



THE PPGC NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Christmas is just around the corner so on behalf of myself and the committee I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We feel for our women golfers who have, due to adverse weather conditions, had only managed one day's golf in the last 7 weeks. Maybe the New Year will bring improvements.

Also, because of the constant wet weather over the past 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 but fortunately two fine days at the beginning of this week have allowed Chris and the volunteers to mow the whole course in two days with the machines putting in some long hours. One of our volunteers discovered just how good the lights on the rough mower really are!! Hopefully with a few more dry days the course will be back to its usual high standard. The new sharpening equipment has been put to good use sharpening the club's mower blades which is a considerable saving to the club.

Entries for the Teams Tournament in January are now open with New World Timaru coming on as the sponsor and our thanks go to Aorangi Motors for their sponsorship of this tournament over several years.

Our AGM on the 5 December was well attended. The committee is mostly unchanged although we have lost Danny Lyons but gained Wendy Eaton. Thank you Danny and welcome Wendy however there is still a vacancy for the women's Vice Captain. Special thanks must go to Alton, the outgoing President, for his contribution and dedication to the committee and the club over the past two years. Congratulations go to Ian Rogers who was awarded a Life Membership of the club. The Summer Classic fliers have been sent out and the entries open on the 30 December. Enter on line on the club's website or pick up an entry form at the clubhouse. Our new format is, Saturday four ball best ball stableford, Sunday combined stableford.

This month we welcomed 5 new members, Jeff Paul, Bruce King, Ross Giles, Stephen Ballantyne, full memberships and Ben Johnson a Young Person member.

Junior Coaching has again been well supported this season and has finished for the year and will restart on the first Sunday in February 2019. My thanks go to Neville and his team for looking after our future golfers.

Thanks to all our volunteers who help in all areas of our club with those working on the course over the last month finding the conditions to be somewhat trying.

Ian McEwen
President

MEN'S SECTION

Reasonably quiet on the golfing front with the Summer programme underway. A large field enjoyed the Radius Care Elloughton Gardens Christmas Ambrose.

Congratulations to Rebecca Best and Dave Gilkison for winning the mixed foursomes for the second year in a row beating Blair Struthers and Sharon Kaka on the 19th hole.

I must also congratulate Craig Curtis on his round of 78-21-57 with 50 stablefords well done.

Hugh credit must go to Chris and his team for the conditions of the course at present as I'm sure it's not easy to try and get everything cut in between rainy days.

Thanks to Colin Eddington and Ian McEwen for their help

Wishing everyone a Great Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year

Dave Gilkison
Men's Captain

WOMEN'S SECTION

Heather said that women's summer golf was underway but most Wednesday's had suffered from wet weather over the previous month so little or no players attended.

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 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 restarts on the 11 January 2019. 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

Junior coaching has finished for this year, restarting on 3 February 2019. Open to all who wish to learn a thing or two about the game. Neville Burt is in charge 614 8122

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 13 Hyland family booking
10.30am Start
- 20 Pleasant Point Timaru New World
Sponsored Open Teams Stableford
Tournament (Match Committee)
- 25 Robbie Burns course booking.

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December/January

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