



Official Newsletter of the Waipu Golf Club Inc

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### FROM THE BOARD

The Board would like to thank you, our Members for the way you have responded to the Covid-19 requirement to book your rounds of golf via Dot Golf. We believe the Saturday scramble has been better patronised than pre Covid-19 and the number of visitors is far greater than expected. Having the availability of times to play enables visitors to book and have certainty of playing rather than just rolling up and hoping for a spot to play. Last Saturday players were still arriving at 3.30pm. So online booking is to remain as part of good management of our golfing business.

The Cafe/ Kitchen-- Thanks to Ross Seward and Ron Cave for the refurbishing work which involved stopping the holes, sanding, tiling (donated by Ross) behind the fryers and 3 coats of enamel paint applied by Ron. The Board is evaluating the options for the future management of the cafe / kitchen. As part of this process the Board wishes to consult with any Member or their families, staff or persons known to the Club who may be interested in re-establishing the cafe business. Please contact Greg.

With income uncertain while we rebuild, the Board is managing staff hours to minimise our costs in the clubhouse and course maintenance. Bar and Shop staff have been covering both shop and Bar duties on some days. The Board last year allocated funds to modernise our finance/cash management system. On the 8<sup>th</sup> June this will be installed by Eccosse, our selected supplier. Members will be given new Membership Cards which will store data on mag strips and will enable "cashless" transactions and provide more detailed analysis of the Clubs revenue streams and cost centres and enable differential pricing.

The Board is very pleased with how the Clubs "product", the course looks. The positive comment being received from Members and visitors, is a testimony to the work and skill of the grounds team. The Covid-19 lock down gave the course a breather and allowed the grounds team and volunteers the chance to undertake some good maintenance projects assisted by staff and equipment from Tara Iti Golf. To continue to improve our course the Board has approved the purchase of another 20 tonnes of Bio Boost fertiliser to be applied on the fairways, the approaches to the greens and their surroundings and the tees.

Enjoy your golf. Gary, Chair

### FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

April's result for the month of a \$14.3k loss compared to April 2019 monthly loss of \$4.2k. The 2020 result was enhanced by the \$20.6k allocation of the wages subsidy for the 4 weekly payroll cycles in the month. The cost of wages for employed staff in the month net of the wage's subsidy was only \$229. Contractor payments of \$1090 was on top of this. This certainly made the dire loss of ~95% of golfing revenue, for the month compared to last year, a lot more bearable.

With the further easing to level 2 restrictions hopefully green fees and cart fees will continue to increase albeit it may be sometime before volumes are back near 'normal'.

Bob Glen : Director

An advertisement for Ian &amp; Cheryl Kitchen, Real Estate Agents. It features a photo of the couple and contact information: M 021 519 557 M 021 736 658, P 09 430 1000, ian.kitchen@harcourts.co.nz, cheryl.kitchen@harcourts.co.nz, www.harcourts.co.nz. Logos for Optimize Realty Ltd and Harcourts are also present.

An advertisement for Hubands energy, featuring a stylized orange and yellow sun logo and the text "Hubands energy".

An advertisement for COGAN CUSTOM HOMES. It lists services: New Homes / Renovations / Pools / Small Jobs. Contact info: Showhome open by appointment, 13 Graham Street, OTT. Ph Craig 021 226 4267, Email: craig@cogan.co.nz, www.cogancustomhomes.co.nz. Includes a NZ CBH logo.

An advertisement for Signature HOMES. It features the logo and tagline "YOUR HOME. YOUR WAY." and contact information: Craig Dackers, Ph: 432 7980 | Mob 027 5361 942.

## FROM THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Well this is not a story from the bible but the plague seems to be abating and the rains have started. 40 days and 40 nights would be good as long as it eased for our playing days and is not followed by the locusts.

So we will start with the thanks.

Thanks to Tara Iti Golf for the assistance with machinery and staff to undertake the verti draining for us. Big thanks to Jason for his effort and Brian for setting this up.

Then to the old boys Merv, Roger, John and young Colin for the clean up work with sanding and fairway slicing.

Next big thanks goes to the ladies group for their gardening effort. Again this is appreciated and frees up time for the guys to do the heavy lifting jobs around the place.

So that's the bouquets. Now the brick bats.

Seems that over the lockdowns that many people have forgotten that repairing pitch marks is a player responsibility, so can we all make a big effort to repair any pitch marks on greens. I try to find three on the greens I'm playing and repair them.

