



February 2022 Newsletter

General Manager's Update

That we are in February must mean the joys of our holiday break are long gone.

As our Chair, Warren Grey, noted in his comments in our last newsletter, we had a very good 2021 and have goals to continue to improve the "Waitikiri Experience" in 2022. Much obviously will depend on the Damn Virus as already we are seeking uncertainty in our community at all levels. Accepting this, the Board have made it clear we have the need to continue our focus on delivering quality experiences to members and visitors, plus making progress on the Capital Projects identified at last year's AGM - refurbishing the Clubhouse, improving the course & building a motorised cart shed.

The Team are excited about 2022 and are looking forward to continuing to deliver a great experience to members and visitors.

Rod Templeton
General Manager

Managing the Virus



We have communicated to all Members that we are seeing the benefits of our "No Vax, No Play" policy as we battle this new variant. Keeping everyone safe needs such a policy plus our members and visitors continuing to take personal responsibility and applying common sense.

As we noted, there is really no change out on the course while in the Clubhouse we are again limited to 100. Under the updated requirements, hospitality venues patrons must wear masks when not eating &/ or drinking. Staff have been reminded of the need to wear masks and continue to check Vaccine Passports.

A significant risk to our Club is not just members or visitors getting sick but also staff. While we have implemented "Bubbling" internally to minimise this risk, it does seem likely we will have periods where our staff will have to quarantine so that our service to everyone is reduced.



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STRENGTHENING OUR BOARD

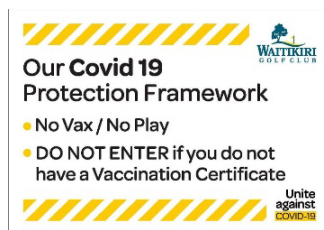
Our Chair, Warren Grey, is delighted to advise May Chang is joining the Club as a co-opted Board Member. She joins our Directors and Club Captains on our Board of Management. May will bring significant skills to Board discussions, having experience in environmental issues in her role at Landcare Research, business analysis, communication as well as golf.

May will be well known to many members as she played golf at Waitikiri to a high level, being Club Champion in 2003, 2005, 2006 and from 2008 through to 2013. In 2014 May won the Canterbury Champions of Champions golf tournament. She resigned from the Club when her family grew (her two sons are now three and four) but is often seen on the course pushing a stroller and carrying her clubs with her sons and mother.



May winning 2015 Senior Club Champs

Reminding Everyone of Our Covid Protection Approach (the Red Light)



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

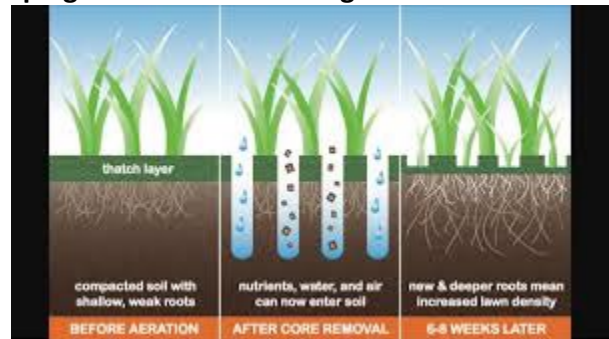
- All visitors must scan the QR code in the foyer before entering the main Clubhouse
- A maximum of 100
- Proper masks to be worn when not eating and/or drinking

PRO SHOP

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

Please take Personal Responsibility & Apply Common Sense

Keeping our Course to the Highest Standard



The Greens Team are already planning for the bi-annual coring beginning Monday 28th February. Ricky is using a deep solid tine to go down 300ml which will relieve compaction and give extra drainage for the winter months. Then in spring they will do a full core. As we all know, Ricky and his team bring the greens back to their high standard very quickly.

Men's News

No results for our Inter Club Teams due to mid-season break for both Presidents and Metro A. It is due to recommence with final round games over February and March.

The Waitikiri Open was held recently. Congratulations to overall winner, and club member, Kris O'Neill, who won the Paul Minifie Trophy for best gross with a score of 144. Another club member, Blair Potter won the Nett with a score of 138. A field of 94 competed.

Opening Day was held with a mixed field competing and enjoying the social festivities in the clubhouse afterwards.

The Casbolt Cup has one round remaining with Clarke Baldwin holding a narrow lead over Dave Harley and Neville Shackley.

The Panhead twilight golf series continues with great fields, meals and prizes. If you want an enjoyable night after a hard day's work, then this is for you.

