



Newsletter

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From the Management Committee

From the Presidents Chair

There has been a lot of discussion over the year regarding nine hole membership. Apparently it was passed at the AGM in 2019. Unfortunately, as you all know, those minutes were lost a big thank you to Janette Sprott and Diane Gebbie for producing some valuable information on previous minutes before the actual AGM in 2019. At the management committee meeting held on Monday night there was good discussion held about the benefits of having a nine hole membership. The management committee will discuss at its next meeting how this will happen for the ensuing financial year.

Those that have been to the course in the last few weeks will have noticed the great improvements in the paths leading up to the club house and down from the No 1 tee and through to No 3 tee block. Big thanks to the Green's team and the volunteers, it certainly tidies up the place.

Welcome to new members

- Paul Kieranowski
- Ian Hannington
- Matthew McCall - AM
- Ryan Ford - AM

The new club website

What a fantastic job has been done by John Rogers – Big Thanks.

Your calendar of events is now up-to-date on line.

Your results from dotgolf are up immediately following results being finalised for the day.

You can book online with a link from the website.

Greens committee

July has been a very wet month on the golf course which has caused significant disruption for many players. When we decide to close the course to motorised carts, we don't take this decision lightly, our main concerns are for looking after the course but we are also mindful of the age of our membership and the course being open to all players when possible. Your understanding in this is much appreciated. Roll on spring!!

Our main development project is nearing completion. We have just installed our ring main around the new putting green, the next step is to finish levelling the area and hopefully be able to sow the grass by the end of the month. Thanks to Sharon Screen we shall soon have a planting guide for around the greens shed and practise area, once again thank you very much for all your work in this area Sharon.

Due to the amount of strong wind's, we have experienced this winter we have seen a large amount of tree and limb damage, with thanks to Brent Earnshaw, Mark Tentori and of course James this has all been cleaned up cut and split. We have a huge amount of firewood stored away for many winters to come.

Once again, a big thank you to all those people who give up their time to help out around the course. Your efforts are much appreciated by James and myself, these include Murray Chapman, Brent Earnshaw, Mark Tentori, Doug Elliot, Dave Livesey and Tony Pye

Craig Scott
Greens Convenor

House and Bar

A new log burner has been ordered and we are awaiting consent from SDC before this can go in. Maybe in time for next winter??? Oh, update, watch this space....

The louvre roof has been ordered, we are all eagerly awaiting its arrival and installation in time for the summer sun, which when it arrives will require a few volunteers to assist in the construction and installation. Keep a look out for the request for assistance.

The number of members who have stepped up and volunteered to work the bar on playing days has been pleasing and hopefully soon we will have the new cash register system to make it even easier.

To ensure we abide by our licence to sell liquor you will have noted we now have a sign with the name of the duty manager on it, this is to ensure we comply. Also clear instructions will be promulgated to ensure all members know the rules around the bar plus a guide to working behind the bar including duties etc.

From the Treasurer

There will be no increase in membership fees this year but we will not be offering a discount for early payment. All memberships must be paid in full by the end of November to remain in the DotGolf system, unless you have set up a payment plan with the treasurer, to do this email treasurer@taitapugolf.co.nz (payments to be completed within 4 months with a \$50 set up fee)

Link to membership fees are available on our NEW website (link below)

Membership info - Tai Tapu Golf Club

Please see membership fees listed below

– prices are per annum from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

- Full Men's \$470
- Full Women's \$445
- Men's Mid-week membership \$400
- Women's 9 Holes \$400
- Junior Membership \$85
- Non-playing membership \$35

Tuesday Ladies

July has been a very wet month which has caused a couple of our Tuesdays to be cancelled and the need to reconvene our programme. Fortunately with spare days purposely made into our programme it hasn't been too difficult to accommodate these.

July 20th was a beautiful sunny crisp winter's day when 26 Ladies ventured to enjoy their Tuesday golfing at Pegasus. Play was delayed approximately 30 minutes due to frost but the time passed quickly with some ladies enjoying a cup of coffee in the 'Bunker Cafe' or just generally getting themselves organized into their cart and familiarizing themselves with the GPS. The 9 Holes indicated they loved the time on the course and would wish to try the second 9 holes. I don't think they are aware of no 15 hole plus a couple of the others especially as the wind tends to pick up about the time one embarks over there. With one 9 Hole player getting 21 stablefords she

may find the second 9 Holes is a breeze!! The 18 Hole Ladies had a mixed bag of stablefords with Liz Reed getting 39 and a few others between there and 29 stablefords and always very challenged on holes 15 and 16. In all a great day was had by everyone.

