

# Anyone For Tee?

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## FROM THE EDITOR



Reading all of my editors reports they are all feeling the days of Spring are here so I say no more. Getting to the business end of the season now and the Champ of champs start. All the best to you all and no matter what the handicap enter and have a go in your division.

**Beryl**

## FROM HELEN QUIZ ORGANISER

### CLUB FUNDRAISER

# ? QUIZ NITE ?

### QUIZ NIGHT RE-SCHEDULED

**Saturday 26th September at 6pm**

Thanks to those who entered teams and to the ladies who have offered to cook.

We cancelled our quiz night in August because of a clash with another quiz night in Waipu. However, we only had 4 teams.

This will be a fun night and has the potential to raise money for our club.

**Please make up teams of your  
non golfing friends and put in your entries.**

## FROM THE KITCHEN



Hi Everyone, A very big thank you to Greg McKinnon and friends for the awesome shelves in the kitchen.

Another big shout out and thanks to the Vets for purchasing the new coffee bowls. (Vet's Rock!)

A very big shout out and thank you to our volunteer Shaniqua Maaka for coming to help with the kitchen clean, she did a wonderful job. Thank you also to the members for being patient when the café was closed for cleaning.

We are big on thank yous this edition, so also thank you for the positive feed back and support, keep it coming.

**Esther and Gwen**

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



Can't believe that it is only a matter of a few weeks until the end of the financial year for the Club. It's been a year of re-evaluating our financial situation and putting things in place which will help us go forward. The most important thing is that the Club needs your support in its endeavours. Negativity, rumour-mongering and other such activities and attitudes amongst a club's membership are very destructive and divisive. I believe that we have very little of these goings on in our Club and am grateful for that. But if you come across it – nip it in the bud.

It is so important that you as members, understand what is going on. Make sure you read the Newsletter that Beryl helps us to put out each month from cover to cover and if you are in doubt about anything, please ask the relevant Board member to clarify it. Check out the Board minutes which are always available in the Golf Shop for your perusal– and please attend the AGM which is your forum to review the year and find out what is coming up. This year it will be Monday November 23rd. There will be another reminder before then, but put it in your calendar now.

Of note, we received a small grant of \$500 (many thanks again to Oxford Trust) towards the cost (\$780) of replacing our clubhouse alarm sensors with new pet sensors. The old sensors have been costing us money through unnecessary call outs when small creepy crawlies have set the alarm bells ringing. This month we are asking for some help towards our machinery insurance renewal. Keep your fingers crossed (but not while you are putting).

**Margaret**

## TO ALL MEMBERS

If you are making a purchase on behalf of the Golf Club, which requires the club to make payment, you will require a purchase order number. This can be obtained from the golf shop in person or a phone call.

Essentially, you are spending golf Club funds. The club requires all the appropriate paper work in order to make account payments in a timely fashion.

The smooth running of this process appears to mainly fall over with purchases for tournament requirements.

Suppliers have been notified that they need to obtain an order number from the purchaser to complete a sale.

Your attention to this is appreciated.

**Leonie**

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## LADY CAPTAINS REPORT



Good to see our competitions well under way. Congratulations to Margaret Pennington for winning Top Cat. A hard fought battle to beat Betty Johns in the final. Well done to Waipu for winning the Peninsula Challenge.

Congratulations to Julie Gordon for having the top ladies Stableford of 37.

The last 2 weeks of our competitions have been hard going with the inclement weather.

Audrey Cawsey has braved it well with good scores on both Tuesday's. Congratulations to Sheryl Brown and Lynda Peni for winning Fairley four ball best ball. Commiserations to Paea for having to withdraw due to a bad back. Speedy recovery and we hope to see you back soon Paea.

Sunday the 30th was Mary Rishworth 27 hole nett competition. We held it here at Waipu and 10 teams came from Northland clubs. Ngunguru won with a total of 325, 2nd Wellsford 335, 3rd Whangarei 337, 4th Waipu 338.

Well done girls a very close competition. Margaret Pennington was the only player that got a 2.

Busy times ahead with our Teams tournament and club champs coming up.

