



THE PPGC NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi all, it's good to be back in Point after some well spent family time in Wellington and Melbourne. It's very rewarding to look over our course and its presentation knowing how much grass growth there's been. Chris and his helpers have done a fabulous job keeping up with the mowing! We have had a number of visitors so far this spring that have been very complementary of the course presentation. My hearty thanks go to all those who worked on it.

Our treasurer has reported a big increase in green fee revenue. In part, I believe this shows the benefit of changing over to sand based greens. Other courses near us have recently undergone their annual coring and soiling which renders difficult greens to play. Please remember our greens are still in the transition stage of development so the green speed will vary somewhat until the sand base is completed. The proposed course improvement plan has been emailed to those who have the Internet and copies will be available in the clubrooms. We look forward to your feedback.

During the past month our Ladies Club Championships were contested. Congratulations to all winners and runners-up. In the Silver grade Trish Crump defeated Julie Allan, Rosa Westgarth took out Bronze 1 over Diane Sutherland, Angela Curry prevailed against Rosemary Rhodes in the Bronze 2 section and Gay Henderson won the Bronze 3 grade.

Congratulations to our Thinkwater Shootout winners. Pauline Mack and Rose Allison managed to prevail over 8 other contestants to get to the final hole, which saw Pauline sink a 3-metre putt to win. In the Men's section Peter Bennett after a chip off on the last hole won from John Pitchford. This is a great completion thanks to Thinkwater for making it possible.

Welcome to the club 3 new members: Brian Christian, Alex Ulrich and Derrick Hill. As many of you know Brian has renewed his membership, it's great to have a good storyteller back!

We are starting to think about our Centenary celebration scheduled for Labour weekend 2021. Members interested in helping with its

organization please contact any committee member. Let's make this a special occasion.

Sunday Junior coaching is underway with about a dozen keen participants at 10am learning in the practice area off the Point highway through the Domain gates. We are happy for older beginning golfers to attend these lessons too. **THIS COACHING IS FREE.** There will be equipment available.

Contact Neville 614 8122 for any further information.

Finally 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

Alton Mangum
President

MEN'S SECTION

The Think Water Shootout was played in great conditions on Sunday 14th and the winner after a chip off on the last hole was Peter Bennett from John Pitchford. Congratulations Peter.

We have had several groups of visitors playing on Saturdays over the last few weeks and the feedback about the course from them has been glowing, to quote one player from Christchurch

"This course is in better condition the most of the courses in Christchurch, and would be a great place to retire to"

Our Champion of Champions team played at Temuka on Sunday but unfortunately didn't bring home the silverware

Also there has been plenty of good feedback about the speed of the greens so well done to Chris and his helpers for the way they have presented the course this month.

My thanks to Colin Eddington and Ian McEwen for their help this month.

Dave Gilkison
Men's Captain

WOMEN'S SECTION

Congratulations to all Winners and Runners-up in our Club Champs played in cool but fine weather:

Silver: Trish Crump defeated Julie Allan

Bronze 1: Rosa Westgarth defeated Diane Sutherland

Bronze 2: Angela Curry defeated Rosemary Rhodes

Bronze 3: Gay Henderson

The Thinkwater Shootout was played on Sunday in very nice weather with the course in very good condition and the greens very good thanks to Chris who was out early mowing. Our thanks go to Thinkwater and Grant Colliar for their generous sponsorship as it is a very sought after prize, the best amateurs can win.

Congratulations to the winner Pauline Mack over Rose Allison, plus the other monthly winners. Thanks to Heather McKerchar who assisted me with the marking.

3 of our Members, Pauline Mack, Marg. O'Neill and Joy Wild travelled to Waitoa Park but only played 9 holes as was rained out.

Ali Barrett, Julie Allan, Rosa Westgarth and Helena Love played in the Pink Ribbon Tournament at Methven, got very wet but came 6th so well done.

Our 9 hole Pennant Team came 2nd so congratulations to them.

Thanks to Marg. O'Neill for organizing our P P Senior Citizens day and to all others that provided food and help on the day.

Our Mystery Day organized by Rosemary Rhodes, Lynn Callon and Marg.O'Neill was another enjoyable outing, playing 9 holes at Fairlie and then a meal in town, so grateful thanks to them and the Fairlie ladies for providing lunch and refreshments.

Heather Mills

Women's Captain

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight golf begins on Friday 26 October. 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

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 18 Women's Bronze Champion of Champions Bronze division
- 20 Visit from Mayfield
- 21 Aorangi Family Golf event. 1pm start
- 22 Labour Day Stableford
- 23 Final of the Aorangi Penney Salver competition. 11am start. 12 players.
- 26 Insurance Institute Tournament.
- 27 Visit to Waitoa Park

NOVEMBER

- 4 Aorangi Team Golf Event over 6 holes. 1pm start.
- 6 Triangular 9 hole putting
- 11 Gardiner Trophy
- 18 Family Trophies

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