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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was great to see how well our course came through the recent heavy rains, unfortunately the Temuka golf course suffered some heavy damage and may be unplayable for a while yet. Our playing numbers have been very good for both men and women, bolstered by players from Temuka.

Sadly we lost a member and friend this month with the passing of Bonnie Mansfield, our thoughts and prayers go out to Rob and his family.

The refurbishment of the club rooms is coming together now and the new carpet and vinyl looks great. Please get your enrolment forms for the Centennial in as soon as you can as this will help with planning and will stop Judith's hair from turning grey from stressing about numbers.

By now you will have all heard the news that Chris is leaving us to take up the Green keeper's role at St Clair, a sad loss for us but a great gain for them. He has been a real asset to the club over the time he has been with us and will be sorely missed.

As we move deeper into winter club champs qualifying is about to start so a reminder for the men is to make sure you are aware of the rules governing the competition

Pennant competitions are well underway for both men and women and there have been some good results for the club, so keep up the good results everyone.

Happy golfing everyone

Dave Gilkison
President

WOMEN'S SECTION

We are still having pretty good numbers of ladies playing on a Wednesday & Saturday plus the weather has been reasonably fine which is a help.

The 5th Thinkwater shootout in May was won by Irene Palmer with a net 68. June's Thinkwater shootout was won by Joan Greer with a net 71.

Because we couldn't use the clubhouse on Wednesday 16th of June due to carpet being laid a few of us had 9 holes of golf then went up to the Hotel for lunch. We had a good turnout of 33 ladies lunching & chatting.

Friday the 25th June we are holding the Stylemaster Tournament here as due to the flooding Temuka is unable

to hold it this year. We are going to have a raffles table that day to raise a little money for the club.

Harrilyn Beck
Women's Captain

CENTENNIAL REPORT

We now have a total of 11 registrations for our weekend. Please don't leave it till the last week to register as it makes planning very difficult.

I would encourage all members to spread the word of this upcoming event as you are our best form of advertising. Many past members contact details are hard to track so if anyone knows someone who might be interested in attending can they please let us know and we can send out the registration forms.

The club's book is currently being updated. Any photos or stories you wish to share are very welcome. This is our chance to capture our club's special moments but we do need your help.

If you have any photos or memorabilia that could be displayed over the weekend please let us know

Judith Rees
Centennial Convenor

COURSE CONVENOR

Chris Murphy, our greenkeeper since 2007 will be leaving us at the end of August to take up the position of Course Superintendent at St Clair Golf Club in Dunedin. Chris has proven an asset to the club during his time here and we wish him well for the future.

Accordingly, we are seeking a replacement greenkeeper and an advertisement was placed on the NZ Golf Course Superintendents Assn. website last week. Applications close on the 30 June.

The recent rains were welcome, and it is pleasing to see our creek flowing again. Lime was applied to the fairways on the front nine the day prior to the rain so this got nicely washed in. Good winter playing conditions now prevail until spring arrives.

Whilst the rain caused little problem on the course, the softening of the greens surface allowed for them to be spiked for the purpose of aeration. Following on from

this all greens have been sprayed with iron sulphate, fungicide and for earthworm control.

Brian Green a long serving member has last week advised of his 'retirement' from the volunteer team. Brian was often found in the early mornings walking around the course either with a pair of shears in his hand or a knapsack on his back. Thanks, Brian for keeping all those distance markers nicely trimmed and controlling any weeds that grew around trees or alongside the creek.

This past week has seen contractors fell 2 conifer trees adjacent to No 7 fairway and our volunteer team made excellent progress clearing away branches and preparing heavier wood for cutting and later splitting into firewood.

Start will be made on the renewal of the irrigation main along No7 fairway, early in July. The 2 remaining tree stumps will be removed as well and this will allow for a start on the formation of the new mound. Replacement trees will also be planted behind the new mound and between the out of bounds line.

The stockpiles of soil and clay placed adjacent to the practice area will be used for the new mound.

Today, a team of volunteers completed splitting the wood stockpiled between No 15 and No 16. The effort saw 7 bins filled. Thanks to Tony Beck for providing and operating the wood splitter machine.

We have also this week received mowers for sharpening, and more are due to follow. Income from sharpening provides another source of income for the club, however this operation currently is reliant on just 2 volunteers. We have been fortunate to have another volunteer member join the team this week, ideally, we would like another one or 2 more persons who might be willing to learn about the sharpening operation.

If you are interested, please contact either myself or Chris.

Neville Burt,
Course Convenor

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 24 South Canterbury Agricultural Merchants Tournament
- 25 Women's Stylemaster
- 27 Jessie Miller Trophy Mixed Canadian Foursome Medal 12noon start.
(A & C Macgregor)

JULY

- 11 R R Jordan Trophy, Individual Stableford
- 18 Eagles Mid-Winter Dinner booking

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