



July 2021

General Manager's Update

It seems a while since we published our last Club Newsletter - July, in fact. Then I realise, we have had a few things to deal to in August, mainly being in Level 4 and then Level 3. We have come through both levels well, with great support from Members, the Board and of course our Staff. Life in Golf is almost normal, and I am sure our collective fingers are crossed for a further level reduction soon.

Even in Lockdown, we had plenty going on. With spring also arriving, Ricky and his team were back to full steam ahead while Helen had the joys of year-end and new Subscriptions to process. It is clear golf continues to ride the "Covid Wave" with new members and sponsors arriving at the Club over recent weeks.

Our Balance Date is 31st August, and the Board has reviewed the unaudited result. We are pleased with the financial outcome of this very unusual year and are budgeting for another positive result in 2022. Further information on our 2021 AGM is in this newsletter.

*Rod Templeton
General Manager*

Newsletter

Course Update - its Coring Time

We will be starting our bi-annual coring of the greens on Monday 4th October (although Ricky can be seen at close of play on Sunday getting ready). The Club will be closed that week, re-opening on Friday 8th October. As we all know, Ricky and his team do great work and will have the greens recovering very quickly.



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The People who Guide our Club

To let you know who is guiding our Club, we will be having brief biographies each month. Fittingly, we begin with the Chair, Warren Grey.



Warren, also known to many as Waldo, joined Waitikiri in 1983. "Joining Waitikiri ignited my passion for the game of golf. The resulting membership camaraderie and social times had at the Club motivated my interest and involvement towards the Club's future".

Warren had a successful background in the plastics industry and has applied these management experiences towards the wellbeing of the Club by joining the then Presidential / Committee Management Group in 1993. Following a three-year expat hiatus in Thailand he re-engaged with the Club and became a Board member in 2008. It is his view that Waitikiri underwent a much-needed, quantum leap forward since those early days of 1993 and then with the introduction of a Board structure about 1998, the momentum has continued. "It has been rewarding to play a small part in that most necessary evolutionary development. I look forward to its continuation".

Warren's golfing story is varied with a best handicap of five (yes, some years ago) and there were most enjoyable times playing for several Blank and Simon interclub teams and while the big prizes of Club Championships have proven elusive. There were a number of other trophies captured. "My passion and enthusiasm for the Club after close to 40 years has not diminished and prior to hanging up the spurs, there are two or three projects I would like to see completed".

Tournaments at our Course



Another impact of Covid, is Canterbury Golf needing to use our, and other clubs, facilities mainly on Sundays for Interclub Games deferred during Levels 4 and 3. We

appreciate members and especially green fee players are impacted by this, but we are committed to hosting our fair share of these interclub games.

Also we are entering our Corporate Hosting season with many Fridays being used by companies to host clients, suppliers and staff. Again, this may impact course availability, but the income received allows us to maintain our very reasonable subscriptions. For most of these events there will be tee times available so keep checking Dotgolf.

Using Dotgolf



Our course is much busier. To enable efficient allocation of times to Members and Visitors PLUS enabling the Clubhouse Team to be ready with the bar and café can all Members book their round on to Dotgolf. It doesn't matter if it is just a casual round and/or you are playing with a different group, please enter your name into the system.

One Tee Start Trial

The plan was for us to trial Saturday One Tee Starting during September. Obviously, we had to delay our start until Level 2, and then we have the SI Masters here this Saturday and Sunday. We will have another two Saturdays to assess whether we continue.

One thing that is happening is more players are playing. The other thing is there are tee times still available, especially on Saturday afternoons. Before we promote these times to Visitors, make sure you take advantage of the Club Day approach we currently have by coming out to your course for a Saturday game.

Our Driveway and Parking Area

Yes, we have holes in the asphalt on our driveway and at the end of our carpark. This reflects the heavy use we are experiencing along with the asphalt being very thin in places. We are getting quotes to repair the holes properly plus install curbing at the end of the carpark to ensure storm water runs into the drains and not out onto the fairway.

Senior Men's Report

Like most club members the Seniors are looking forward to the relaxing of the Covid restrictions. Like last year a fair chunk of the season's programme has been lost. While we realise that these unusual circumstances are beyond our control, the frustrating aspect seems to be that while we are locked up at home, the best golfing weather always coincides. Murphy's law I suppose!

Despite a rejigging of our annual main competition matches the major events have been done and dusted. The Cockram Cup was won by Ian Boanas with the lowest Nett stroke score over three counting rounds of 207. The Wroth Cup similarly over three counting rounds from five in stableford play, saw veteran Senior Jim Robson eclipse the field with 118 points. Stableford scores of 39, 42, and 37. A pretty consistent effort for a spritely Senior in his eighties.



Jim Robson

The Robinson-Peterson Trophy played under 'match play' rules resulted in a win to Gavin Grimwood in the final against Peter O'Malley.



Gavin Grimwood

The Monday Frank Christoffersen Memorial match play Trophy was won by Doug Levien over Jim Goddard. Doug needs the use of a walking stick to move around these days, but it's not considered to be an additional club to the fourteen in his golf bag.

Monday golf has become very popular nowadays. The early introduction to Monday play a few years ago attracted around a dozen but over the last couple of years the numbers have swelled in to the thirties. The best being 33 players. Thursday competition is averaging around 36.

Two other events, The Walsham Jacket and the O'Sheas Trophy based on the best cumulative scores over the whole year progress through to the end of the year. The Seniors section at Waitikiri looks pretty popular and well patronised.

