

# THE PPGC NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With a few colder mornings of late it seems that winter golf might be just around the corner.

In saying that the course is still in great condition apart from some grass grub, but it seems to be a season for it as we are not the only ones with the problem.

There has been some good scoring over the last month from both men and ladies, congratulations to all the winners for the month. Pennants are starting to get into gear for the season but so far, the results for us haven't been the best but I sure this will get better. Easter Monday saw a good turn out and a good day was had by all. Mixed days still continue to see small fields taking part, if anyone has any ideas on how to rejuvenate mixed days please let me know what they are.

With Club Championship qualifying just around the corner there will soon be an update on rules governing the championship so please become familiar with them before entering.

Junior golf coaching has finished for the season and will start up again in October. Our juniors will play a 2 ball ambrose against Gleniti this week and also keep an eye out for the "Have a go at golf" day for juniors to be played at our club on Sunday May 16th, so if you know any juniors interested bring them along.

The refurbishment of the club house is continuing with the lounge area nearing completion, thank you to Alton, Moray, Colin and Frank for their work on the paint brushes. Carpet and vinyl is close to be finalized along with the new color for the chairs, unfortunately we have had to change from the current color as it is no longer available, so this means some extra cost in re upholstering all the chairs.

On the subject of the course please have a look at the area on number 7 where the trees are to be removed and mounding put in place. The area has been marked with blue paint so everyone can see what is planned. This work will start soon as we have been offered top soil at no cost and rather than stockpile it we will have it put in place to save the cost of double handling.

I know the removal of the Oak tree near the practice green will be met with strong reactions but please be aware the decision was not taken lightly and is primary driven but 2 factors.

1. That it has been deemed a significant hazard by an arborist and this forces us to take action due to our Health & Safety responsibilities.
2. The ongoing cost that would be involved in keeping this one tree

Taking into account all factors we believe the best decision has been made for the club.

Good golfing everyone

Dave Gilkison  
President

## COURSE CONVENOR

Despite the ongoing dry conditions, the course has held up well and it pleasing to receive lots of good comment about our course both from member and visiting golfers.

Whilst mowing frequency of fairways and rough areas has reduced, fairways and greens have all been sprayed for weeds and greens have been verti-cut and sanded. Sanding of the greens has been completed for this current season and are due to be aerated within the next 2 weeks. The greens have also received an application of fungicide as a preventative for diseases which are often present during autumn conditions.

The copper beech tree adjacent to No 15 tee has been pruned and shaped by the arborist team from Netcon and has vastly improved the line of sight from the Blue tee marker. The arborist team also removed 3 branches from the large willow just across the walk bridge on No 14 to reduce the weight loading. Noteworthy is that 2 of the branches removed showed signs of internal decay.

The club has been offered a good amount of clay and topsoil at no cost, with first delivery due at the end of the month. The intention is to utilize this material for the planned mound on No 7 and for the redevelopment of the area at the rear of No 16.

Preference is for the material to be placed directly onto the sites where required rather than stockpile and need for double handling. The area on No 7 has area has been marked with blue marker paint to indicate to members where the development will take place. The building of the mound will be associated with the replacement of the irrigation main on No 7 fairway and will include the placement of 2 new laterals to allow for the watering of the new mounds. Irrigation work is planned for the winter months ahead.

Both these developments will require the removal of the trees as part of the proposal discussed and passed at the March meeting.

Some soil has already been placed on the bare area alongside the water hazard between No 10 and No 14

once additional material has been delivered, the area will be sown with new grass.

Neville Burt,  
Course Convenor

## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

On behalf of the Pleasant Point Golf Club, we extend an invitation to participate in the celebration of 100 years of Golf, to be held on Labour Weekend 2021.

Friday 22 October - Registration & Drinks  
Saturday 23 October - 9 & 18 Hole Tournament & Centennial Dinner  
Sunday 24 October – BBQ & Morning Tea & Photos

We are hoping that you are able to attend. This event is open to all present and past members of our club, including their partners. Please express your interest with the club at your earliest convenience.

We would like to contact as many past players and former members to join us in marking this milestone in the club's history. If you know anyone who would be interested in attending, please forward their details to us so a registration form can be sent.

Registration forms are now available at the clubhouse. If you wish to be sent a registration form please contact

The Centennial Committee

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **APRIL**

26 Anzac Day Stableford

### **MAY**

16 Aorangi GA Have a Go Golf Family Day 1-3pm

23 Jack Hart Memorial Trophy, 12noon Start. Mixed American Foursome Stableford (Mr I & Mrs B McEwen)

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