*Stuart Turner
Men's Club Captain*

Women's News

Our Inter Club Silver played Christchurch at Waitikiri on Monday 31st January. The team was Jenny Ahn, Jenny Clarke, Helen Smith, and Lynley Watts who got us a draw.

Jane Naylor and Joan Roberts have kindly volunteered to run the Three Putt Club for 2022. Everyone is welcome to join. Pam Ellis has volunteered to run our Shootout competition. The first round is Tuesday 8th February.

Congratulations to the winners of Beth Anderson Trophy with Marge Wong and Sue Orpwood winning with 49 points. Second. was Cheryl Kemp and Danae Goosman on 43 points, with Kate Lagan. and Barbara Hesson third on countback.

The Summer Cup winners were Lynette Savage with 116 and then Fay McCarthy on 114, with Lynley Thompson and Kathryn O'Donnell both on 108.

*Fay McCarthy
Women's Club Captain*

Senior Men News

The New Year golfing programme for the Seniors has started off very positively with the weekly competition days each Monday and Thursday being well attended. Obviously the ongoing Covid controls have impacted somewhat on normal holiday plans and many of our Seniors have chosen to stay at home and play golf.

With the consent of the Club, the Seniors conducted a special inaugural New Year holiday event to invite sons and grandsons to participate in a round of golf which would encourage younger golfers to enjoy the attractions that Waitikiri offers and whom may be enticed to think about becoming future members. Thirteen visitors attended, ageing from eleven to the mid-fifties on a brilliant sunny Thursday January 13th.



Some of the inexperienced players were allowed the generosity of playing from the Red Tees. In a special competition for the visitors sponsored by Peter Diver where all received a prize, the overall winner was 12-year-old Archie Watson. Archie who has a handicap of 24, played from the white tees like the remainder of the Seniors. He returned the best overall stableford score of the day with 38 points. It was widely considered that perhaps the grandfathers would have been better suited had they been permitted to play from the red tees!!!



Archie Watson

What goes in the salads and sandwiches at Waitikiri?

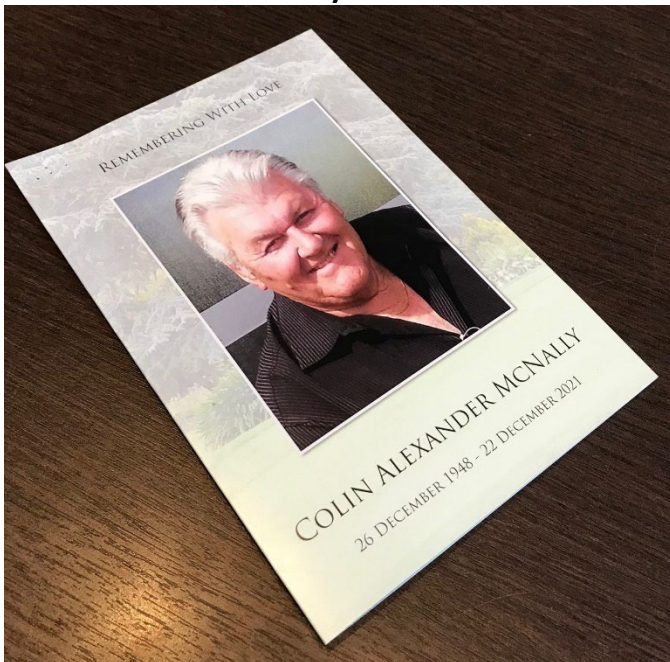


The Seniors, as no doubt other golfers who enjoy the catering provided by Shirlee Bruning in our café, have been most impressed by the quality and variety of the food presented. Naturally Shirlee has been queried by old guys about the ingredients which make up the tasty offerings available. Shirlee has responded that it often comes down to the availability of fresh herbs and spices which enhance the subtle flavorings. The Seniors came

up with the idea that she should therefore have her own planter box, readily available from which to choose her own preference of locally grown herbs. A herb planter box was purchased by the Senior group and filled with quality soil and potting mix. An innovative water-controlled dipstick to test the moisture retention and an outlet tap to release excess water are included in the features. Already a variety of plants are looking healthy in the box which is now positioned on the balcony at the Southwestern side of the clubhouse. The compliments will keep coming Shirlee - "That's so good, I think I'll have another one."

Reon Murtha.
Senior's Convener

Farewell to Colin McNally



We were saddened to learn of the passing suddenly in late December of stalwart member, Colin McNally. Colin's life was celebrated by family and friends, including many members, in the Clubhouse between Christmas and New Year. His old friend, Peter Gerard, gave us the following:

Colin McNally - Our dear friend and golfing companion. Colin was one of those lucky souls that made an impression wherever he was. If it wasn't his engaging conversation, it was his storytelling. He was probably the best joke teller most of us had ever met.

