

CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The morning round is FULL and there are only a few spots left in the afternoon tee off for the Opotiki Hams Tournament on Saturday 7th December. If you would like to play, please get in touch asap. For those that have registered, please make sure you pay your entry of \$35 before Friday 29th November to secure your place.



There are still 2 more rounds left to qualify for the Twilight Golf Shootout. There are already 25 keen golfers hoping to make the top 10 and qualify for the final on the 10th of December. If anyone is still interested in registering, see Polly to sign up. Anything could happen between now and then so get your names on the list.

Just a reminder to all members that the fire pile on course is not for general household rubbish. The course team use this for green waste only. Please refrain from chucking anything on the pile, take your rubbish home with you.

Upcoming Events

- Tue 26th Nov – Twilight Golf
- Tue 3rd Dec – Twilight Golf
- Sat 7th Dec – Opotiki Hams T/Ment
- Tue 10th Dec – Twilight SHOOT OUT Final
Tee off 4.30pm
- Tue 17th Dec – Twilight Golf Ambrose
- Wed 18th Dec – Club Committee Meeting
- Sun 22nd Dec – Closed Hams T/Ment
- Thu 2nd Jan – Half-a-Beast T/Ment

Clubhouse Bookings

- Sun 1st Dec – Private Function 4pm-10pm
- Fri 6th Dec – Buffet – *bookings essential*
- Fri 13th Dec – Buffet – *bookings essential*

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From the President

Terry Reeve

First off as we come to the end of another year, I would like to cover a couple of negative issues. One being the use of private carts on the course. The club has a policy for hire carts, and I would like cart owners to follow this policy. Second is Pennants, there is no need to farm handicaps for this, we have more than enough players to pick from. This will be something for the incoming committee to address.

On a more positive note, it is great to see the continual progress of our Juniors. A big thanks to Micky and co. Twilight golf has started again and has been well supported by members, well done to Polly. Also, it is good to see a 9-hole group of players enjoying a resurgence. There has also been a big increase of younger members which will be great for the club going forward.

A big thank you to Julian and his team of helpers for looking after the course. Thank you to Jacqui for taking on the role of the office administrator, she is doing a great job. Also, thanks to the rest of the committee especially Karen for her work as Treasurer, and Annie for her work in redoing our sponsorship. Thanks to Krystal for taking on the kitchen and Lianne for looking after the bar. I would also like to acknowledge all the work Hamish has done over the years. Thanks to all the sponsors for their help, also to the members of the committee for their time over the last 12 months as well as all those who have helped.

At the present the club is in a good financial position, but we will have to be mindful of any surprises in the future.

Although Waiotahi are no longer sponsoring the Hams Tournament, I would like to thank them for their decades of support. I would also like to thank Spike, Hori and Stu Watson for their efforts on the reconstruction of Number 6 green.

In closing, one of the most pressing issues for the incoming committee will be updating the constitution as required by the government, I would like to see it completed and adopted by the next AGM.

Happy golfing!

MEMBERSHIP...

2024/2025 Membership Subscriptions are now **OVERDUE**.



On the 1st December 2024 anyone that has not made payment or contacted the office to discuss their membership **will be removed from dotGolf**. You will not be able to print a card therefore leaving you ineligible for competition or tournaments.

Please do not hesitate coming forward either in person, by phone or email to discuss any arrangements as we are more than happy to help. You are important to us and we value you as members of the club.

Remember to pick up your membership cards from the office.

If you know someone that would like to become a member, nomination forms can be collected or emailed from the office.

2025 Ōpōtiki Golf Club Committee

President

Terry Reeve

Vice President

Not filled

Patron

Robbie Petersen

Mens Club Captain

Wayne Morrow

Mens Vice Captain

Not filled

Ladies Club Captain

Chris Kora

Ladies Vice Captain

Raylene Morunga

Committee

Annie Rolls, Julian Lee, Kieran Hickey,
Sam Doogue, Andrew Larsen,
Daniel Morrison, Steven Fisher.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have various jobs around the club and course that require attention and are always thankful when someone lends a hand. For example, we are very lucky to have Sharon Howe who kindly donates her time to make sure our course powder rooms are top notch for all to use. If you are able to donate some time to the club and help out in some way we would love to hear from you.

Some areas that require attention are:

- BAR DUTY – on call in Lianne's absence, we are looking to create a phone list.
- RUBBISH – Butch is currently volunteering, it would be great to have a few more people able to help take the load off.
- COURSE – See Julian for roles in this department
- MATCH – See Club Captains, Wayne & Chris.

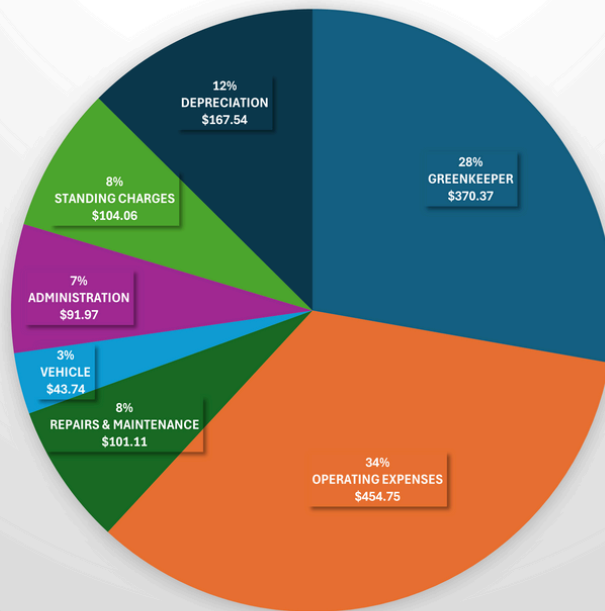
The list goes on... If you are able to help in any way, please see Jacqui in the office or any of our committee members.

