

CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Terry Reeve

Hi all,

Big high five to Polly and her team for running Twilight – it was a huge success! Perhaps for next summer's program, we could consider having it run by a summer committee.

We've also had great participation in our recent tournaments, and we just celebrated Opening Day, which saw the return of the donga. Overall, it's been a very successful summer!

However, I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone of our club's alcohol policy. As always, we would like to remind all members and guests of our club's commitment to responsible alcohol consumption. In accordance with our alcohol license, the minimum legal drinking age at the club is 18. The only exception to this policy is when a minor is accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all members.

Cheers

Upcoming Events

Sun 9th Mar – Pennants

Course Closed until 2pm

Mon 17th Mar – VETS @ Ohope

BOP/Poverty Bay Challenge

Tues 18th Mar – VETS @ Opotiki

BOP/Poverty Bay Challenge

Fri 21st Mar – Sunday 23rd Mar

Coring & Working Bee

Course Closed

If you are available to help please see the course team for details or watch out for email / facebook updates.

Clubhouse Bookings

Thu 20th Mar – Private Booking

9am – 3pm

Friday Evenings – Restaurant

Open @ 5.30pm

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

CLUB CAPTAINS

Wayne Morrow & Chris Kora

Tradies tournament: Yet another sponsor stepped up to the plate, our thanks to Mitre 10 for putting up a prize table in the region of \$9k and providing the on course barbie.

We need to acknowledge Skip, Mitre 10, New World and Sam Howe who contributed to raffles and fundraising activities etc.

We are also grateful to all sponsors and co-sponsors that helped by contributing to the massive prize table and novelties on the day! I would also like to pass on my appreciation to the ladies that assisted with registrations and Jacqui who did a lot of prep work prior to the tournament commencing.

This is a fun tournament with emphasis on having a good time and apart from the normal novelty prizes we also had the fabled "Chuck and Putt". The funds that are raised for this tournament are contributing to our new deck and it is great to see the "next generation" of club members stepping forward.

With the support of all those who participated in the Tradies Tournament on the day as well as those who supported the cause by buying raffles and taking part in Chuck n Putt fun we were able to bank over \$5000.00.

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Che Todd - Jamie Findlay - Te Whenuariri Whiri
Ryan Connor - Justin Maihi - Mike Howe - Karlos Howe
Riley Ward - David Ward - Destiny Patchett
Rhonda Ruff - Lorraine Lawson-Barrett - Kymani Tamatea
Rua-Tawhirhirangi Ratima - Rina Shaw - Andy Shaw

Reminder to all members - Membership cards can be collected from the office.

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

COURSE UPDATE

While players might enjoy the fairway run, the greens are a challenge to manage, with conditions favourable for dollar spot and maintaining adequate water capacity across greens a battle. Although some rain as I write this.

Just a couple of things to bring to all members attention:

Hole maintenance and good etiquette:

Members are rather spoilt in that we try and cut new holes every Friday (and occasionally an extra cut for a special competition day). Kieran and Micky commit to try and do this, and the new hole is rolled on Saturday morning. Just occasionally a Friday is missed, but regardless, members can help keep the holes in best possible condition for others by following a few simple rules. Just to remind everyone:

1. **DO NOT** use your putter or the flag stick to pull ball from hole, gently remove flagstick and use tool at end of your arm, it's called a hand. I know some use suction cups on their putter but please take care that the side of the hole is not damaged.
2. Take care returning flagstick to centre slot vertically, please and don't ram it in! Extra care when retrieving one's ball can help reduce the amount of damage that occurs, but some is to be expected regardless, try and delicately fix for next player.



The new drain along RHS No 1:

Members will now be aware of this and for now we have pegged it as GUR. The OB is still the boundary, just the drain is GUR. We are still thinking how we might manage it long term. I would have preferred an extension of the pipe from the stormwater run off all the way to the road drain. But as it's an ODC asset cost their option was for a shallow drain (swale) – it might be grassed and mown, not so sure. But the drain will do the job and stop storm water from running across the number 1 fairway and making its way down to our no 3. Hopefully when the rain eventually comes, we will see less flooding on the course which severely restricted cart use last winter.

Opening of No 6:

Green was played on opening day, and is now in play. As most of you know this project has brought lots of challenges. So, while open for play, there is still a need for a lot of tidying up, especially the surrounds. The latter still rough so there will be 'through the green club length placing' when playing 6, not in the penalty area of course. More work will be done during greens renovation week. We will be mowing with the donated bowling club electric mower (different height of cut) until after coring, when we will gradually bring the green into alignment with the other greens in respect to mowing height. Rolling as per normal greens schedule is being undertaken. The green is fairly soft so don't forget to repair pitch marks!.

Please observe the cart parking area as directed by roped area; no carts are to be taken up to the green. The ladies No. 6 track has been cleared and is usable.

The practice green will be renovated and brought back up to a better standard, so keep off until further notice.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

A little drizzle in the morning tried to dampen our spirits on Saturday, 1st March, but let's be honest, nothing was stopping our keen golfers from teaming up for the Opening Day Tournament!

The format, a classic 2-person Ambrose with each player having to take 9 tee-offs. That meant some serious pressure to perform, no hiding behind your partner on this one!

What made this Opening Day even more special was the grand reopening of No.6, The Donga! That's right, folks, our beloved hole is back, and we couldn't be happier. So long, practice green! It was fun while it lasted, but we definitely won't miss that bunker that had a personal vendetta against our approach shots.

With a shotgun start, the competition was fierce, and as the day rolled on, the sun finally decided to make an appearance. In the end, golf was the real winner (as always), but let's be honest, some of us are already plotting our revenge on No.6 for next time.

A huge shoutout to everyone involved in The Donga project, your hard work has brought it back to life, and we appreciate it more than words (or birdies) can express!

Now, onto the all-important results:

🏆 Opening Day Champs:

- 🥇 1st: Mickey Huriwaka & Sonny Collier
- 🥈 2nd: Ngawai Amoamo & Jascoe Ngaia
- 🥉 3rd: Ian Pimm & Kevin McMillan
- 🏅 4th: T & D Balck

🎯 Closest to the Pin:

No.6 – The Donga

👤 Men: Sonny Collier

👤 Women: Mana Gebert

No.13

👤 Men: Kieran Hickey

👤 Women: Dale Robinson

💪 Longest Drive:

👤 **Men:**

🏃 0-39: Sonny Collier

💪 40-55: Ngawai Amoamo

🔥 56-69: Brent McKillop

🏃 70+: Julian Lee

👤 **Women:**

🔥 70+: Sue Nelson

Well played, everyone! Looking forward to seeing you all back out there, fine-tuning your swings (and probably blaming your putter) before the next event! See you on the course! 🏌️🏌️🏌️

