

“THE CLUBHOUSE NEWS”

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



At a special meeting on Sunday 28 March, it was unanimously passed that the five-ton digger that was inspected at Pukekohe at \$35000 + GST be purchased. This will allow our club to accomplish many of the tasks that we have identified - renovation of our wet greens, enhance our tees, repair buried and open drains, renovate croquet greens, improve cart tracks, remove and spread dredgings, clear some ponds, ensure that tree cutting will be safer and help to retrieve fallen trees. If after four years we have accomplished our list of jobs or it does not meet our requirements we have a reputable make of digger that will have a good resale value.

The hydraulics of the front-end loader is beginning to fail. I have spoken to Bill Prescott and he has said there are no spare parts for it. Also, there is only one working brake and both back wheels have rusted through in places which is a Health and Safety hazard. After talking to Geoff, he can attach the front-end bucket to one of our other tractors. Geoff recommends we sell the old red tractor as a boat tractor. While I was talking to Bill Prescott, he said we could have his electric golf cart for \$500. It is Clubcart and is being assessed by Bruce to ascertain its viability as another golf cart to hire out. It would need new batteries. Approximate cost of cart plus batteries is around \$2500.

Syd Norton has donated his golf cart to the Club and when he needs it his or a club cart will be used by him at no charge.

We have been offered pine logs for cutting up for firewood at the end of the road where I live. Ken and his group have been doing this. With this steady supply of wood Darren and I are delivering 6/8 loads per week. Everybody is told the wood is green. Trees are also being cut down at our Club ensuring we have a steady supply to sell. At the moment I am still awaiting a possible warrant for the Ute to use as a delivery for

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firewood.

A special "get well soon "to Craig who fell over in the garden and damaged his broken arm and to Bob who collapsed on the golf course. Both are home and on the road to recovery.

Course Report

All the green coring has been completed. The recovery of these greens has been very good this year.

The new tank has arrived and is now residing in the bowling green until needed. Geoff and Jim Bell repaired the badly leaking tank closest to the Clubhouse. A special thanks to both of them because it took two attempts and they had to work in knee deep water. It is still leaching but the repair is excellent. The number two tank is showing marked deterioration. If necessary, this tank will be demolished and the new tank placed there. This project will happen when the watering season has finished. Geoff will be on holiday for the next three weeks.

A special thanks to Jenny Cosford and Carolyn Williams who did a fantastic job planting out the bank on 12 and to Margaret and Dave for keeping our entrance so neat and attractive, especially the new plant boxes in the clubhouse.



Brian Fellows
President



Firewood:

Get Ready for the Winter Season
Green Firewood for Sale

Tairua Country Club

\$120 a Ute load delivered to Tairua.

To book your order

Phone John or Janine 864 8416 Or Email info@tairuagolf.co.nz

We will invoice you. Please pay online or at the Club before delivery

Please give us your delivery instructions when you order.

ORDER NOW

Please note

The club now has Dot Golf online bookings available through the Dot Golf App for affiliated golfers to book.

This link is also available on our Tairua Club website. <https://www.tairuagolf.co.nz/>

NEW CLUB EMAIL info@tairuagolf.co.nz

Club Spirit: some observations by a club member.

During my life I have belonged to many clubs and organisations - sports, charitable, service, social and others. In all of them there have always been members who contribute their time and energy in a range of ways. There are those who willingly step up when a working bee is called or serve on committees and there are those who look the other way when there are spaces in a roster to be filled or make excuses when there are raffle tickets to be sold.

Tairua Golf and Country Club is no different. It is not a business and does not pay big wages to those who do the work. To a large extent the club is run by volunteers who cheerfully (usually) give their time digging drains, gardening, mowing fairways, running competitions, chopping wood, manning the office, serving on the Board, preparing food, taking out the rubbish and the myriad of things that help keep the club financially viable and create the conditions that enable us to play golf and croquet in a pleasant environment.

My thanks to all those volunteers. You show true club spirit.

Unfortunately, not all club members are so generous of their time and effort and prefer to get as much out of the club as they can with minimum input. Some are critical of those who do provide service not liking the way others do things and saying so. Might I suggest one gets out of a club what one puts in.

To enable our club to function optimally, we all need to do our share of the work and put in what we can. Everyone's input is valuable but not all our skills are the same. May I suggest that we all try to appreciate rather than criticise the efforts of others and step up cheerfully when there is a job you can do. Every contribution helps build club harmony and working together towards a common goal demonstrates club spirit.

Safety on the Golf Course

Please be aware that unsupervised children are:

- Driving golf carts on the golf course,
- Playing in the course bunkers,
- Collecting golf balls

While we welcome junior members, we are very concerned with keeping our local children safe

FROM THE CLUB

Welcome to the THIRD edition of the 2021 of the Club Newsletter.

- **Our staff** are working as follows:

John: Monday to Friday 8 - 12 am

Janine: Wednesday to Friday 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm and Saturday 10.30 - 2.30 and Sunday 8.30 to 12.30 pm.

Janine wants to hear from anyone who can volunteer outside of these hours in the golf office.

- **Membership cards** are now available and now being issued to members and can be collected from the golf office.
- **For health & Safety reasons**, Members are requested to report to the golf office (when office is open) before going out onto the course. This way staff will be aware of players on the course. Since the office is closed late afternoons, it is advisable that you inform a family member that you are going to play golf and give an approximate time you intend to be back. It is also advisable to carry a cell phone while on the course in case of emergency.
- **Golf Clothing for Lady Members Survey:** A mother/daughter start-up company who believe the current offering of golf apparel isn't meeting the needs of Kiwi women and are keen to hear our member's thoughts on how it could be improved. They are looking for feedback from our female members to help inform their product design. They have a quick survey you can complete, and all responses go in the draw to win a restaurant voucher. If you are interested, [click here to take their survey](#).
- **Golf Carts** It is great to see that members and visitors are making use of the golf carts available. Should you wish to hire a cart please book as there are only five carts. Bookings are recommended in advance.

