

# THE PPGC NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sadly we have had a sudden death on the golf course. Earlier this month Trevor Gibson passed away while playing the game he loved. Trevor was a regular 9 hole member and during the mowing season would spend many hours a week mowing the rough. He will be sorely missed by his fellow players and volunteers. Special thanks to those who did their best to try and help Trevor on that day. Our sympathy goes to his family. Thank you very much to the St Johns area committee for organising and donating the replacement pads for our defibrillator machine.

Spring is finally here and the volunteers have continued trimming and removing many of the low branches on tress around the course. These have been stacked ready to cut up for firewood. As a part of regular maintenance the greens were verti-cut and sanded last week and the mowing of the greens, fairways and rough is in full swing.

The club championship playoffs have now finished with finalist found in both the men's and women's grades. The final will be played on the 4 October. Good luck to all who have made it.

The women's 9<sup>th</sup> shootout winner was Ali Barrett nett 68 and the 10<sup>th</sup> was won by Christine Macgregor with a nett 71, the men's 9<sup>th</sup> shootout winner was Ian McEwen nett 65. The final for the shootout will be held on the 18 October. Good luck to them too.

We had another very successful Women's 9 hole Tournament with 57 entries. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Congratulations to Donald Turner who had a hole in one on the 17 September on the par 3 number 16. Well done Donald.

On the 24 September the club hosted, on behalf of the Aorangi Eagles, the Women's Halberg Teams Tournament. 31 teams of four enjoyed the day and congratulations to all the winners and to the players for supporting this worthy cause. All moneys raised during the day is donated the Halberg Children's Disability Trust. Thank you everyone for your support.

With daylight saving now upon us, our Junior/new golfers coaching is due to begin on the 4 October from 10-11am at the practice area off the Point

highway, through the Domain Gates. **THIS COACHING IS FREE.** There will be equipment available for attendees to use.

Contact Neville 614 8122 for any further information. On Friday the 18 September Peter Hayes brought 45 the last part of the Introduction to Golf programme organised by the Aorangi Golf Association.

The clubs 100th year centenary celebrations are set for Labour weekend 2021. Members are being contacted and this has been advertise on the clubs website and Facebook page. We are hoping that past and present members will get on board to celebrate this milestone.

Thank you to all the volunteers for all their work keeping the club running efficiently.

Ian McEwen  
President

## MEN'S SECTION

Ian McEwen was the 9<sup>th</sup> Thinkwater Shootout winner with nett 65

The finalists for the club champs have been found with the Seniors - Daniel Kelliher will play Alex Kelliher, Intermediate - Mac Kelliher v Peter Corry, Junior A - Geoff Roberts v Lyal Cullen, Junior B - Brian Christian v Ian Rogers. This will be played on October 4. As far as I can find out this will be a first time for a club to have three brothers playing in the finals.

Colin Eddington  
Men's Captain

## WOMEN'S SECTION

It has been another busy month, the 9th LGU & Shootout was won by Ali Barrett with a nett 68 and the 10th LGU was won by Christine McGregor with a nett 71 on a c/b from Angela Curry.

We held a successful 9 Hole Tournament on the 4th of September with 57 in the field, many thanks

to my committee and the 9 Hole Ladies who all helped on the day. The Saturday v Wednesday competition was held recently with Saturday coming out the winners and congratulations to Brenda McEwen with 38 stblfd for winning the Joan McFarlane Trophy.

This week is our Mystery Day where we are travelling to Lake Hood to try out the 9 Hole par 3 course followed by lunch at the Lake House we have good numbers coming and hope everyone enjoys their day.

Congratulations to Daph Campbell for winning her grade at the recent Assn Vets Tournament at Ashburton. Carolyn Harkness won her grade at the Assn 9 Hole Tournament so congratulations to her. The Nancy MacCormick Trophy was held with the field playing 18 holes this year. Congratulations to Harrilyn Beck and Rose Allison for winning it for the second year in a row. The Club Champ matches are nearly all played with just a couple to go.

Heather McKerchar,  
Women's Captain

## **COURSE CONVENOR**

The last 3 Tuesday mornings' have seen a group of volunteers trimming and removing the lower branches from many more trees on the course. Most branches have been stacked ready to be cut up for firewood and the remainder will be removed from the course at a working bee tomorrow. At the same time the pond on 16 will be cleaned out.

As part of the regular maintenance, the greens were verti-cut and sanded last week and mowing of greens, fairways and rough is in full swing. Further to this we have approached some more members to help with the mowing and they have been keen to help out.

Nevin O'Rourke  
Course Convenor

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 23 Women's Mystery Day**
- 24 Eagles Women's Halberg  
Tournament**
- 28 S C Anniversary Day**

## **OCTOBER**

- 4 Men's & Women's Final of  
Club Championships**
- 17 Stableford Round  
(G Roberts & P Dixon)  
Visit from Mayfield**
- 18 Final - Men's & Women's  
Thinkwater Timaru Shootout  
(Club Captains)**

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