



## April 2021

### General Manager's Update

April is quickly disappearing, & with daylight saving being removed, it certainly affirms we are definitely into autumn. However, we seem to be again experiencing a very mild & enjoyable autumn with plenty of Members & Visitors enjoying our course.

About the course, Ricky & his team continue to present it in top notch condition. There are some projects they are looking to complete with the grass now not growing so fast including the drainage around the 10th, 18th & leading into the Bottle Lake wetlands. Director Malcolm Smith & Member Malcolm Davis are providing expert guidance, with Sponsor Peter Diver Plumbing doing the work ensuring we get the right result.

In the Office, we also have some projects we are progressing being Capital Expenditure needs (including Clubhouse refurbishment & cart storage), our Junior Programme, our IT platform, & building on our "She loves Golf" involvement. At the same time, the normal demands of a busy & growing Club need managing.

*Rod Templeton*  
General Manager

## Newsletter

### Team Direct Dial Telephone Numbers

Repeating the note from our last newsletter, you can contact our Team directly on the following numbers:

- Rod 383-1270
- Steve 383-1271
- Bar (Nikki) 383-1272
- Office (Helen) 383-1128

Please check you are dialling the right number, especially for Steve. Our main number 383-1400 will continue to operate as before.

### Your Bag Tags

One of the "joys" of our increasing membership, is being able to identify Members. Can all Members please attach their bag labels so our staff can see clearly you are a Member & there are no embarrassing questions being asked.



## Couse Report

The most obvious sign we are in Autumn is our leaves are back (& our "Leaf Rule" in play). You will see the large blower hard at work over the next few weeks.

March was a very dry month - they say we have had 18mm of rain through March, but we find that hard to believe. Now being halfway through April, we still have not had much rain. The course is holding up with the irrigation going on longer than usual. The fairways have been sprayed for weeds and have had a light fertilise. This is helping get the dry patches and melting out areas back before winter. Some areas on the fairways are quite bare without any grass so we have cored or spiked them to get grass seed into these areas. The greens have come back well from coring.

The Clubhouse lawn has been a ripped up by pukekos (whose population certainly has increased with our possum cull), looking for the grass grub. The lawn has been treated and re-seeded.

We do need Members (& Visitors) continuing to repair pitch marks & divots. The photo below was taken on the 9th tee where not one divot was sanded despite a full sand box close by.



**Remember - a repaired pitch mark takes 2 days to "heal". Unrepaired can take up to 15 days.**

## Our Winter Opening Hours

With less sunlight hours to play golf looming, we are changing the hours the Pro-Shop, Café & Bar will open. The new hours will apply from Monday 3rd May. Remember that if you would like to use the Bar prior to the hours noted, just come into the Office.

CLUB HOURS WINTER 2021



### Winter Club Hours

(as from Monday 3rd May)

Day	Café	Bar	Pro Shop
Monday	Closed	Closed	9.00am to 2.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am to 3.00pm	Closed	8.30am to 4.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am to 5.00pm	1.00pm to 6.00pm	8.30am to 4.00pm
Thursday	9.00am to 3.00pm	1.00pm to 6.00pm	8.30am to 4.00pm
Friday	11.00am to 3.00pm	2.00pm to 6.00pm	8.30am to 4.00pm
Saturday	9.00am to 6.00pm	10.30am to 7.00pm	7.30am to 4.00pm
Sunday	11.00am to 4.00pm	11.00am to 6.00pm	7.30am to 4.00pm

Note - Gates will close at 7.00pm.

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## Farewell to Ryan



We will be saying farewell to long-serving greenkeeper, Ryan McEwan, next month as he is leaving us. Ryan has a new groundman role at St Andrews College, his alma mater. Ryan has been an essential member of the Greens Team that always goes the Extra-Yard. We will also miss his friendly & engaging manner.

## **Women's News**

### Teams Tournament

We held our annual Teams Tournament last Thursday in perfect weather. A field of 92 players attended and the day ran very smoothly. It was a great team effort from the Committee, Staff and Members that allowed us to deliver a quality tournament. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### Interclub

The Fours Team (Fay McCarthy, Lynette Savage, Linda Pickrill and Pat Wilson) is in the semi-final of their competition, next Monday at Avondale. One of the two Weekend teams is top of their section with a round to play. Good golfing to you all. We will be following both team's progress with interest.

### Club Championships

Enough players have entered the Champs to hold competitions in all divisions, including the Senior Reserve. Matches will be played over the next four weeks and already there has been some spectacular shot making. The finals will be held on Saturday 22 May.

