



# THE PPGC NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this is my first report as President please forgive me if it's not up to the usual high standard.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ian McEwen for all the help he has given me and hopefully this will ensure a smooth transition (by the way Macca plenty of help will still be required)

Our AGM was held on 7 December and the committee has had a few changes with the addition of Penny Davison and the 3 Peters, Dixon, Corry, and Theron.

The condition of the course over the last few weeks has been tremendous and is a credit to Chris and his dedicated band of helpers.

Neville and the grounds committee will be starting work on updating the Course Development Plan and we will also be looking to update the clubs Strategic Plan.

December 5<sup>th</sup> saw 23 teams compete in the Radius Care Christmas Ambrose, a great day was had by all. Thank you to Radius Care for their continued generous support of this event.

Entries are open for the New World Sponsored Teams Tournament in January. Entry forms are in the Clubhouse.

Entries for the Summer Classic open on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, enter online on the Clubs website or pick up an entry form in the Clubhouse. The format will be the same as last year, Saturday fourball best ball stableford and Sunday combined stableford.

Junior golf coaching is being well supported with between 12 and 14 attending each week, which is great to see. Coaching has stopped over the holiday period and will start up again on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Our new caterer, Olivia started in December and all reports so far point to the possibility of growing waistlines in the clubhouse. Welcome to the club Olivia. It was great seeing the club participate in the Pleasant Point Christmas parade and take the opportunity to promote the upcoming centennial, a big thank you to all those involved.

Judith Rees and her team have preparations for the centennial well in hand as do the Club house refurbishment team.

While 2020 has been a testing year and one of many changes I hope we all take some time over the festive period to reflect on just how well we have all done as a club, a community and a country and wouldn't it be nice if some of that spirit continued into the future.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and a safe and happy festive season and that 2021 turns out to be a great year and Covid free. Dave Gilkison, President

## MEN'S SECTION

December 5<sup>th</sup> was the Radius Care Christmas Ambrose with 23 teams entered. Thanks to Colin & Helen Taylor who were ably helped by Rose & Tony Allison. A great day was had by all who entered.

The President V Captains was won by the Captains 17-16 with only one match halved.

This very interesting year is finally coming to an end. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and stay safe and enjoy your break.

Colin Eddington  
Men's Captain

## WOMEN'S SECTION

Fields for summer golf have been between 20 - 25 ladies with some scoring very well.

I have had good feedback about our new caterer Olivia with her food being superb.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Xmas Procession last Friday night as it was a good turnout.

Wishing you all a merry Xmas & All the best for 2021.

Harrilyn Beck,  
Women's Captain

## COURSE CONVENOR

I am sure you will all agree that the course over the past few weeks has been presented in an excellent condition. With the advent of warmer drying conditions mowing frequency has reduced and irrigation of fairways has begun.

As in past years a few leaks have appeared and repair work has been undertaken to ensure the continuity water supply

Our volunteer army has continued to carry tree maintenance mainly for the purpose of removing low hanging branches which have been an issue for our mowing team.

The bridge approaches on Hole No 17 have now been repaired to a standard, thus allowing the safe crossing of all carts and machinery.

Pathways on no13/15/16 have also been top-dressed with crusher dust thus allowing for a better surface.

It is my view that we can continue to make improvements to the course and with that in mind the Ground Committee will shortly begin work on developing a new Course development document. Once finalized this will be presented to the PPGC committee for consideration and approval.

To assist in progressing the management of the course I have begun to document all processes involved in the day to day operation of the course. Having such data documented should assist in making any future changes to our course management.

I personally have a strong interest in the management of our greens and this has been welcomed by Chris, our greenkeeper.

Neville Burt  
Course Convenor

## JUNIOR SECTION

Junior golf coaching is going very well to date and we have had attendances of 17 and 15 for the past 2 Sundays.

A few are bringing their friends to introduce them to the game plus we are getting excellent parent support. We do have a couple of promising players and one boy in particular is now looking to obtain a handicap. It is also good that we have had a couple of girls attend plus interest from a mother.

Overall the attitude of the kids is great and they seem to be enjoying themselves.

With the backing of this committee I would like to look at running a more in-depth coaching programme over a 2-3 day period in December after school finishes for this year. I envisage a group of 4-5 children and these would be selected from our Sunday group and would be based on attitude and interest in the game.

We will finish up for the current year on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec and start again at the end of Jan 2021.

Neville Burt  
Junior Convenor

## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 10 Hyland family private booking  
10.30am Start
- 17 Timaru New World Sponsored Open  
Teams Stableford Tournament  
(Match Committee)

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