Happy golfing

**Christine**



*Winners of the Mary Rishworth cup from Ngunguru*



*Margaret who was the only person to get a two and scooped the pool.*

## JUNIOR REPORT



Well, Braden has departed NZ shores for the next steps in a young life. As an 11 year old he started golf at Waipu and as young people do had his share of difficulties as he grew and developed his game. At one point he thought he might become an electrician but as time went on he found he could handle Mathematics and Physics. At the back of his mind he is keen to see how good his game might become so he might one day play on the PGA tour. But at home it is a solid commercial qualification which is far more important. Well we will see how it all unfolds in the next few years. If you are still reading this you might be wondering where this is all going. I am going to suggest that it has been the goal setting Braden has strongly followed that has placed him well for a very interesting future. Golf is a wonderful opportunity for youngsters to get their teeth into a challenge which they will be able to enjoy virtually all their lives. Now I ask why are so few youngsters interested?

We used to have junior club pennants but now there are just too few to field club teams. Are we going to lose golf as part of our culture?

Many thanks to Pat Hall for initiating the collecting from the Wednesday players and buying a club shirt for Braden to take to the USA. Also for Greg Shanaghan doing similarly representing the Saturday players in presenting Braden with a club jersey.

**Grant**



## VETS CORNER



Northland Seniors was held at Waipu on Thursday 16 July. About 65 turned up for the scramble, not as many as last year, but great to see many Northland Clubs coming along.

Vets for August was on the quiet side, as our winter weather has been very cold. Winners for the day were: Men, Bob Muir 39, followed by Grant Weston, Brian Rose, John Wallwork and Jim Fountain. The Ladies: Judy Sloane 34 followed by Jill Northcott.

Vets for September Friday 4th. Cards in by 9am for 9.30am tee off.

Don't forget that September Quads is at Wellsford on Thursday 10th. Cards in by 9.30am tee off 10am.

October Vets Friday 2nd and Quads also at Waipu on Thursday 8th.

The weather is now improving and not quite so cold, so looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 4th September for Vets.

Good golfing

**Jeannette**

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## FROM THE GREENKEEPERS



Hi Members. We hope you are all enjoying the course at present. Plenty of grass around but still not a lot of growth. Most of you will have seen the oil lines around the 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th holes. This was caused by a hydraulic leak on the rough mower, which has now been repaired. We are looking at a special dye to put into all of our hydraulic machinery so that any leaks can be more easily seen, both whilst mowing and when checking the machinery.

The greens were sprayed for disease on Friday 28th August as "dollar spot" and "Fusarium disease" was found on some greens and surrounds. All going well we will be sanding the greens on Monday 7th September. Please remember when repairing pitch marks on the greens to use the underside of your putter to tap down any protrusions and **NOT The edges of your putter** as this practice leaves large and deep "Dents" in the green. On that note, a big thanks to the ladies who participated in the Mary Rishworth Tournament, as very few unrepaired pitch marks were found on the greens, **WELL DONE!**

Until next time Keep safe and well

*Tony, Brendon and Kaye.*

## NINE HOLE REPORT



After a wonderful run of golf weather we have recently had 2 days where only the bravest of the brave went into the scramble and ventured out into the elements. Of the six players Darien and Beryl were the only ones to make it to the first tee and they finally had to call their game off after 3 holes!

Several of our girls attended the Association Day Tournament held recently at Northland. Congratulations to Carole Calvert who was the winner of the day.

The final game of Pennants for the year has been played. Thanks to Carole for running and organising the team this year and to all the girls who played a part in the team. We came 5th out of the 9 teams.

All six rounds of our Putting, Nett and Stableford Competitions have now been played and on September 18th we play the Strokeplay Championship and the 1st Qualifying round of Matchplay.

Just an early reminder for last year's Cup winners to think about getting their cups off the shelf and polishing them up in readiness for returning for this year's prize winners.

*Kathy*



A reminder that twilight will be starting next month, get your teams together and come and enjoy the camaraderie that is bantered around over the summer months.

*Kath*

## MENS CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT



Wow spring time already!! The past month has been awesome. A win over Peninsula with rain being my nemesis holding off for the day, Gary Kaminski once again organised a great tournament that was enjoyed by both respective clubs (lets keep supporting this rivalry) and try and win again at the next challenge.

Though numbers were low in qualifying we went to a field of 16 players created a calutta, four rounds later we had a result, with Paul Irwin and David Keown managing their way for the win, very hard combination to beat and will have the Tony Martinac trophy to say so.

We've got stroke play and match play champs on this month senior Mens grade is wide open for contention so all you good gross players that we have out there come try get your name on this trophy and Wednesday players hope to see you here.

Next month mens 54 hole Spring Stroke Play Tournament, get your entries in early.

