



December 2021 Newsletter

Chairman's Update

Greetings Fellow Members

With Christmas and a New Year just around the corner it is only natural to take the opportunity and cast an eye over the past 12 months to assess our performance and what we have achieved. It is pleasing to report from most, if not all, fronts the Club has recorded a good year under what may be considered testing times. Certainly, the presentation of the course, membership numbers and engagement supported by robust fiscal results has defied that potential pandemic rocky road.

Waitikiri, as with life in general including most sports clubs, experienced a year where the pandemic took centre stage. Interestingly and as previously identified this proved to be boon for golf with increased visitor participation and membership numbers. Without doubt the credit in negotiating those challenging times goes to our staff who diligently and professionally guided the Club through the issues.

Given the nature of covid and the effectiveness of vaccines supported by a broad uptake, the Board was confronted with making a decision on the requirement for Vaccines Passports. The overriding consideration was the wellbeing of our staff, fellow members and the broader Waitikiri community. In deliberation it was agreed the requirement for vaccination to enter

the Clubhouse only would not address the course interactions of scorecards, pins, bunker rakes, balls washers and water fountains. This is even before the general physical proximities and engagement one experiences through the game of golf. As such the Board were unanimous in their decision to mandate vaccination passports to all those wishing to enjoy our Club facilities.

Guided by the philosophy of 'continuous improvement' the Board is excited by the opportunities 2022 presents. While our first objective will be towards maintaining the momentum of the past 12 to 18 months, we will also look to implement the capital projects identified at the AGM. Those being, the fairway enhancements, clubhouse refurbishment and motorised cart shed. With favourable winds we would hope to have these completed before the next AGM.

On behalf of the Board, Management, and Staff it is my pleasure to wish all members a wonderful Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2022.

Warren Grey
Chair



Our Holiday Opening Times

The Course - never closes

Pro Shop - closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Bar - closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day (will assess bookings to see if open Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th December), New Year's Day, Sunday 2nd

Café - closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, & Sunday 2nd, Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th January

All other days as per normal

Office - closes Thursday 23rd December, re-opens Monday 10th January

Our Covid Protection Approach



COURSE

- All members and visitors to the Club, including green fee players, must be fully vaccinated
- All members and visitors will need to present their Vaccine Pass in the Pro Shop before they can play and may be asked to show again in the Clubhouse

CLUBHOUSE

- Everyone entering our Clubhouse must be fully vaccinated
- A Vaccine Pass needs to be presented to staff upon request
- Face coverings encouraged in the Clubrooms, apart from when they are seated
- All visitors must scan the QR code in the foyer before entering the main Clubhouse

PRO SHOP

- Operating under Retail rules
- A mask must be worn
- Capacity limited by 1m distancing at any one time.

Men's News

Inter-Club Teams

Woodward Cup has concluded with the team finishing strongly finishing 1 point outside the semi-finals. Thanks to Tony Thomas for managing the team. Simon Cup made the semi-finals for the second consecutive year. We narrowly went down to Christchurch at Christchurch, with the result decided in the last game. Thanks to Scott Sibley for captaining the team.

Presidents Cup are leading the table mid-way through the season. Thanks to Peter Yock for captaining the team. Metro A has commenced with the team sitting mid-table at this early stage.

Competitions

Hamper Day was success with strong fields and extensive prize list. Closing Day is 18th December. 11.30am BBQ followed by a 12pm multi-tee start. Entry fee \$25.

Our Course

Once again, is in superb condition. Thanks to Ricky, Naomi, and Callum for the excellent work they do and the pride the take in the presentation of the of the course and its surrounds.

Stuart Turner

Men's Club Captain

9 Holer's Report - CGA Champions Tournament

The 9 Holer's had an excellent Closing Day with a fun round of golf, and then Lunch and Awards on Wednesday 24th in the Club Rooms! The food was outstanding! It was great to have some of those who had been having time out, some due to illness or various operations come and join us for the lunch. We also welcomed Helen from the office who has been good support all season and retiring Women's Club Captain Lynley as well.

Recently two players represented Waitikiri and played in CGA Finals tournaments. Pat Barwick was our championship winner and played in the 9-hole Championship Winners Tournament and Jane Hughes-Dyer was our Ringers and Par Tree winner and played in the Ringers Finals. Both players enjoyed the experience and Pat was runner up in her tournament with support from an excellent caddie and fellow 9 Holer Helen McCartin! (see photo later in Newsletter)

Pat Barwick

9 Hole Convener

Our Officers for 2022

The 2021 AGM confirmed the following Officers:

Patron - *David Browne*

Men's Club Captain & Committee - *Stuart Turner, Mike Davies, Allan Hughey, Alan Dyer, Dave Harley, Tony Thomas, Peter Yock*

Women's Club Captain & Committee - *Fay McCarthy, Jenny Ahn, Kathryn O'Donnell, Lynley Thompson, Anne Hill, Lynette Savage, Anne Batty*

The AGM also confirmed:

Trustees - *Alan Byrne, Allan Hughey & Chris Marple*

Directors - *Warren Grey, David Browne, Colin Hight, Malcolm Smith*

The People who Guide our Club

To let you know who is guiding our Club, we will be having brief biographies each month. This month we profile two of the two Club Captains who guided their Committee's through 2021.

Tony Thomas - 2021 Men's Club Captain



I have lived in Christchurch all my life except for three years in Wellington in my late teens. I enjoy all sports both playing and watching though tennis and rugby were my main sports in my younger years. I joined the Waitikiri Golf Club in the early 1980s. In the 1990s I served on the Club committee and was the House convenor and Vice President – this was before a Board was elected.

In 2014 I retired as a Customs Broker and in 2015 was elected Club Captain which I remain to this day. I am also our representative on the Canterbury Metro Match committee.

