Peace.



International Match

On Sunday February 2nd 44 International players lined up against 44 New Zealanders in the 25th anniversary of this event. It was a sweltering hot day with temperatures reaching 35 degrees and a howling nor wester making it feel more like 40 degrees. There were 19 countries represented in the International side. The flags were flapping wildly but Photos were snapped enthusiastically. Bruce Martin, the original International, flew in from Florida for the event and he happily presented the trophy to Bryan Graham the winning Kiwi Captain. For the record the NZ Men won by 26 holes and the International Women won by 1 hole. There were several invited guests who joined into the festivities. Many rounds were not completed due to the extreme heat. Thanks to all those who made it a very enjoyable and memorable day. David Robinson & Bryan Graham who have driven this event for 25 years are stepping aside to allow younger members to sustain the event for many years to come.

Board Members

Spencer Smith

Spencer has been a board member since 2013, through a period of significant change for the Club. Spencer has also been chairing the Club's financial and finance affairs. Spencer's ambition for the Club is for a stable financial future, as many clubs around New Zealand are currently facing financial difficulties.

During the week, he works as a director of Baker Tilly Staples Rodway, a national accounting firm, and part of the Baker Tilly International network, which has member firms in 146 countries.

Spencer joined the club in 2008 and usually has a once-a-week round on Saturdays. He says he is generally impressed by the high playing standard of the membership and thoroughly enjoys the Club's comradery.



International Visitors

Last Friday the club played host to 60 players from America who had arrived on a cruise ship. They all had a wonderful day on the course and celebrated after golf in the clubhouse. After visiting the upstairs Charles Gallery they were delighted that Sir Bob, who had been in the clubhouse for lunch, stopped and had a chat to some of the visitors. These international tours are very lucrative for our club and we hope to host this tour again in 2021.



Course News

The course committee have recommended that where ever possible members should refrain from driving motorised carts over the new mounds. They have also recommended that players refrain from driving carts or walking trundlers between bunkers and greens. This will help to keep the course in as good a condition as possible. The new practice net is now all completed and looks great behind the practice shed on the range.

