

THE PPGC NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a sad month for the club, losing one of our valued members, Alastair Roy. Our sympathy goes to Lynnette, Bill, Nigel and Chris and their families. Alastair was an all-round club member. He was President in 2009 and 2010 and valued committee member. He enjoyed regular club playing, pennants and regularly participated in other club tournaments. Alastair chaired the team that set up the club's Summer Classic 2 day tournament. He was the driving force behind the small team of volunteers who set up the current sponsorship system and the instillation of our course tee signs. Until his passing, Alastair was a member of the grounds committee and spent many hours mowing greens, fairways and rough and I can still see him driving down number 14 rough while trying out the demo mower from Drummond & Etheridge. Along with other volunteers he could be seen doing tractor work, chopping up trees, forming mounds and all other work on the course. Alastair loved sitting in the clubhouse after the work and having a chat and a beer with the other workers. He will be greatly missed by all members of our club.

Congratulations to our Thinkwater Timaru shootout qualifiers this month, Marg O'Neill with a nett 63 and Colin Turner with a nett 61.

On 21 March we had 65 players in the Grandfathers and Great Grandfathers tournament. The winner of the Norton Trophy for Great Grandfathers was Colin Turner with 41 points. The winner of the H A King Trophy for Grandfather's was Barry Hutcheson with 44 points.

Congratulations to Rosa Westgarth, Helena Love, Rose Allison and Ali Barrett who won the Stylemaster Trophy played at Gleniti.

On the course the volunteers have been preparing the extension to the number 9 tee block to get it ready for seeding. During the last three weeks the tees and fairways have been sprayed for weeds so far the results look good.

Recently, 3 green keepers from Millbrook visited the club to have a look at the machinery we have, namely the greens mower, rough mower and gator, as they are in the process of buying new ones for their club. They were very impressed, not only with the machinery we have, and the state of the course but they thought we must have good club management support.

My thanks go to the volunteers who work on our sharpening machine and on the course and also to Craig Curtis who has been looking after the Social events including Twilight Golf, Michelle who heads the

House and Bar committee, Alton Mangum who chairs the refurbishment committee and our Secretary Brenda and Treasurer Peter who put in countless unseen hours.

Sadly, this week, we learned of the passing of Merle Bishop who with her husband Dave were for several years the caterers for the club. Our sympathy goes to Dave and their daughters.

Ian McEwen,
President

MEN'S SECTION

Quite a sudden change in the weather has sent out a reminder that winter is not too far away, but in saying that the course is in great condition.

The four ball competition is under way but with a disappointingly small number of entrants.

The Thinkwater Shootout qualifier for the month was Colin Turner with a nett 61.

The club has unfortunately lost one of its stalwarts with the untimely passing of Alastair Roy, a man that probably spent more time working on the course than playing on it. On a personal note when I first came back to golf Alastair always went out of his way to say hello and make me feel welcome.

Sadly, we will all miss a genuinely nice guy.

Dave Gilkison,
Men's Captain

WOMEN'S SECTION

It's been another busy month with some good results. Our congratulations go to Rosa Westgarth, Helena Love, Rose Allison and Ali Barrett who recently won the Stylemaster played at Gleniti, a great achievement. Pennants are going well with some good wins in the open, vets and week-end teams. We have played the National Homelinks, Nancy MacCormack and the National Teams Qualifier this last month. There were 6 teams enter the Nancy MacCormack, the winners were Harrilyn Beck and Rose Allison and R/U were Aly Ulrich and Daph Campbell well done to all of them. The shootout winner this month was Marg O'Neill with a nett 63. The ladies have had some good results at tournaments that they have attended. We

would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Lynnette Roy with the recent passing of her husband Alistair.

Heather McKerchar,
Women's Captain

COURSE

Last week we held a working bee on the 9th tee to get that ready for seeding soon. Once the soil has settled a bit more a final layer of screened soil will be used to take out any remaining undulations and seeding can begin. This will be done later this month.

During the last three weeks the tees and fairways have been sprayed for weeds. So far results look good.

The recent dry weather has aided in drying the course out before winter nicely. While some small areas are getting the occasional dose of irrigation the bulk of the golf course has been left to stay dry.

Finally I would like to thank Tom Coutts for all his work he has done around the course for as long as I have been here. Tom has spent many an hour trimming trees, tidy fallen branches, emptying and cleaning the rubbish bins as well as generally keeping the course tidy. Thank you Tom.

Nevin O'Rourke,
Course Convenor

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 22 Easter Monday Stableford 12 noon Start (Social Committee)
- 25 Anzac Day Stableford 12 noon Start (Social Committee)
- 27 Women's National Teams Qualifier

MAY

- 2 Pleasant Point Country Open Ambrose Tournament
- 26 Jack Hart Memorial Trophy. 12noon Start
Mixed American Foursome Stableford
(Mr I & Mrs B McEwen)

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