

THE PPGC NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the New Year, I hope that you have had a great holiday break. Our Green Keeper, Chris Murphy, has taken a holiday break away from the course. While he was away, Nevin O'Rourke and our band of volunteers, with some long hours upon the mowers, have finally got on top of the fast growing grass. Over the last couple of weeks our arborist has cut down the willow tree on number 14 (which was quite rotten through the middle) and has given the willows in the hazard beside number 10 a good trim hopefully to allow the trees underneath to grow better. My thanks goes to those who have helped with the mowing and the tree projects.

The Timaru New World sponsored Teams Stableford tournament was on Sunday 20th January and we had a full field of 120 players. 18 men's teams and 12 women's teams. Congratulations to those who won prizes.

The Social sub-committee will be running the annual Waitangi Day Stableford tournament starting at 12noon on Wednesday 6th February.

Don't forget our next tournament, the Summer Classic which is on the 2nd/3rd March, entries can be done on line on the club's website or entry forms are available in the clubhouse.

It was good to see that the ladies had their Christmas party on the 9 January somewhat belated but the weather was better than before Christmas.

Our Twilight 9 hole golf has started back after the holidays on Friday's teeing off between 5.30 and 6pm. It would be good to see more members participating in this competition as numbers have been quite low so far this season.

Sunday mornings free Junior Coaching at 10am in the Domain practice area will resume on the 3 February and we welcome older new golfers along to learn the game.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have freely given their time and expertise to help make our club what it is today.

Ian McEwen
President

MEN'S SECTION

Reasonably quiet on the golfing front with the summer programme underway. A capacity field enjoyed the Timaru New World Teams Stableford Tournament.

Playing conditions have covered just about every weather possible from extreme heat to thunder and hail, but some good golf has been played throughout the month.

The entry form for the 4 ball is now up in the changing rooms.

Hugh credit must go to Chris and his team for the conditions of the course at present as I'm sure it's been no mean feat to get on top of the grass growth.

Thanks to Colin Eddington and Ian McEwen for their help.

Dave Gilkison
Men's Captain

WOMEN'S SECTION

Summer golf is finally underway and we were able to have our belated Xmas Party. Many thanks to Di Sutherland, Daph Campbell, Sally Hutcheson and Margaret Workman for running a very enjoyable day. This week is the last day of summer golf and it was decided that everyone that has tried to play this summer will be able to play for the Betty Newman trophy. Our opening day and the Joan Gray trophy will be held on the 30th January. The Open, Silver, Vets and Week-end pennants are all starting in February. We have 2 open teams, 1 vet and 1 week-end team and another mixed week-end team combining with Temuka. We wish them well in their matches. Congratulations to the organisers of the recent New World teams tournament, it was a fun day and well run. Many of our ladies had success so congratulations' to them. Also Trish Crump recently won the gross prize at the Otematata tournament so congratulations to her as well. The summer foursome is yet to be finished with the final games about to take place.

Heather McKerchar, Women's Captain

COURSE

Because of the constant wet weather over the last 2-3 weeks, Chris and his helpers have been unable to mow as often as they would have liked. This has resulted in some very long grass on the course which is being mowed as we speak. We just need a few more dry days and the course will be back to its usual high standard.

The blades for the club's mowers are all being sharpened by our volunteers which is a considerable saving for the club.

The damaged tree near the 15th tee has been removed by the workers resulting in, quite a large open area that will need to have some shrubs planted in the coming months.

The volunteers have also cut down the inside Macrocarpa tree on No. 3 fairway and also the large Oregon adjacent to this near the corner of the rugby grounds. Both of these trees have been cut into rings ready for the splitter.

Nevin O'Rourke
Course Convenor

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight golf re-started on the 11 January. Tee off between 5.30 & 6pm. Playing 9 holes. Open to all. Non handicap players welcome and any age. Prizes each day and cumulative prizes at the end of the season. Refreshments available. Great way to start the weekend. Contact Craig: 022 093 1107

JUNIOR COACHING

Restarting on 3 February 2019. 10am at the Domain entrance. Open to all who wish to learn a thing or two about the game. Neville Burt is in charge 614 8122

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 6 Waitangi Day Tournament.**
Stableford. 12noon start.
(Social Committee)
- 10 Craigewan Cup 12noon Start.**
Mixed Canadian Foursome Medal
(Jan Shearer, R Malcolm)
Visitors Welcome.

Golf Superstore

January/February

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