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# THE PPGC NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the year draws to an end we can reflect on another very successful year at our golf club.

We have had to deal with Covid, along with everyone else, but we have managed to negotiate through this and continue playing. One of the highlights of our year happened just last week, with Blair Struthers managing to play 144 holes of golf around our wonderful course in one day. He teed off in the poor light and persistent rain at 5.30 in the morning and completed his 8 full rounds at just after 7.30 pm, 14 hours later. He was in good spirits with many blisters on his feet, and apart from the first round where he shot an 81, the next seven rounds averaged 3 over the card. All this was done to raise money for the Cancer Society and his total is now nearing \$10 000.

Outstanding effort Blair.

We recently had our AGM and I would like to welcome Dianne Roddick, as Secretary and Judith Rees, as Treasurer to the committee. I look forward to working with you and the whole committee towards another successful year ahead, and many more.

On behalf of the club, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you on our Golf Course.

Warren Leslie President

## MENS SECTION

The weather has been upsetting our programme of late hopefully it passes quickly. The Radius Care Christmas Ambrose Team event was well run and a great success thanks to Colin & Helen Taylor, Tony & Rose Allison. A special mention to one of our younger members Connor Howes for his hole in one. A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone and see you all next year on your excellent golf course.

Craig Curtis

Mens Club Captain

## Junior Golf

We are getting good attendances to Junior Golf Coaching and we now have an established group of around 15 children, with 7 being regular attendees from last year. I am now encouraging the children to Sign up as Junior members and this will allow them to become eligible for Junior Handicaps. We have had to postpone the planned get together with Gleniti until next year and instead will have a 9 hole Ambrose with our children on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Thanks also to a few grandparents who are helping and providing support.

We will have a break over the Xmas New Year period and likely start again in the latter part of January 2022.

Neville Burt

## New Members

Welcome to the following members this month, we are looking forward to you joining in with us on Club days.

Summer - Cathy Ussher, Summer 9 hole - Keegan Gray, Associate - Daniel Sparks Juniors Sam Rabbidge, Blake Parker, Alex Ussher, Daniel Ussher, Fergus Isbister, Liam Parker

## COURSE CONVENOR

The past few weeks have seen periods of regular rainfall and coupled with warmer temperatures has encouraged plenty of grass growth. Keeping the grass growth under control has seen Damian and volunteers very busy on mowers. Wet grass is difficult to cut and therefore time available for mowing has been a little hindered. This has resulted in some areas of rough being left to grow a little longer than desired. Fairways, tees and close in rough receive preference and other rough is being mown as time and weather permits.

Greens which were scarified last month are recovering nicely and the additional moisture we have had from rainfall has certainly benefited their recovery. All greens been verti-cut and sanded on Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> December. This will be followed up with an application of growth retardant to control grass growth over the holiday period. Sanding and verti-cutting is again planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January.

Damian will have a holiday break from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec thru till Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and our volunteer team will manage the course during this time.

Other small jobs completed in recent weeks by our volunteers have been weed spraying and completing the filling in the trench along No7 fairway as required. The mound on No 7 which was hydro-seeded a few weeks ago has had an excellent strike of grass and should be nicely grassed over within another 2-3 weeks.

Neville Burt  
Course Convenor

## COMING EVENTS January

- 1 Mens Stableford 12noon  
Starters M Sutherland & B Hutcheson
- 2 Womens Summer Golf 9.30am
- 6 Mens Social Thursday Club 12 noon
- 9 Hyland Family Booking 10.30 am
- 12 Womens Summer golf 9.30am
- 13 Mens Social Thursday Club 12 noon
- 15 Mens Par Round  
Starters D Warner & I McEwen
- 16 Timaru PaknSave Open Teams Stableford  
Tournament
- 19 Womens summer Golf Final Play Off

# Golf Superstore

Wish all the members a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

### Holiday trading hours

24 Dec 9-4.30pm

Closed 25th, 26th 27th 28th December

Open 29th,30th ,31st Dec 10am - 3pm

Closed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Jan

Open 5th,6th,7th Jan 10am-3pm

Open Sat 8th Jan 10am - noon

Closed Sunday 9th Jan

Normal hours from Monday 10 Jan (9am-5pm)



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