



Official Newsletter of the Waipu Golf Club Inc

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FROM THE BOARD

Fees and Charges: The Board will be having a number of meetings over the next two months to discuss and set the fees and charges for the 2020/21 period. If any Member wants to make a submission or has a view on these please write to the Board Secretary or discuss with any Board Member. The Board recognises that Covid -19 is having an effect on the NZ economy but how this effects the “golfing community “ is not clear yet.

Fire Protection: We have had a number of “false alarms” with the sensors coming” to life” with out any smoke and/ or fire. This is costing the Club call out fees from the monitoring firm. We have been advised, that because of the salt laden environment the sensors are now not fit for purpose and all need replacing. We are waiting on a price to replace them with quality sensors and to add some in the new cart shed.

Point of Sale Equipment: This is up and running, and staff training almost completed. There are the usual teething issues but we are having good support from the supplier. The next stage is to implement the Club Card system over the next few months and this should be operational for the next membership period.

Cafe: No further developments. The provision of the limited range of food enables us to comply with the our Liquor Licence, and seems to be satisfying Members needs. .

Clubhouse Water: Another tank is to be placed by the existing one which Ross Seward has sourced at a very competitive price. Ross said we have most of the materials and he will complete installation. The latest account from the Whangarei District Council for the 173 days ending the 2nd June 2020 was \$690.33 for 296000 litres or 1711 litres /day. The water we purchase supplies the Clubhouse, rental house and the Ground staff quarters.

Enjoy your golf. Gary, Chair

FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mays result was a profit of \$531 compared to a loss in May 2019 of \$25000. The 2020 result was helped by the \$25700 wage subsidy from NZ Taxpayers for the 5 weekly payroll cycle in the month. The result therefore was similar to last year.

May revenue, remember for part of the month we were still in lockdown, was down 44%-- \$8000. on May 2019. However a significant contribution to income was from green fees \$9000.

Offsetting the decreased revenue was a significant reduction in expenses, mainly course maintenance. With the Clubhouse closed for an extended period there was a reduction in electricity and cleaning

Bob, Finance Director

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FROM THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Grounds Report

June saw some more good levels of rainfall and our pond level has risen to 1.875m which is getting towards the 2m mark we would like to be around come summertime. Last summer is being recorded as the 5th driest summer on record so while it was good for the beach goers it wasn't the best for our course as our fairways showed.

Some people have asked why we slice the fairways. Primarily it's to open up the ground surface to allow the nutrient and moisture on top of the sand base to get further down into the soil profile so that the roots of the Kikuyu will go deeper in search of moisture instead of across the top of the ground. Having nutrients deeper in the profile also allows fertiliser something to bind onto and hold in the profile instead of just leeching away.

Players may have noticed an area up by the 8th green that has been sprayed to kill off weeds. This is in preparation for trialling some species of couch grasses that we can then transplant into our fairways. Couch, like Kikuyu, is a warm season grass with a high degree of drought tolerance and colonises well even in dry sandy conditions.

While this project is ongoing and a lengthy process we are continuing, with the help of some willing volunteers, to transplant plugs and turfs of Kikuyu onto areas of various fairways.

And speaking of volunteers we have a working bee scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month and any members that can assist are welcomed and appreciated. Especially ones who have a big tractor with a mulcher on it. Much appreciated Craig Duffus. Thanks to all others who turned up on Thursday as every little bit helps us move forward.

Our greens continue to be favourably commented on and are rolling evenly at around 9 feet. Recent sandings and rollings will firm the greens a bit more which will also lift the green speed a little more.

Help us help our course by repairing pitch marks on greens and divots on fairways. If you have a sand bucket (hint hint) with you and spy some divots on tees, especially the par 3's, tip some sand into the divots. Every little bit helps. The grounds guys

OVERHEARD

A long time Member playing the 11th was heard to say that he was very disappointed with the condition of the fairway as there is too much grass/weeds/kikuyu and he does not get as much run as he used to! He did add that the course is the best he has ever seen it

SPONSORSHIP CORNER

Cogan Custom Homes specialize in architecturally designed homes, bespoke renovations and recladding, providing expert personalised building services across the Bream Bay area.

Recently director Craig Cogan re branded from Craig Cogan Builder to reflect the growth the company has experienced since it established in One Tree Point in 2007.

"We felt the time was right to change the name. I started off as a sole trader and have grown the team to around 12 builders plus subcontractors. We wanted the name to reflect who we were and what we did "

Craig who has over 25 years of experience in the building industry both here and overseas works closely with clients to get to know them and their preferences, providing accurate timely quotes that are detailed and transparent - with no delays or surprises at the end. His extensive experience across the industry brings a wealth of value to the business along with his team of builders.

Craig is a keen golfer and been a member at the club from a young age, with a strong desire to see our wonderful course fully irrigated one day soon.

