

THE PPGC NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month we hosted the Aorangi Golf Association Women's Champion of Champions final with Trish Crump, Rosa Westgarth and Lyn Blakie representing our club in the Silver, Bronze 1 and Bronze 11 sections. Congratulations to Rosa Westgarth for winning the Bronze 1 section and to Harrilyn Beck who won the Bronze 111 section which was played at Geraldine.

The women's closing day competition was won by Rosa Westgarth and Adrienne Morrison and the Saturday women's closing was won by Jacqui Fisher and Glynis Douglas.

If you wish to enter the men's 2021 Pennants the entry sheets are in the men's changing rooms.

A big thanks to Chris and the volunteers for the superb condition for the course over the last month which included the Aorangi Champion of Champions course booking. Reminder to members that there is 10 crates of firewood for sale at \$250 each.

Course Convenor, Nevin O'Rourke informed the committee that, because he and Lesley were planning to move to Nelson, he would not be standing to be the club's Course Convenor for 2021. He thanked the committee and Chris Murphy and all the volunteers for their support over the three years he had held this position. President Ian McEwen thanked Nevin for his huge efforts and work. It is greatly appreciated.

Neville Burt & Ian McEwen completed the annual Health and Safety review with Natalie Parsons from Safety Online via a Zoom meeting recently. Overall, Natalie felt that we were performing very well and are quite pro-active with our Health & Safety and more so when compared to many other golf clubs.

Junior Coaching is going well with good turnouts of up to 17 kids some Sunday mornings. Coaching will finish for this year on Sunday 13 December and restart at the end of January next year.

Keep in mind that our 100th year anniversary is being celebrated at Labour weekend in 2021.

We have welcomed four new members to our club recently. Pat Duffy, Ladies section, Phil Hughes Liam Andrews and Seamus O'Toole in the men's section.

As it was President Ian McEwen's last club committee meeting he thanked the committee members for all their support over the past two years.

The clubs Annual General Meeting is planned for the 7 December at the clubrooms at 7.30pm.

Members are urged to attend.

Ian McEwen, President

MEN'S SECTION

A bit quieter this month as the lead up to Christmas comes.

The 4BBB was won by Ian Blakemore & Alan Cone over Dave Henshaw & Roger Cartwright after extra holes.

On Wednesday 28 October I attended the meeting of the Aorangi Golf Association men's match committee. Pennant teams' entries are wanted early and the sheets are up in the men's changing rooms. Playing numbers for Saturday are around 70 average and Thursdays are getting good numbers too. I guess the warmer weather could have something to do with it. The ladies have now joined the men till the end of January.

Colin Eddington
Men's Captain

WOMEN'S SECTION

We hosted the Champion of Champions last month with 34 in the field. Rosa Westgarth won Bronze A and Harrilyn Beck was also the winner of the Bronze 111 held at Geraldine. Congratulations to both of them a great effort and everyone else that played also.

We ran a successful raffle on the day so many thanks to the ladies for supplying raffles. My thanks also to Chris and the volunteers for the high standard of the course.

Closing Day was won by Rosa Westgarth & Adrienne Morrison and Saturday Closing was won by Jacqui Fisher & Gloria Douglas.

Ali Barrett and Heather Mills are continuing to master the new score card system and it is working well.

We have our Prize giving and Dinner this Wednesday and are playing an Ambrose in the afternoon.

The 9 holers are enjoying good numbers and are busy as usual with their competitions.

Heather McKerchar,
Women's Captain

COURSE CONVENOR

The back nine fairways have been sprayed for daises with the front nine to be sprayed soon.

Chris has been working on the on the irrigation system and the pumps are working well after some electrical problems have been sorted out. He has fixed the leak

on No. 11 and the green-side irrigator on 18 is working again. Mowing of greens, fairways and rough is on-going although growth is slowing slightly and the course is looking great.

All of the branches that were trimmed from trees on the course have been cut up for firewood. This has resulted in at least 19 crates of firewood for sale at \$250 each.

Thanks to the volunteers who put in a big effort last Tuesday to get this finished.

Nevin O'Rourke
Course Convenor

JUNIOR SECTION

Junior golf coaching is going very well to date and we have had attendances of 17 and 15 for the past 2 Sundays.

A few are bringing their friends to introduce them to the game plus we are getting excellent parent support. We do have a couple of promising players and one boy in particular is now looking to obtain a handicap. It is also good that we have had a couple of girls attend plus interest from a mother.

Overall the attitude of the kids is great and they seem to be enjoying themselves.

With the backing of this committee I would like to look at running a more in-depth coaching programme over a 2-3 day period in December after school finishes for this year. I envisage a group of 4-5 children and these would be selected from our Sunday group and would be based on attitude and interest in the game.

We will finish up for the current year on Sunday 13th Dec and start again at the end of Jan 2021.

Neville Burt, Junior Convenor

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 17 Beef & Lamb clubhouse booking. 6pm
- 18 Women's Closing, 1pm Ambrose, 6.00pm Dinner, 7.30pm Trophies
- 20 Aorangi Golf Association meeting in the clubhouse from 1pm.
- 22 KPMG/YMCA Charity Tournament 12 noon start.
- 28 Eagles Hosted Tournament booking. 12 noon start

DECEMBER

- 5 Radius Care Christmas Ambrose (own teams). (Match Committee)

- 6 Volunteer Shout 3.30 to 5pm at the clubhouse.
- 7 Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm at the clubhouse.
- 12 McPhedran Trophy. Mixed Canadian Foursome Stableford 12noon Start (Mr C & Mrs H Taylor)

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