### Jill Coberger

Recently, the Women Members gathered to recognise and honour Jill Coberger's 45 years at the Club. Jill will be playing her golf at the Amberley Golf Course which is nearer to her home. In her time at the Waitikiri, Jill served on the committee, was a handicapper, won numerous trophies and played inter-club. With her partner Peter, she played in many mixed matches and formed some enduring friendships. We will miss her bubbly and cheerful nature and wish her happy golfing at Amberley!

*Lynley Watts* on behalf of the Women's Committee

## **Men's News**

The qualifying rounds for the Club Championships have been completed and the first round of match play will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The draw has been finalised and posted into the Dotgolf booking sheet. Good luck to all qualifiers.

Congratulations to Aaron Forsyth and Cooper Moore for winning the Division 1 and Division 2 respectively of the Templeton Open.

Please make sure that you fix your pitch marks and replace your divots – the green staff work extremely hard to present our wonderful greens and fairways. It is every Members responsibility to help maintain our facilities.

Our Interclub Metro A Team made the semifinals which were played at Christchurch. Unfortunately, they were unable to progress to the finals but well-done guys. Thanks to Stu Turner for managing the Team.

*Tony Thomas* on behalf of the Men's Committee

## **Seniors News**

It's been a good year for Seniors golf up until the end of April. The settled weather has made for ideal conditions on a well-groomed course that all Seniors are proud to play on.

The average Thursday turnout, our main Seniors day, has attracted numbers averaging in the high thirties, while 46 have participated in the first of our major competitions, the Cockram Cup in at least one of the three rounds played so far. Monday Senior ranks have also swelled where the regular turnout is around 24 to 26 players.

The first of our home and away matches with visiting clubs was played against Harewood on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>. A field of 65 took to the fairways. 35 from Waitikiri and 30 from Harewood. It turned out to be a rare win for Waitikiri in the combined stableford competition averaging 31.77 to 30.16 to win the Challenge Cup between the two clubs.



**Panorama -the aptly named 12<sup>th</sup> hole at Waimak Gorge**

Twenty-five Seniors headed out to Waimak- Gorge golf club on Thursday last, to enjoy the dry fast running fairways in perfect Autumn conditions. Ten of the local players joined in with our guys, plus one lady golfer of some repute. Karen Chappell, who plays off a 15 handicap joined her 10 male Waimak colleagues to play with us. It wasn't a new experience, she played with us at Waitikiri last September when Waimak came to play. This time she played off the Men's white tees playing off an allowable 20 handicap and took the whole field to the cleaners with a clear victory by 7 stableford points,

carding a round of 85 resulting in 44 stableford points. There were some sheepishly embarrassed faces apparent when the result was announced, from Seniors not too keen to let the story filter back home, for fear that they'd be in for some more than gentle ribbing.

There've been a couple of astounding achievements by Seniors in the past couple of weeks. The long hitting Craig Anderson scored a remarkable eagle on No 10 after putting his second shot only 6 feet from the flagstick. At Waimak Gorge, Dave Mackinnon holed out for two from 150 metres on the par 4, sixteenth 16<sup>th</sup> hole. Both shots were Nett Albatrosses.

The Seniors ranks have continued to grow with seven new members joining the "Old Boys" this year. But then a good proportion of club members qualify for that category. Feel free to join us. You won't regret it.

*Reon Murtha on behalf of the Seniors*

### **News from our Professional**

Titleist Loyalty Rewarded orders must be in before close of play Friday. With this deal you can get 4 dozen pro v 1/pro v 1x balls for the price of 3 dozen! Not only that, get free ball personalisation with each order.



New in store is Pin High Clothing for Men. Introductory offer in store now.

Remember your Competition Vouchers have an expiry date. Don't miss out on using them. We currently have a stock holding of over \$80k so there is plenty to choose from, and if we don't have what you wanted in store, we can order it in for you.

Tuition costs are due to rise from June 1st. This is the best time to book a session for a swing re-build or a tune up at the best Members Rate: 30 mins \$40, 1 hour \$70 - text Steve on 0272119305 to arrange a session.

Don't forget to like the Waitikiri Golf Club Facebook page to see all upcoming events and deals.

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## Happenings during the Month



**Winners McCormick Waltham Trophy - Jenny Rooney & Tony Mckendry**



**Winners of the Ella Casbolt Rosebowl - Lynley Watts and Judy Clarkson**



**Our own Naomi Wallace was selected in the Canterbury Women's Masters team to play in the national tournament at Northland GC from the 9th to the 11th April.**



**Templeton Open Winners - Aaron Forsyth (Division 1) & Cooper Moore (Division 2)**



**During the month, our women members gathered to recognise and honour Jill Coberger's 45 years at the Club.**



**Winners Waitikiri Women's Teams - Margaret Trousdale, Lyn Fergusson, Jennifer Pryor, and Rhonda Levien**



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