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FROM THE WOMEN

We have had a steady attendance on Tuesdays since golf restarted, 20-23 18-hole players and the 9-hole numbers are increasing. It is so good that we are once again able to meet together in the morning, no longer have to social distance, and can move around chatting at lunch time. Golf has returned to near normal.

Many thanks go to Polly and Greg who have been coordinating the supply of the food, always difficult to please everyone, but you have given us some good things to choose from. Also, a big thank you to the women who have made soup and scones.

All national competitions and pennants matches have been cancelled, also our 18-hole open tournament was cancelled in June. However, Robyn has rescheduled our club fixtures, Top Cat, Suvalko, Rabbage Cup and Fairly 4BBB matches are all underway. Thank you to Janet and Lillian for their input.

Jan Pivac has been coordinating the work on our gardens, she and a small group of people have done a great job, thank you. I am concerned that Jan has not had more help, it is difficult to find a day or time that suits everyone, however Jan has offered to make herself available if members tell her when they can come. Also thank you to Colin, Greg and his team plus Dick Pivac who have helped taking away rubbish and done the more physical tasks.

The course is in very good condition, so good golfing.

Helen

DOT GOLF & VISITORS

Have you had difficulty getting your preferred start time.? As I sit here penning this item on a Sunday morning for our newsletter, I thought I'd see if I could book Laurie and I an early start before predicted rains arrive.

I could. At 8.54am !! An hour after the tee times open. Saturday morning was worse. We got 9.52am. In fact if you are looking for an early start on most mornings I strongly suggest you book online for a preferred start time. Why is this becoming an issue? Easy answer is Visitors are finding our course and we are open for business. So back to today's Dot Golf bookings. Of the 40 players teeing off before 9.15 half of them are visitors and that's great for club finances.

We also seem to be attracting good interest from groups of golfers looking for different golf experiences. We have secured a good number of these groups including the Kiwi Golf group on 2nd August where they have booked in for up to 90 players at 10am for shotgun start tournament. Another group of mainlanders are joining us on 29th August and we already have their names and player Id's in the system. New Zealand Sports Development has approached us for a group of up to 60 for late July/August and there have been plenty of other groups in the 8 to 16 players range we have and are booking in to play our course.. Click go the tills, click click click..\$\$\$

So here's a hint. If you want a preferred start time, especially an early one. Book yourself in on Dotgolf.

Greg



9 Hole Tartan Tournament

Gross, Nett, Stableford - 2 Divisions

Separate Men's Division

Entry fee: \$15

Twos Optional : \$2

Lunch Available

Thursday
23rd of July
2020

Shot gun

Start

9:30 am

Entries close Friday 16th of July 2020

ID & Index with all entries please

Entries to E: waipu@golf.co.nz P: 09 432 0259

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members.

Ben and Paul Simkin - approved by the Board at the 29 June meeting.

A big welcome too for reinstated members, we look forward to seeing you on the fairways again soon.

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

There is plenty of new stock available in the shop so have a browse and see if there is something you like in there. If you are after anything in particular, please let the staff know and they will try to source it for you..

FROM THE MEN

Well, men's club stroke play champs are over and match play is underway. Saturday haggles are being well supported.

A group of 28 of Northland Eagles Golfing Society and wives paid Waipu a visit on Saturday 20th June. A great day was had by all (the weather turning out fine after all) and 13 Waipu players joined in on their scramble. Men's President, Murray MacFadyen and Club Patron, Dick Pivac and his wife Jan welcomed the Eagles following the golf.

Bob Rosevear, the National President of NZ Eagles was present. President of the Northland branch, Paul Alexander complimented the Club on the excellent condition of the course (no surprise that he did well in the prizes). Murray Donaldson topped the men's division with 39 points and Julie Gordon was the leading lady.

At prizegiving, I was presented a voucher by Paul to the value of \$550, \$250 for the use of the Waipu Juniors and \$300 as sponsorship for the junior Top of the Harbour Tournament.

Thank you Eagles.

Upcoming events – Remember we have the Anchorage Mixed Open on Saturday 8th August please come along and support this tournament.

It is beginning to look like we can return to some sense of normality with Covid seeming to be controlled here in NZ.

Please take care everybody and good golfing

Murray

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to Calvin Ross, **MASTERCRAFT KITCHENS**, for taking up the challenge and coming aboard with sponsoring a Tee sign site.

Craig Cogan, **Cogan Custom Homes** for providing an item for my Sponsorship Corner in the Newsletter, informing us about himself and his business. I hope to have an article on a different major sponsor each month.

Whilst everything has been quiet in the sponsorship corner you may have seen the bright yellow wrapping of the PAK'n SAVE cart. Thank you PAK'n SAVE for your sponsorship.

We still have six carts without wrapping. They go for \$1000 plus GST. Any ideas please

When we accept sponsorship, we tailor a package to promote a win/win for both parties. We look to build a relationship and promote their businesses. Please refer to them when you are looking at good and services you may require.

Thank-you, Frances Warren

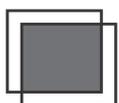
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