TRUE COST vs CURRENT COST

ANNUM TOTAL (per member)
\$1333.53

Whakatane GC	Ohope GC	Te Puke GC
\$1181	\$965	\$1320

CURRENT FULL MEMBERSHIP
\$670.00
-\$663.53



Rates based on Opotiki Golf Club 2024 EOY Financial Statement.

Rates divided by current club membership of 270
Full, Promo 1, Promo 2, 9-Hole, Associate, Summer, U23, Junior, School Pupil, Social.

Greenkeeper yearly salary \$100,000.00 estimate.
- Average age at present of the volunteer group: 72 yrs
- In-kind donations of equipment/time *not* included.

Operating Expenses incl Advertising, Clubhouse Cleaning, Course Expenses, **Electricity** & Gas, Irrigation, KS Employer contributions, Medical Supplies, Pest Control, Security, **Sponsorship & Signs**, Trophies & Engraving, Trade Waste Disposal, **Administration & Bar Wages**.

Repairs & Maintenance incl Bar & Kitchen Equipment, Buildings, Fencing & yards, Fixtures & Fittings, Glazing, Kitchen Equipment, Office Expenses, Plant & Machinery.

Vehicle incl Cart Expenses, Fuel & Oil, Diesel & Petrol, Tractor.
- In-kind donation of equipment use.

Administration incl Accountancy & Audit Fees, Bank Fees, DotGolf System, Eftpos, License & Permits, Printing, Stationery, Courier, Sky TV, Subscriptions/Affiliation Fees, Telephone & Internet.

Standing Charges incl ACC Levys, Insurance, Rates.

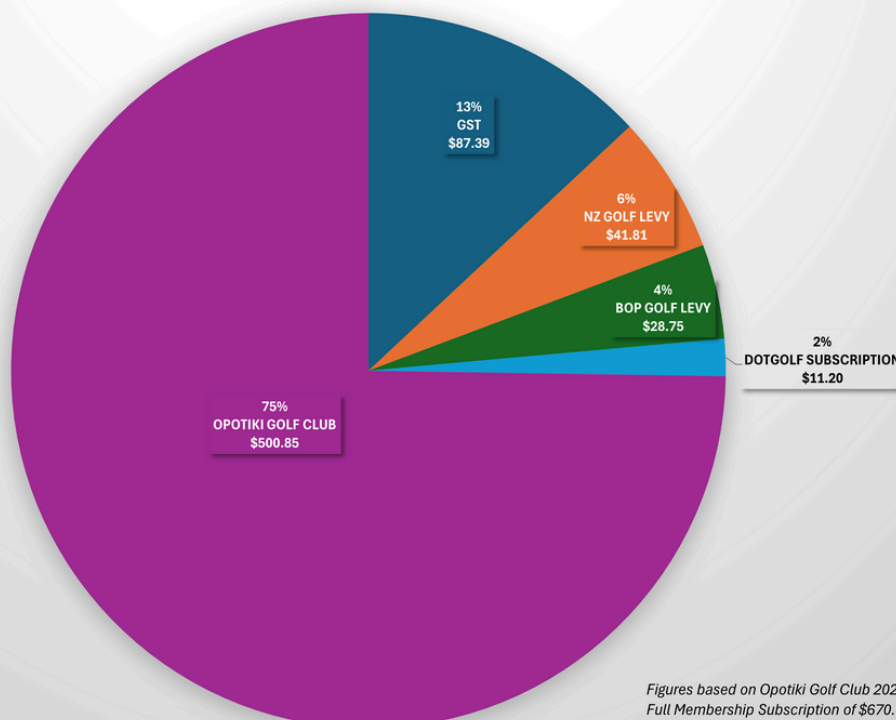
Depreciation

The Committee has reviewed our financial position and is about to start the process of developing the next 5 year strategy. The Committee would like to engage with the membership and work on a plan in working towards how we can sustain our low membership fees.

The pie graph is a breakdown of the clubs expenses with the inclusion of a paid Greenkeeper. As you can see by incorporating a paid greenkeeper role, there is a shortfall of \$663.53 per member. Please also note this does not include donations or work-in-kind donations relating to maintaining or developing our greens – it is a labour only cost.

If you would like to be a part of the development team working toward a successful 5 year strategy plan, please keep an eye out at the clubhouse, in the newsletter or emails for session times and dates.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION BREAKDOWN



Figures based on Opotiki Golf Club 2024 EOY Financial Statement and Full Membership Subscription of \$670.00.

NEW GEARS 2025

Some of our members thought it was time for a fresh new look for our club and have been busy designing flash new Club merchandise!

We are now taking orders, so if you would like to be the owner of any of these items, get your order into the office by Friday 27th December 2024.



T-Shirt – \$40

Vest – \$75

Long Sleeve – \$68

Hat/Beanie – TBC