For further information please contact the club on (07) 864 8416 or email info@tairuagolf.co.nz

- **MEMBERS PAGE on the Website** This is now active. Newsletters, Board Minutes, Results and the Constitution and By Laws are being posted here for members to read. Password is 38821.
- **Facebook:** Updates are posted from time to time on the clubs Facebook page. Please like the clubs Facebook page if you do have a Facebook account.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

FULL: Jo and Stuart Williams

COUNTRY: Andreas Haussrer, Terence Brown

FIRST YEAR: Brett Collins

Please make them feel welcome.

Receiving communications from the Club

Please be aware that to inform all members of competitions, events and Board meetings, all members will automatically receive emails/newsletter/flyers from the Club unless they opt out by emailing info@tairuagolf.co.nz.

KITCHEN/CATERING REPORT

During the past month the four kitchen teams have rostered duties in rotation and have catered for the Beaches 9 hole tournament, the Veteran Men's Pennants and our usual Thursday and Saturday scrambles. Sharing the burden makes the job easier and seems to suit most of our volunteers.

Tuesday Coffee Club (10.00 am) and Friday Happy Hour (4.00pm) are both attracting members for social interaction, a drink and a snack. Everyone is welcome to join in on either day.

Jenny Chalmers

COFFEE CLUB

Every Tuesday 10.30am.

All social, senior, golf-croquet, golfing, playing and non-playing members and their friends are welcome to come along for a coffee, a cookie, and a chat.

We operate rain or shine, so if it is a wet day any rained off golf and croquet players are able to join the group. The group is very informal, mainly ladies, but men are welcome to join in if they wish. Our weekly contribution is \$3.00 which pays for plunger coffee and profits are used to purchase items for the kitchen

If you have any queries, please phone either **Jenny Chalmers 8648369** or **Margaret Wallace 0272310384**.

Jenny Chalmers.



Happy Hour
Friday 4 - 6 p.m.

This Good Friday there will also be pizzas for sale.

See you there!

Golf 2021

MEN'S VETS

Our Vets team completed round 4 of Vets tournament at Pauanui on Monday 29 March. Tairua are holding onto their second place behind Purangi in the present standing. Next round will be played at Matarangi on 9th April.

If you are 55 and over and wish to join Waikato vets, contact Craig. Contact. Phone 8647999

Email cwcollier22@me.com

Craig Collier
Vets Convenor

MEN'S GOLF CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Over the past few weeks, the weather has been very kind to us. We have had a lot of green fee players who have been very complimentary about the course and I believe there have been a few new members signed up. A group played a week or so ago, one of the players was a greenkeeper from another club and remarked on how well kept the course was (thanks to Geoff and our great volunteers) and how wonderful the views were from the fairways.

We had a visit of 10 players from the New Lynn RSA. The competition we played against them consisted of six holes Canadian scramble, six holes fourball best ball and singles. Unfortunately, we were well beaten, but a good day was had by all and a lot of money was spent in the bar.

The matchplay championship is well under way and should be completed in the next few weeks. Last Saturday we had an unfortunate incident as Bob McCabe had a medical incident on the course, thankfully he seems to be much better now. I sure you will join with me in sending our best wishes to Bob and Marilyn.

Mike McCann
Men's Golf Captain

LADIES GOLF CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

February has been a busy month for ladies' golf. The month started with Karin McGirr at Pauanui for 18-hole players and 9-hole players hosted Karin McGirr at Tairua. Both 18- and 9-hole teams have played two round of BOP Association pennants. 18-holers are currently lying 3rd and 9-holers are 4th overall with the final round to be played in April/May. Teams of 18-hole ladies have attended Mercury and Thames ladies' tournaments. May 7th, the 9-hole ladies will be running their tournament. They have obtained a fantastic sponsorship from Donna Santner once again.

Jan Collier
Ladies Golf Captain

Tairua 9 Hole Mixed Golf Tournament

Sponsored by POWERHOUSE REALTY

Friday May 7

10am shotgun start
Affiliated players only
Gross, Net and Stableford
2 Ladies Divisions
1 Men's Division

\$25.00 entry fee
(includes morning tea at 9am and lunch)
Entry fee payment to internet banking to club account number
03 0458 0211854 00 Ref: Player name – 9HT

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Great Prizes & Raffles to be won
Entries can be submitted to
info@tairuagolf.co.nz or jillandron@xtra.co.nz

Entries close on 1 May 2021

(Once entry fee is received entry will be confirmed)

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Junior Golf

This is held on the last Sunday of each Month. Mark Cory-wright and Bob McCabe will be looking after our 20 plus juniors: Cruz Collins, Andy, Michael and Joseph Rogers and Austin Crowe seen below at the last session.



A reminder that Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays are mixed golf days.

GOLF CROQUET

March 2021

Good turnouts have continued during March for both Tuesday and Friday sessions. In addition, about 24 members and partners gathered for a game and twilight barbecue on February 28th and one Saturday this month we hosted a very convivial social group led by Gary Jamieson which contributed to our coffers.

The times for golf-croquet are now Tuesdays at 1.30 and Fridays at 9.30am with new players always welcome. Players are reminded to arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to allow time for the draw to be completed before play.

Michelle McLean/Jenny Chalmers