As per always thank you to those who stand up and help when asked your contribution is invaluable and things wouldn't happen with out you!!! "See you out there"

*Dougie*

## From the Hub of the Club



Spring is here, the daffodils and spring bulbs are all flowering. Summer is around the corner.

The heat pumps that were installed a while back, have been a god send for the ladies in the shop on the cold winter days.

We have new stock arriving regularly, so please come in and browse around.

The honey we have in the shop for sale is very popular and is very yummy. Locally produced.

The entry form for the Ladies Teams Tournament on the 24th Sept is now out and on the table in the shop.

Entry forms for the Spring Strokeplay are also available from the shop. This will be held on the 10 and 11th October.

*From the shop girls*

### New Members:

Glyn Tucker	Full Playing
Ron Cave	Full Playing
Ryan Gibson	Under 25 Full Playing
Stephen Gibson	Full Playing
Charles Adler	Full Playing

### Reinstated:

Steve Hayes	Casual 6 months
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## FROM THE CHAIR



The end of the financial year races into view and the AGM will be held on Monday 23rd November at 7pm, please book this in your diary as we need a quorum of 25 members and it should be more interesting than Monday night telly! We should have collated the ideas for the 10

year plan and will present them to gauge support for the various items and their priorities. Keep your ideas rolling in, toilets on the course? Practise bunker? More cart storage?

The new pond by number 6 green has already claimed some victims so watch out as it will get bigger.

By the end of the month we will have daylight saving kicking in so more time for golf after work.

The Spring Strokeplay will be held in the second weekend of October so let any golfing friends know and get them to enter as this is always a great weekend of golf and fun.

My thanks to Greg McKinnon for all his work in creating and installing the new worktop for the panini toaster, it really makes the kitchen flow better, and thanks also to Ray Kenny of Ruakaka Engineering for fabricating the support brackets for the bench.

We have been getting lots of positive feedback about the condition of the course and I'm sure that the sand buckets and filling divots and scrapes contribute to this, perhaps everyone could "adopt a hole" and concentrate an extra bucket of sand on that one in particular every time they played and the results will keep on getting better.

Thanks to everyone who gives so freely of their time to make our Club so special and to our staff who all perform above and beyond the call of duty.

Enjoy your golfing

**Mike**



## LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another busy month has disappeared. We have just hosted the Mary Rishworth competition. A day the weather forecasters said would be wet turned out to be perfect for golf, warm with little wind. Ngunguru took top honours, our team fought valiantly missing third place by one point.



With our club champs coming up I hope that all members will take part making championship play a true event. We also have our pairs tournament happening on Thursday 24, fingers crossed the weather is kind again. Our course is in great condition so let's make the best of it. Good to see people carrying sand buckets and replacing their divots.

Unfortunately it was necessary to cancel the planned quiz night. It has been rescheduled to Saturday 26 September, tee off 6pm, maximum of six people per team. The evening includes a dinner cooked by talented home chefs. It would be appreciated by the organisers if you would put your team entry in well before the event to allow for dinner and prizes to be organised.

**Wendy**

## MEN'S PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is good to feel the chilling winter breezes will soon be gone. The course is looking good and the club championships are looming. Last Saturday a good field of 30 presented themselves for a Saturday scramble. It is always enjoyable to play for a beer and enjoy the food at the end of the round. There are a few new faces which are welcomed by Doug at the prize giving as well as ones that have not been seen for a while. Wednesday morning golf continues ably run by Graham Byles and Norm Joule. If you have trouble making the course by 8 o'clock or there are other matters to attend to you can join Ian Kitchen's group in the afternoon. With the warmer weather coming this might be more attractive for some. There is still plenty of room in the field for enthusiastic players.



**Grant**

## SOME LOVELY FEEDBACK

We stopped at the Waipu Golf Club last Wednesday [26th Aug] on our way from Keri Keri to Auckland Airport. We met you in the carpark as we were leaving for Auckland.

We had a lovely coffee, a slice of raspberry cheese cake and enjoyed those magic views.

The ladies behind the counter were terrific and engaging; such a contrast to our dreadful coffee experience at Wellsford on our way up to Keri Keri.

I am pleased to say that our stop off for "coffee and cake" at Waipu Golf Club was an absolute treat.

To that end, more visitors to Northland who may wish to have a delightful coffee stop when travelling up or down Northland, need to know you exist.

Some clever signage at the front would be a good start.

Kind regards

*Gregory and Elizabeth Gass*

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