

# THE PPGC NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we finally enjoy some summer weather work on the golf course settles into a steady rhythm of mowing and watering. Thankfully the rough has started to burn off easing the mowing burden.

The Dukie shed has now been repainted and relocated from the 13<sup>th</sup> tee block to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee block thanks to Hutchie and his team for the time and effort put in to do this job and they have also repainted the wooden fence at the tee.

Thanks to the great team of volunteers for the extra work required to prepare the course for our premier tournament the Summer Classic.

Elsewhere on the course the volunteers have been splitting firewood which has proved to be hard work during the recent heat.

The Men's interclub pennant teams have been selected and a list is on their change room notice board. Congratulations to Brian Christian and Peter Dixon for winning the January and February shootouts with nett 66 and 61 respectively. Peter also won the Blakemore Trophy.

The women's opening day had a good attendance of 36 members and visitors in the field. Sally Hutcheson and Maureen Flett won the Joan Gray Opening Day Trophy with a net 63.5.

Trish Crump with 41 stableford points won the Gay Henderson Trophy for the women's Saturday opening. Daph Campbell and Diane Sutherland beat Sue Bennett and Michelle Bower in the Summer Knockout Foursomes. Well done to all!

Plans are well under way for our Summer Classic tournament starting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Entries are coming in steadily and the tournament committee has worked tirelessly to have everything in place. The annual sponsorship round is 95% completed and apart from one sponsor we are fortunate to have all other sponsors agree to another year of sponsorship of the club. We have also gained a couple of new Gold Sponsors, Barrett Joinery and the 24/7 Motel in Christchurch with our income from cash, goods and services being around \$30,000 again. Thanks to Colin and his team.

Our Twilight 9 hole Golf is on Friday's teeing off between 5.30pm and 6pm. We invite all members and visitors to participate in this ongoing fixture during daylight savings. This is a very sociable event with prizes.

Our Junior coordinator Neville and our club President Ian attended the Kiwi Sport meeting at the local

Primary school to discuss junior sports available to kids in the Pleasant Point area with a view to encourage the local kids to have a go at golf. Free Junior Coaching is on Sunday mornings from 10am in the Domain practice area. This time is also available to older people who might like to have a go at golf.

The club will be hosting the Aorangi Golf Junior Family golf day starting at 12noon on 24 March. Check for details on the Aorangi Golf website.

This month we welcomed five new members, Anne O'Connell, Lois Beattie, Stew McCrory, Full members, Darrell Milne, Associate member and Lesley Brown, 9 hole member.

Finally I give my thanks to all the volunteers who have freely given their time and expertise to help make our club what it is today. Well-done folks!

Good golfing

Ian McEwen, President

## MEN'S SECTION

Saturday playing numbers have remained relatively strong, usually in the mid sixties

The Thinkwater Shootout qualifier this month was Peter Dixon with a net 61.

Pleasant Point sent a team to the Aorangi Golf Waitangi Tournament at Rakaia and judging by the scores the course was the winner on the day. We finished about middle of the pack with Ashburton being the victors on the day

It seems that most players have got their head around the new rules this year but if you are not sure of anything don't hesitate to ask anyone on the match committee about any rules.

Hugh credit must go to Chris and his team for the conditions of the course at present.

Thanks to Colin Eddington and Ian McEwen for their help.

Dave Gilkison, Men's Captain

## WOMEN'S SECTION

We have had a busy month with the ladies playing for the Betty Newman Trophy for the end of summer golf. It was won by Marie Hargadon with a great score of 112-52-60 and 48 stablefords so congratulations

to her. The summer foursomes was won by Daph Campbell and Di Sutherland a close match from Sue Bennett and Michelle Bower. Our Opening Day was played with 36 members and visitors in the field. We played for the Joan Gray Tropies which was presented by Joan to Sally Hutcheson and Maureen Flett with a net 63.5. The Saturday ladies opening day was played for the Gay Henderson trophy which was won by Trish Crump with 41 stblfs and the R/U was Judith Rees it was presented by Gay, congratulations to all the winners this month. The ladies were very pleased with the new toilet cisterns which seem to work well so thank you to the committee for the instalation of them. We are very pleased to have 3 new members as well as 1 lady currently getting cards in to obtain her handicap. Angela Curry had 39 stablefords at the Waitangi Day competition by lot from Harrilyn Beck and Lyn Roy well done to them. Helena Love recently went over the 20 new golf rules for the ladies which was received very well by the members with a few questions answered. Pennants have started with the PI Pt1 week-end team having a good win over North Otago 8-4 and the PI Pt/Temuka team losing to Gleniti 8.5 - 3.5. Open pennants start on Monday 18th with PI Pt 1 & 2 both playing at Pleasant Point so good luck to them. Ali Barrett won a gold medal at the recent masters games in Wanganui playing some very good golf, congratulations to her. Our Shootout winner this month is Lee Basil with a great score of 106-39-67 by lot from Sally Washington. We have been getting good numbers at golf so look forward to a great year.

Heather McKerchar, Women's Captain

## COURSE

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The irrigation system is working well with only a few small leaks to fix during winter. There is a section on the third fairway not working however this fairway is the next to be replaced with large sprinklers so this area will not be repaired prior to then.

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The 13<sup>th</sup> tee shelter has been given a spruce up and will be shifted to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee soon where hopefully it will get more use.

In the shed the mower sharpeners were again busy last week sharpening blades for the Geraldine and Tekapo golf courses.

Nevin O'Rourke, Course Convenor

## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 24 May Cup, 12noon Start,  
Mixed Combined Nett.  
(Mr A & Mrs C Macgregor)

### MARCH

- 2 Pleasant Point Summer Classic (Classic Committee)  
3 Pleasant Point Summer Classic (Classic Committee)  
10 Brenton Trophy. Mixed American Foursome Medal. 12noon Start.  
(Mr G & Mrs P Crump)  
21 Grandfathers and Great Grandfathers Open Tournament.  
11.00 a.m. Start.  
(H A King & J Norton Trophies)

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