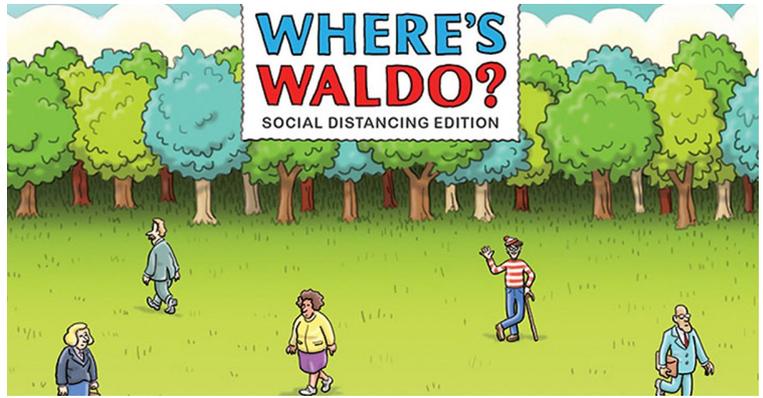
Sand buckets are back, so divots on fairways and tee boxes are targets every time we play. PLEASE..

Finally to end on a sh...y note. If you use the on course toilets and make a deposit please follow the instructions and use the lever to sweep your deposit to the side. The toilets are self composting but the..... needs to be moved by the mover of the movement. Thanks.

Finally gentlemen, the men's committee are reinstating a monthly working bee. The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. So would love to see as many as possible on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. 8.30am at the clubhouse. We will be relocating kikuyu plus onto selected areas of fairways.

We have included a picture of what we are trying and achieving with the fairway turf.

Thanks from the Grounds guys



## SPONSORSHIP CORNER

Pharma Health (PH) started trading in 1999. The Managing Director, Kennedy Garland, wanted to provide safe, stable, effective, researched-based health supplements for those New Zealanders wanting quality healthcare products. The business quickly grew as people discovered the quality and effectiveness of the range of products. With 9 top selling products by 2010 PH had over 5% of the NZ natural health market.

The owner downsized the company in 2015 which coincided with his shift to Waipu. All but 2 products were either sold or passed onto a co-distributor. The two remaining products, Lyprinol and CardioMax, are promoted on the 13th tee signage.

A division of PH (Medipharma NZ Ltd) launched the animal version of Lyprinol, Antinol 4 years ago. This product is now available in over 50% of vet clinics. Interestingly the Kamo Wildlife Sanctuary requested Antinol for its big cats and over 15 of their aged big animals are taking Antinol daily with great results.



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## FROM THE WOMEN

It is great to be back playing golf again, and a huge thanks to the ground staff who have done an amazing job, maintaining the course which is a pleasure to play on.

Since lock down things have been very different, however it is easy to social distance on the golf course and hopefully everyone is now familiar with booking on line, new skills learnt for some. We have had a good number of ladies playing on Tuesday and Saturday. We are now moving forwards; we played a scramble on the 19<sup>th</sup> May which was won by Chris Wooding with 41 stb pts followed by Lynne Causer with 39 stb pts.

26<sup>th</sup> May we started our club competitions playing Par which was won by Hanna Carrington followed by Julie Gordon both on -1.

Our fixtures are being rearranged to fit in the ones we missed during lock down.

Since the caterer left in March Greg Shanaghan and Polly have been doing a great job making arrangements for food to be available. This is obviously limited by the lack of equipment in the kitchen; however, we are gradually collecting the things we need. Part of the golfing experience is to sit down with friends in the club house after a game, in my case often the best part of my day, so we look forward to getting the food back.

Good golfing and stay safe.

Helen

## MEMBERSHIP

*Welcome to our new members.*

Joe Batchelor  
Joe Leggat  
Rodney Humpage  
Dean Adolph  
Logan Campbell  
Fraser Knight

*We hope you enjoy playing golf at Waipu.*

Welcome back too, members who have renewed their membership – we look forward to playing golf with you again:

Des Scott  
Pat Hall  
Clarry Churches

## CAFÉ OPERATIONS

As members will be aware the Tee Cafe ceased operations during the Covid shutdown and will not recommence as a cafe.

In the interim we are providing the required level of food to comply with our Liquor Licence but we need to look to future so.

In the first instance are there any staff, club members or family of members who would like the opportunity to cater at our Golf Club.

Please make contact with Greg Shanaghan on 021 448737 or email [gregshanaghan@gmail.com](mailto:gregshanaghan@gmail.com)

## SPONSORSHIP

The very good news is Kennedy Garland of Pharma Health is going to sponsor the Women's 9 Hole Tournament on Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a very popular tournament that our 9 Hole golfers are very proud of and put on a great show. Kennedy who is a member, is very generous and much appreciated.

I have asked Kennedy to start our Sponsorship Corner item for the Newsletter, informing us about himself and his business. I hope to have an article on a different major sponsor each month.

More good news is the sponsorship debt is down considerably. Thank you very much for the payments.

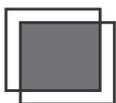
The bad news that after working through several contracts with a keen sponsor, for several months, offering very flexible contra contracts, they pulled the plug out, so we need a sponsor for the Mixed Christmas Tournament. I have contacted another possible sponsor for an appointment but please know that I am open to suggestions.

We still have one Tee sign site available. They go for \$400 plus GST. Any ideas please

Last but not least a very warm thank-you to Betty and Richard Wakelin for their generous sponsorship of the Christmas Tournament for the last few years.

Thank-you

Frances Warren



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