

From the President

I hope you are all making the most of the warm summer days and spending time out on the course. We are grateful to Ken and the Grounds Team for their work in keeping the course in top condition.

As previously reported, our priority is to replace and extend the hard surfaces outside the golf shop to the first and tenth tees and create pathways along the clubhouse to the north carpark as well as a path between the golf shop and practice green to the main carpark. As you can imagine this will come at some cost. We will be submitting funding applications to The Pub Charity and Trust Aoraki next week to help with the cost of this project.

If our applications are successful we hope to undertake this work in April.

The coffee machine is proving popular with over 200 cups sold in recent weeks. While we cannot cater for every taste, Tash will trial different beans in the coming weeks. She is also looking at a range of merchandise to sell in the shop and we hope to have these available soon.

A reminder that Club Vouchers may be redeemed at both the bar and golf shop including range balls. They cannot be used for match fees. We are still seeking volunteers to help staff the shop on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact me if you are able to assist. (027 204 4440).

We are in the process of providing Pay-wave and Credit Card facilities in both the shop and bar and hope to have these available soon.

This year signals the 130th anniversary of our club and we will acknowledge this with an event later in the year. Watch this space.

Mike Hogan
President



The course will be closed until 4pm on Wednesday 6th March for the Bristol Cup.

CALENDAR

MARCH

5 Rules Evening
6 Bristol Cup (Men's Teams)

MAY

3 Kerr Cup (Women's Teams)
9 Women's 9-Hole Tournament

Tuesday
5th March
6:30pm
TGC Clubhouse



A session on the rules will be held by Helena Love. This evening is open to all club members.

The bar will be open and nibbles are provided.

Please register your interest with
Reggie mrennie@xtra.co.nz or
Trish ktbj@xtra.co.nz for catering purposes.

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From the Captains

Course Closed: The course will be closed on Wednesday 6th March, for the Bristol Cup.

Club Championships

Following a discussion with the unwashed masses (the Wednesday mob), we are going to try something new, and have an Auto-Entry into the Club Championships this year, meaning that your name will appear on a draw sheet, with dates for the rounds to be played by - the sheets will be up by next weekend (10 March).

This means there will be no Qualifying rounds as previously noted. The rounds will be played throughout the year again, with the final at the end of the golfing year calendar.

Rounds can be played at any point before the round deadline that is convenient to both of you (it does not have to be on competition days), and you can either play your match or contact your opponent and let them know you are defaulting if you do not want to play.

It would be great if people could let me have some form of match reports as we go, as I would like to share those with the club as we go along. Thanks very much.

Strokeplay Tournament

The three round, banded Strokeplay tournament will be going ahead over the next three Saturdays - you will need to play all three rounds to enter, and Seniors will be playing off the Blue tees.

To enter you will need to say "Yes" and select your tee.

Seniors, you will still be able to play the regular Saturday competition, just select the blue tees and your handicap will be adjusted accordingly.

For the rest of you, you will need to select the White tee for one/both of those competitions. Bandings for Seniors will be posted by the DotGolf Kiosk (where you get your cards) tomorrow.

Lift Clean & Replace

Going forwards, we are instigating a local rule that allows you to:

"Lift; Clean & Replace" your ball if there is mud on it.

To be clear, you must mark your ball before you pick it up, and replace it in the same spot. This is **not** an opportunity to place your ball in another location.

This rule will be applicable through the green, and will be on your cards and the noticeboard from Friday 1st March.

Steve Compton
Club Captain



A lack of rain and relatively hot and dry conditions have created some challenges for Ken and the crew lately. A lot of time and effort has been put into hand watering and moving K-lines around the course. However despite this there are areas that will remain dry in the existing conditions.

The greens continue to improve weekly. Ken and the team have been using the new verticutters and sand topdressing to aid the improvements. With autumn fast approaching the pace of the greens should speed up as well.

We will look at fertilizing the course around mid-March. This won't affect play but should start greening the course with the right conditions prevailing.

Tony Moir
Grounds Convenor