

CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year to everyone. It has been an extremely busy few weeks with tournaments, holidays and LOTS of visitors which is great to see. The weather has been playing ball which has made for excellent course conditions, proven by players results recently.

Twilight Golf teed off again, with the first round played on Tuesday night. Even though many of our regulars were away, there was still a good field of 34 players. Next week brings another challenge, with the choice of only 3 clubs + putter allowed in play. It will be interesting to see what players choose in their selection.

A large field of Club members have been away in Taupo this week at the NZ Maori Golf Tournament, with final rounds of match play teeing off this morning. Keep an eye out for results which are being updated regularly on face book.

On a more serious note, the Club green fee box has been a target for local criminals over the last few months, which has led to it being out of order until further notice. Our security camera has some excellent footage which has been forwarded to Police.

REMINDER:

Cart hire is only available between the hours of:
8.30am & 1pm, Monday – Friday.
All carts must be returned by 5.30pm.
Weekend hire by prior arrangement.

Upcoming Events

Tue 14th Jan – Twilight Golf
3 Clubs + Putter

Tue 21st Jan – Twilight Golf
Back 9

Mon 27th Jan – Auckland Anniversary
Mixed Haggie

Tue 28th Jan – Twilight Golf
Cross Country

Clubhouse Bookings

Sun 12th Jan – Private Function

Fri 24th Jan – Restaurant Re-Opening

*For groups & large bookings, please contact the office to make a reservation.
Walkins welcome.*

From the President

Terry Reeve

A very busy time at the golf club, with 3 very successful tournaments run over the last month. It was great to see the support of members and visitors at these events.

It is great to see the start of twilight again and I hope that this continues to be well supported also. It looks like Polly has a few interesting things for the players coming up.

I hope you have all had a great break and look forward to seeing you out on the course.

*Happy
New Year*

CLUB CAPTAINS

Wayne Morrow & Chris Kora

Half a beast at least went off with a bang! This tournament was established originally to make the most of visitors and holiday makers arriving in our little town over the holiday period. The tournament has grown steadily over the years and in 2025 we saw the highest participation ever with 132 golfers competing (90 men, 27 ladies and 15 non affiliated). The unknown sunshine capital of New Zealand fronted up with a glorious day and Tania Conner did a mighty job on the drinks cart keeping our players refreshed. With a field this size the time to complete the round was a bit longer than normal and I would like to thank the competitors for their patience, we believe there are a couple of "tweaks" we can do to make this a bit smoother in the future. Opotiki Golf club would like to take this opportunity to thank Dion and Lisa Reeve for supplying and packaging a whole beast, it must be noted this couple are not even playing golf at the moment due to their kids pursuing different sporting events and yet once again they have fronted up. Thanks also to Paul "Skip" Brown our tournament co-sponsor for supplying the meat for our BBQ. Skip and Robyn along with other members of the family put in a serious shift to keep our players fed with delicious venison burgers and a sausage sizzle. Thank you to Marilyn and Lyndsay for stepping in proving food while our caterer was on holiday, Lianne on the bar and finally to my wife and all the committee members who completed registrations, raffles and a number of other tasks to keep the tournament running so smoothly.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our members Closed Hams Tournament had a field of 73 players.

Thank you to all who helped run the day, our course team, Jacqui with her admin stuff, my morning and afternoon crews, our kitchen and bar staff and an even bigger thanks to Rollsy.

Top 10 MEN:

Morgan Kinaird 43 pts
Rangi Collier 43 pts
Kupu-John Amoamo 43 pts
Ngawai Amoamo 41 pts
Bain McKay 41 pts
Charlie Hayes 40 pts
Joe Doogue 40 pts
Hamish Maxwell 40 pts
Luke Morris 40 pts
Martin O'Neal 39 pts

TWO's

Charlie Hayes 13th & 15th
Haze Howe 15th & 18th
Bain McKay 6th
Morgan Kinnaird 6th
Ngawai Amoamo 6th
Ray Shove 15th
Polly White 2nd
Raylene Morunga 2nd
Sharon Howe 18th

LONGEST DRIVE

MEN

0-39 Tane Howe
40-54 Aaron Magee
55-69 Sam Doogue
70+ Barry Howe

MOST GOLF

Men: Dan Rolls

Ladies: Allie Woodward

Top 5 WOMEN:

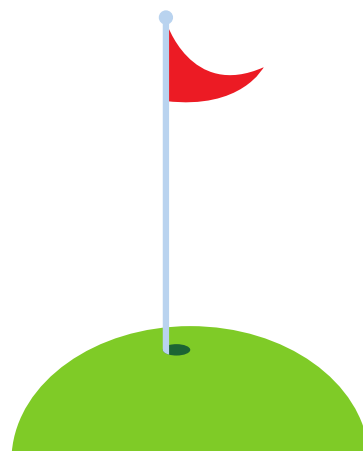
Sharon Howe 41 pts
Polly White 39 pts
Karen Trafford 38 pts
Waimanawa Robinson 38 pts
Glenys Hayes 37 pts

NEAREST THE PIN

#2 Brent McKillop
#6 Stevee Tai-Biddle
#13 Karen Standen
#15 Charlie Hayes
#18 Glenys Hayes (Women)
#18 Ngawai Amoamo (Men)

WOMEN

0-39 Shaynee Tai-Biddle
40-54 Jodi Greenall
55-69 Sharon Howe
70+ Suzanne Nelson



MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Tony 'Slick' Loughlin & Kahi Abraham
Membership cards can be collected from the office.

For any membership enquiries & nomination forms please contact the office.