He was also a very handy guitarist, an excellent softball player, a scratch golfer in his earlier years, senior club champion to boot.

His working life revolved mainly around machinery which must have come from his formative years, being raised from his birth, at the H Worrell flour mill on Blenheim Road. His dad Merv, also a long standing member at Waitikiri, was general manager. Quite a few of us local

lads worked at the mill during our school holidays which is where we all formed our close relationships. As you all know Colin was a big lad, very strong, and he was always welcome in my corner. A true sportsman, very loyal, honest and a true mate to all. He is and will for a long time missed by all. RIP Colin

Hole in One's

We seem to have had a run of Hole in Ones over the last couple of months, with Hole 17 being the preferred location. Congratulations to Eric Elly (22nd November), Pete Russell (4th December) and Warren Grey (2nd February).

Promoting Junior Golf & Nine Hole Golf

We currently have two promotions in our communities - see below:

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Waitikiri Golf Club

Waitikiri Golf Club is offering the successful Senior programme for young people of all ages and skill levels. With support from our members, our staff and volunteers, we aim to ensure a long and enjoyable life for all our members by providing a fun environment for learning, socialising and playing the game. Our programme is aligned with Golf New Zealand's Futures approach for children and young people.

Members and staff are available to provide support and advice on the club's website. We will look to provide a similar facility to help you find ways to learn and play the game with us. If required, we can assist you.

Programme: Stages of Development

- Children's Sessions - for beginners
- Children's Sessions - for young golfers developing confidence and enjoying the game
- Young Members Sessions - for young golfers who have an aspiration to develop their skills as a player

Our sessions will run weekly from 9am to 10am on Tuesdays, 10am to 11am on Wednesdays, 11am to 12pm on Thursdays, 12pm to 1pm on Fridays, 1pm to 2pm on Saturdays, 2pm to 3pm on Sundays. The cost is \$20 per hour for non-members. For one session, the cost is \$50 each per term. Member's children or grandchildren receive a 50% discount.

To learn more or to register for our future programmes, please contact:
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WAITIKIRI 9 HOLE GOLF INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMME 2022

WAITIKIRI GOLF CLUB

MAKE TIME PLAY 9
ROAD TO THE OPEN

IT'S FINE TO PLAY 9

Waitikiri Golf Club is offering a 9 Hole Programme in early 2022 for those wanting to learn to play, get to know the rules and to meet like-minded people. AND to have fun.

Our package includes coaching, equipment (if needed) and hosting by Club Members. Or you can just arrange a group of friends and come out to play.

We will have weekly sessions starting from Wednesday 23rd February 2022, both morning and afternoon - depending on numbers. The initial sessions will be in the region of one to one 1/2 hours building to the two hours needed to play nine holes. Our format will be to welcome everyone with a coffee and muffin, move to a group coaching lesson with our Professional, Steve, and then move on to our course which will have space reserved, so you have plenty of room to enjoy learning to play our great game.

As our programme progresses, more golf will be played as you build confidence so that in short time, you will be playing the full nine holes.

The cost of joining our programme will be \$150, which will take you through to the end of March. Then, you can look at joining our Club as a Nine Hole Member and take advantage of the superb facilities we have.

Save time and play nine
Play nine and have a wine

To learn more please contact Rod Templeton (manager@waitikirigolf.co.nz / 383-1270) or Steve Moye (waitikirigolf@gmail.com / 383-1271)

Please note we are a "No Vax/ No Play" Club

News from our Professional

Dear Waitikiri Members

We have started to see the arrival of products that have been out of stock for a while. Most notably the grip inventory is currently very low with an expected delivery in March.

Great to see the Hole in Ones happening at the Club - starting in March we will have a hole in one jackpot in the shop on the GC3 launch monitor. The hole in question is the iconic 7th at Pebble Beach.

Want to play a course in the Pro Shop hitting bay? Book your 2-hour slot and tee it up at some of the finest courses from around the globe for \$25 per hour. (add \$5 per player per hour).

Just around the corner is the Launch of the new Titleist Vokey Wedges in March. I will be doing a sell-in on this product from 21st Feb so check it out online and let me know what specs you would like. The more pre-orders we get, the better the price of the wedges.



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Happenings During Recent Months



Waitikiri Open Gross Winner Kris O'Neill with our Patron David Brown



Opening Day 2022



Women's Opening Day Winners Sue Orpwood & Marge Wong



Our Hole Sponsors

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- The Lion Foundation