

HORORATA GOLF CLUB & THE WILLOWS CAFÉ



Newsletter – September 2018

Welcome to our September newsletter. September brings us into one of our busiest periods of the golf year.

Competitions

National Champion – Congratulations to Isy McLaughlin winning the National Women's Home Links Veterans cup with a score of -13.8. Follow the link below for more information

<http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz/news/national-womens-club-based-competition-results-2/>

Club Championships are down to the finals. This year has seen some tough matches fought over extra holes. Finals and Presentation day is this Saturday, 28th September. Matches start from 9am and the majority is played over 36 holes.

Senior Men's Championship – Simon Edwards v Andrew Inch – to be played during the week
Intermediate Men's Championship – Jum Morten v Steve Stewart
Junior A Men's Championship – John Halkett v Colin Stevens
Junior B Men's Championship – Alan Hogg v Graeme Harris
Women's Silver Championship – Raewyn Kars v Nicky Muir or Rhonda Coleman (yet to be played)
Bronze A Women's Championship – Winner Fiona Reardon (already decided)
Bronze B Women's Championship – Barbara Bryant v Pauline Pearce
Bronze C Women's Championship – Karen Groters v Anne Green

Club Closing day coincides with Club Championship Finals and Presentation Day this Saturday 28th September. Competition of the day will be an Ambrose teeing off at 12pm. Afternoon tea is at your own expense from the Café.

Woodward Cup – The team has a bit of challenge in front of them to climb up the leader board. The last two rounds has seen some really close games where they have just been pipped at the post. With 4 rounds remaining there is still a chance to improve their standing.

Anton Fouchee has been selected to play for the Canterbury Masters Team against Aorangi. Congratulations Anton.

Stop Press! At the time of writing this newsletter an email has come in announcing that Anton has been selected for the Canterbury Masters Team to play at the Men's South Island Masters Interprovincial at Timaru Golf Club on the 5th and 6th of October. A great effort, well done Anton.

Our Masters Team are currently sitting in 7th place after 4 rounds with the next round at Hororata on Sunday 4th of October.

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Over the past month, the club has held two very successful tournaments. The Dairy Challenge, was a great day, though the weather wasn't particularly welcoming and the golf was reduced to 9 holes, everyone went home happy and with a prize. The Property Brokers fundraiser for St Johns Ambulance Malvern was another fun filled day. It was well attended and raised some good funds for a good cause. Thank you to the members that helped to organise and run these events.

Members Lunch Boxes – now that golf starts at 12pm, you may run out of time to grab a bite to eat. The Club in conjunction with the Café have come up with a Members Lunch Box deal, consisting of a filled roll or sandwich, a savoury and something sweet. The cost is \$10 per box or \$12 with a coffee – these are great value. If this sounds like you, then why not try one. Please order through the Café by midday the Friday prior to golf – 03 3182799

Twilight Golf – daylight savings is about to start – don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour this Saturday night. This also means that Twilight golf is about to commence, so from Friday the 11th of October, you are welcome to come and play golf from 4.30 to 5pm.

Ed Tilley Cup – a bit of change this year with the Ed Tilley Cup to be played for at Terrace Downs on Saturday 12th October. This is open to all members. More information with regards to time and cost will be advised in the coming days.

National Initiatives – She Loves Golf and Make Time Play 9. These are worthwhile national initiatives that we, as a club can participate to encourage people to take time out, be active and spend time with family and friends and to have fun.

We are organising a She Loves Golf campaign for Women and young girls, starting Wednesday 16th of October. This will be a 10 week campaign focusing on all abilities. From seasoned golfers to novices. Members, wives, grandmothers, daughters. Making golf fun for all. Watch our facebook page for more information.

Make Time Play 9 – hot off the press. Every nine holes you play, gives you a chance to win a trip to Queenstown in 2020 to play in a special 9 hole event during the 101st New Zealand Open at Millbrook and from there have a chance to play in the R&A 9 Hole Challenge on the eve of the 149th Open Championship at Royal St George's Club with 42 other club golfers from across the world. There will be other random draws through the competition period. Note that you can only play 9 holes at any one time. An 18 hole card cannot be entered as two separate 9 Hole cards. Click here for the T & Cs - <https://static.golf.co.nz/clubs/1030-1/uploads/make-time-play-9-terms-and-conditions-v2.pdf>

We are proposing to run the Make Time Play 9 competition alongside the She Loves Golf event on a Wednesday evening and make it a social evening.

An Evening of Comedy – The club has accepted an invitation to hold a Comedy night with Gary McCormick and Tim Shadbolt. Pencil in the date of Thursday 31st of October, get a group together and come along.

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It is with great sadness we advise that our long standing patron and club member, Gerry Brown passed away recently. Gerry was a well know identity to the club from the early 60's at the old course of Terrace Station through to the late 2000's when his health started to deteriorate. For those that are interested there is an obituary about Gerry on our Club website. <https://www.hororatagolf.co.nz/view-article?article=18452-1603865478&ComeFromCat=1258>

Two committee members have decided to leave the committee. Finn Hobbs has decided to stand down, we thank him for his contribution, commitment and support to the club. Al Sime has taken on the role of Course Convenor to replace Finn. Shane Prendergast has also resigned from the committee. Though Shane has not been on the committee for long, he has proved to be a valuable contributor, recently organising the very successful Dairy Challenge. Both committee members will be sorely missed.

Tournaments

We are at that time of the year again to start thinking about our major fundraising drive, the three tournaments over the summer. There will be a meeting for members that are keen to help out with these events on Saturday 5th of October at 10.30am before golf.

This season's tournaments will be Saturday 28th December 2019, Thursday 2nd January 2020 followed by the Sponsored Tournament on Sunday 12th January 2020.

Course Maintenance

It is that time of the year again when the greens need some renovation. Coring is set down for the week beginning Monday 14th October, the course will be closed from Monday to Wednesday. Helpers needed, please contact Al Sime or Andrew Bell.

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