We are looking ahead to Ladies AGM on the 21st of August taking a different format this year due to bringing the Clubs AGM forward. This is to allow for the newcomers time to learn and be supported as required into their roles before Christmas. Rather than a whole day being dedicated to our AGM and Prize giving we will have the AGM Meeting after our regular golf game which is the 2nd qualifying round for the Championships. Our Prize Giving will be held as planned in the programme later in the year.

The Ladies Committee have been informed of the availability of placing through the green due to wet weather. The Ladies Match Committee can make that decision on Tuesdays in the near future as required.

Julie Livesey
Ladies Captain

Wednesday group

The attendances at Wednesday golf have continued to be down over the month of July due to bad weather and with NO Carts allowed on course this reduced our numbers but we still had a hardy bunch of 30 – 40 players out and the 9 holers, as a group has grown to a regular 12 players

The July Voucher Day winner was Basil MacPherson with a 65 Nett.

The new Card scanner has been a huge success and the results are now being done a lot quicker.

The Wednesday players are always being encouraged to adopt a hole and are fixing divots and pitch marks on their way around the course. After the correct method of repairing the pitch marks was explained it is now showing the results with the Greens having less damage.

The hot saveloys and bread after match has been well received by the members. This will continue until early spring.

The August Voucher day has been postponed until the 18th August and hopefully by then we will have had some good weather and the course is a little bit drier.

Murray has informed the Wednesday group members of the dates for the nominations and the groups AGM. And has asked members to think about this matter and step up to form the committee for the 2022 season

Saturday Men

No report due to unforeseen circumstances



Dave Adams and Tony Pye winners of the Ron Holmes memorial trophy.

Paterson Cup

Wow, what a triumph. Our Tai Tapu Green team came through to win the Paterson Cup. A feat that has not happened since 2005 – a long time between drinks.

They very bravely went on to win the Ashley Bergh Trophy and the Cresswell Cup.



From left to right

Dave Le Page,
Jason Blair,
Sean Spencer,
Murray Chapman,
David Burt,
Derek Watson,
Bevin Ryan

Central Canterbury Masters Interclub

The draw is now available on the Canterbury golf website, link attached below. First round is at Hororata on 22/08/2021

<http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz/interclub/mens/central-canterbury-masters/canterbury-central-masters-zone-2/>

Thank you to volunteers around course etc

Amazing work has been done by a crew (led by our Greenkeeper James Lee and Course Convenor Craig Scott). I have seen many hours (I would say in the hundred's) of Craig Scott manoeuvring a digger with much grace and expertise.



The roading gang

He has been ably helped by Mark Tentori, Brent Earnshaw Murray Chapman and David Livesey to create a stunning new driveway and cart paths and resurfaced the drive up to the clubhouse.

Big huge thanks!!!!

From the office

Well I love the view from the window with all the trees gone.

Scorecards Please use pen or dark pencil on the new scorecards, also make sure that you X is a nice big one that fills the square and if you make a mistake cross it out – don't erase it – the scanner is sensitive enough to pick up the imprint.

Just a note regarding tee bookings on dot golf. These are to ensure that you get a tee-off time that you want. We can be very busy at times

- If you only book for one person but turn up with four others may have booked another group of 3 in that timeslot beside you. I understand if you don't want to pay greenfees for your visitors but all you have to do is call the office (on a non-club day) and get me to add those names for you.
- Also, if you are late – even only a couple of minutes, you may have to wait for others before you can go. Please respect others.

I want to say a big thanks to the groups that tidy up after themselves. This is your clubhouse and you should treat it with respect – like your home, our volunteers on club days shouldn't have to do this for you.

- If you move it, put it back (chairs, tables, sun blinds etc)
- If you dirty it, clean it (spills, glasses)
- If you use it, replace it

I am here to help, just a phone call away.

Upcoming Events

Summertime Classic – Feb 2022

This committee is going to be headed by Murray Chapman.

Go all you go-getters out there offers of interest to assist on the committee are being sought.