*Reon Murtha.
Seniors Covenor*

Men's Report

Our Interclub Teams:

Simon Cup – the Simon Team had another great win and are currently joint leaders with Russley. They have won all their matches to date and are doing really well. Keep up the good work.

Woodward Cup – two rounds were played at Waitikiri on 26 September resulted in a loss to Pegasus in the morning and a win against Bottle Lake 7-1 in the afternoon. On the day the team had two members away and we were fortunate to have these spots filled by Jarrod Satherley and Geoff Rudduck. Then another late withdrawal at 6.00am Sunday morning by Kris O'Neill who welcomed a new daughter (Bonnie) to their family that day. (Congratulations to the O'Neill family.) Our thanks also to Harley Crosland and Ian Donaldson who nicely filled the morning and afternoon vacancy. Jarrod was asked to play No. 1 both morning and afternoon and did an excellent job scoring two halves against Kazuma Kabori and Andrew Green – both top NZ and Canterbury golfers. Harley and Ian both won their matches with Harley notching his first ever win in the Woodward competition. Fantastic effort by them and the team on the day.



Waitikiri 2021 Woodward Cup Team
**Jin Sung Kim, Simon Marshall, Chris Bond, Woo Bong Kim,
Brett Turner, Antony Dale, Kris O'Neill, Aaron Forsyth and
Manager Tony Thomas**

Our Competitions:

Congratulations to the winners of the latest competition Blank, Bridge and Committee Cups which were finalised last Saturday

- Blank Cup - Bryan Walters
- Bridge Cup - Russell Pyne
- Committee Cup – Michael Esposito

Top Dog 7 was won by Michael Hodgins.

General News:

The South Island Masters tournament will be held at Waitikiri on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1 – 3 October. Do come and watch some of our top mature golfers in action.

Good golfing everyone.

*Tony Thomas
Men's Club Captain*

Diary our AGM

The timetable for preparation of the Annual Accounts, Annual Report and holding of the Annual General Meeting were confirmed by the Board at their September meeting. All the required notices and information will be sent by early November. The AGM will be held on Monday 29th November at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

High Honour for our own Pam Ellis

Pam is a stalwart of our Club and of Canterbury Golf. She continues to lead the Women's Committee of Canterbury Golf and this year her dedicated service was recognised by the awarding of a Life Membership. With the cancellation of the Annual Awards Dinner, Pam was unable to celebrate this achievement as she, and we, would have liked. Our Women's Section will be hosting Pam and Canterbury Golf on Tuesday 12th October after their morning games to receive her award.

New Sponsor Partners

Not only are our memberships increasing in number, but so are our Sponsor Partners. We begin this financial year with 34 sponsors supporting our Club.

POWER TURF

Success from the ground up

Recently joined as sponsor of Hole 16 are Power Turf, who also supplied Steve with his new carts. Jeremy

Bennett and his team are strong supporters of and suppliers to the golf industry.



The latest sponsor to join us is OCP. They will have signage on our practice green. Its owner Peter Finlayson enjoys his golf, and provided the following brief outline of their services:

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The Clubhouse is really Delivering

One thing that has been very noticeable is the changes made about the Clubhouse are really working. While there is more activity filling the bank account, of more importance is the enjoyment members and visitors are getting from the offerings from the bar and café. Having settled staff who know our members, as well as being able to support each other when things get busy has made a real difference. The quality isn't bad either. Remember if you want to have a great function or celebration, the Clubhouse is the place to do it.



Clubhouse Team - Diana, Nikki & Shirley

News from our Professional



With the huge success of the Titleist Fitting Day and some members missing out on being fitted, we would be keen to have another session. Please contact me if you would be interested to fill the seven slots available on our next fitting day.



I am sure everyone is aware the Covid landscape has made things difficult in obtaining stock. With some members having product in order with us for some time, please be patient and understand this is out of our hands. For example, Titleist are no longer accepting orders on Scotty Cameron Putters until 2022, and the same goes for Golf Pride grips. I have also been unable to order my normal quantity of Titleist balls due to the worldwide shortage. It would be a good idea to get in and stock up while you can.

Golf lesson availability- we are currently experiencing a full schedule and bookings need to be made 7-10 days in advance. For those wanting to get their game in shape for the summer season, book your sessions in now.

Steve Moye
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Our Junior Programme - relaunched

In mid-October, we are re-launching our Junior Programme using the "Love Golf Futures" collateral as well as Steve's very successful existing programme. Many thanks to members who have volunteered to help as well as those that have enrolled their children or grandchildren.

A promotional graphic for the Waitikiri Golf Club Junior Programme. It features a photo of a young girl and boy on a golf driving range. The Waitikiri Golf Club logo is in the top right corner. The text "futures" is prominently displayed. Below it, "Waitikiri Golf Club" is mentioned. The text explains the programme's goal of teaching golf skills to young people. It details progressive stages of development: "Champs Sessions" for beginners, "Champs Sessions" for young golfers that are progressing, "Young Athlete Sessions" for young golfers that have aspirations to develop their skills to a higher level, and "Star Athlete Sessions" for two young golfers that are progressing to a high level. It notes that sessions will be delivered on Friday or Saturday evenings. The cost is \$50 per session, and the contact person is Rod Templeton (roger.templeton@waitikirigolf.co.nz) or Steve Moye (steve.moye@waitikirigolf.com) / 383-1271.



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