In 1997 I took over managing the Simon and Blank Cup Teams and for the past 20 years have been the manager of the Woodward Cup team. One highlight was certainly in 2002 when Waitikiri won beating Christchurch at the Christchurch Club something we are still trying to do each year.

I do enjoy playing match play golf myself so as a country member of the Akaroa Golf Club have enjoyed many years playing Interclub for their Brownie Cup team as their competition is held at the beginning of each year and did not interfere with me managing our own Woodward Cup Team.

Winning highlights over my time at the club include in 2017 when I won the Intermediate Club Championship and our team of Paul McEwan, myself and Trevor Wilson won the Canterbury Champion of Champions. In 2020 I won the Intermediate Stroke Club Championship, and another highlight was winning the Mercer Trophy with my youngest son, Geoffrey in 2018.

When Frank Christopherson stopped organising the mixed golf competitions Kay and I took over running them on a Sunday however due to the heavy Canterbury Interclub team program which has been implemented over the past few years it is hard to find days when members can participate so we altered the trophy events

to be one day competitions, and this has proved to be quite popular and does keep the trophy events continuing.

Kay and I have been married for 53 years. About 35 years ago I purchased a set of golf clubs for her birthday and much to my delight she took up the challenge and has enjoyed playing as much as me. We have had some wonderful holidays over the years playing golf in many countries around the world and I can't think of a better way to spend a holiday. I have two sons and two grandchildren, and we have all played golf together as a family on many occasions.

Lynley Watts - 2021 Women's Club Captain



In the beginning, I was a softball player until I could afford a car, a set of golf clubs and a membership for that matter, although I do remember getting a Jean Donald 5-iron for my 14th birthday. I hit that club in the paddocks on the farm and spent most of my time looking for the balls (in those days smaller than 1.68) in the pasture and cowpats.

Between teaching stints I worked shifts at the Christchurch Mailroom. My fellow workers talked me into joining Windsor Golf Club where I remained for two years before coming across to Waitikiri in 1980. Peter Davis took me under his wing and I practised often. There was a rumour that I was seen putting on the green by the carpark with the carlights on!

Between 1982 and 1987 I played for Canterbury and Waikato in the Russell Grace Interdistrict Competition, with mixed results, often let down by a poor short game or being very nervous. In the 1990s I played three more times for Canterbury with a more relaxed approach. At Christchurch in 1991, I halved my match against a very young Naomi Wallace from Tasman. I seem to remember her whole family being a very effective cheer team.

Once eligible for Masters golf, I enjoyed four great trips away with the highlight being a team win in Invercargill in 2000. It would be 20 more years before a team, which included Waitikiri's Naomi Wallace and Kim Moggach, would win again for Canterbury.

Over the last 30 years I have clocked up over 125 games of Pollock Cup for Waitikiri. There were team wins in the early years. I am ready to pass the baton to someone a bit younger.

I remember well a tied Interclub final against Rangiora at Christchurch a few years ago. I had to play the last hole four times in a sudden death play-off to secure a win for our Waitikiri Weekend team. Recently CGI changed the rules for tied matches in finals and I commend them for the decision to eliminate the sudden-death play off. Too much pressure for one person in a team event.

Over the years, I have been privileged to play with many wonderful golfers and

to form some valued friendships. There have been many players who have influenced my game especially Becky Walsh and Robyn Cruse in the early days. These days I get great pleasure out of seeing other players improve. Lately, I have been able to give back by taking on the Club Captain role and working with some amazing people.

Golf has been good to me and for me!

Twilight Pauses



Our very successful Panhead Twilight Series finishes on Thursday 23rd December but do not panic, its back again on Thursday 6th January.

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News from our Professional

Dear Waitikiri Members

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and great golfing 2022. Thanks for all your support, whether it be entering the Pro Shop competitions, coming for lessons, or buying new sticks, your support is vital and hugely appreciated.

Coming Soon.....Foresight Sports GC3 launch monitor. An exciting upgrade giving more ball/club data and improving the detail given with the indoor lessons in the swing studio.



This will also allow golfers to play some of the best golf courses in the World from the golf shop, whatever the weather.

Please find below last-minute deals before the end of the year.

		Cost	Saving	Quantity
Tuition	- 6 hours for	\$399	\$201	unlimited
	- 9 holes for	\$99	\$101	unlimited
	-10 hours GC3 Launch monitor use	\$399	\$101	unlimited
	-25 hours coaching	\$1,750	\$750	unlimited
Balls	Pro V1/Pro V1X/ AVX Dozens	\$82	\$13	27 dozen
	Bridgestone B Range	\$65	\$15	38 dozen
Gloves	Footjoy FLX 2 pair pack	\$32	\$8	72 packs
	Footjoy Weathersof 2 pair pack	\$42	\$10	81 packs
Bags	Wilson Prostaff Cart Bag	\$199	\$60	7 bags
	Walkinshaw	\$269	\$30	10 bags
	Triumph/Champion Bag			
Clubs	Wilson D7 Ladies Driver	\$249	\$330	5 drivers
Clothing	Footjoy Racks	40% off		
	Logo Shirts	from \$69		

Steve Moye - Head Professional
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Happenings During Recent Months



Pam Ellis with her Canterbury Golf Life Membership Award



Scott Sibley - joint winner of the Simon Cup Salver



Sylvia Browne presented the 9-hole 2021 Browne/ Cowles Grandmother's Trophy to Jayne Hughes-Dyer



CGA Finals - Pat Barwick & ger caddy Helen McCartin



Our Junior Programme - the Crushers enjoying lessons from Steve



**Women Shootout Winners for 2021
Weekend Winner Lynley Thompson and Midweek Winner Lynette Savage**



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