Official Newsletter of the Waipu Golf Club Inc

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WHAT'S COMING UP IN AUGUST?

Fri 9th : Vets 9 Hole Social Day Sat 10th : Mixed Open Tournament Tues 27th : Pines Visit Waipu

FROM THE BOARD

The sewage system has been repaired by Paul Jenkins advised by Dick Scotland, both former Board Chairs, and signed off by Sam Howard. Thanks to you all. There were two previous sewage fields but neither were connected to the outlets from the distribution box which is located 2metres below the centre of the earth bank above the water tanks. The day before the Bream Bay Classic, we opened the septic tank and found approx. 30-40cm of solid fat across the whole surface. This required breaking up with a spade and shovel so could be sucked out. A grease trap should have been installed in the pipes taking the grey water from the kitchen to the septic tank. One is to be installed immediately.

The building of the "lean to" for more carts has been delayed because of the above, but as well the pipes to the distribution box need reconfiguring so the concrete pad can be extended to take more carts. Dick Scotland has agreed to do this.

The Board has commenced the task of reviewing the charges for playing golf on our course, including reciprocal arrangements with neighbouring clubs and the Membership Fees for the coming membership year.

The Finance Director has reported on the Clubs financial position, and the Board thank all our staff for their contribution towards the results so far for the 9 months of the current financial year.

The Board also thank those members responsible for the management of our Tournaments.

Gary

FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

The 9-month accounts to the 30th June 2019, show (last year)

Total Income: \$581 929 (\$530523)

Cost of Sales: \$279 125 (\$272064)

Gross Profit: \$302 804 (\$272064)

Total Overheads: \$220 884 (\$199096)

Net Profit: \$81 920 (\$59363)

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MIXED OPEN TOURNAMENT Sponsored by



Mixed Open Divisions

- * Men's Blue Tees
- * Men's White Tees
- * Ladies-one division 18 Hole
- * Ladies & Men's 9 Hole division

Saturday 10th August

> 2019 MULTI TEE START

9.30am

NZGA HANDICAP APPLIES

ion 9 Holes \$15

Entry Fees

18 Holes

\$25

GROSS/ NET/STABLEFORD - 2's Included

Entries can be paid by direct credit a/c # 03-0498-0545680-00 Ref: Anchor/Surname/Member ID Number

E: Waipu@golf.co.nz or P: 09 432 0259

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The increase in overheads over last year were:

Administration and accounting wages --- \$8366

Depreciation --- \$10034

Cleaning --- \$1228

Other --- \$2774

There were some small decreases. The Bar sales to date are up 24.7% but the cost of sales are only up 17.1%. The increase in wages has been due to some double shifting for staff training but also the increase in the minimum wage rate on the 1st April was passed onto staff to keep their relativity. Significant savings against budget has been made in the Grounds Management, which has cost \$151 207 to date against the budget of \$200 393. Finally, the net profit of \$81 920 is against the budget surplus of only \$25 407.

Bob Glen









Please check in with the Pro shop before going out to play even if you are just practicing or playing socially. For various reasons it is necessary for our staff to be aware of who is on site at all times.

NO DRIVERS or large clubs on the range. The windows in the Pro shop have been hit in the past and this is a safety issue.

PREDATOR CONTROL

Shooting and trap checking continues. This year 31 rabbits, 23 possums and 1 cat have been shot. 8 rats, 3 weasels and 1 cat have been trapped. The weasels are being caught in a trap on DOC land midway up the 12th fairway. All the possums were shot out of the pine trees. Good to see the dotterels back and the first plover chicks hatched. A large rat has been seen around the ponds and a trap has been placed behind the pump shed. If anyone sees any predators can they advise the Shop staff. Unauthorised people have been shooting on the course. Apart from Health and Safety issues the rabbits in particular become very wary and more difficult to shoot. Shooting is a planned operation giving sufficient time between outings for the rabbits to settle.

FROM THE SHOP

We have enjoyed supporting all the tournaments this month and are pleased that they have been successful. Winter stock has been selling well and there is currently a clearance sale on some shirts. Summer stock is being considered now so if you have any requests please let us know. A new drinks fridge has been put into the shop and we are looking at phasing out the cans for bottles so you can take them out on the course and put a lid on them. Cans will still be available in the bar. From Ngaire, Janet, Lillian and Polley

FROM THE BAR

We are currently underway with developing a new point of sale system and software. This will eventually streamline our systems and make everyone's life a bit easier. No doubt there will be some teething issues so bear with us while we set this up. Meanwhile, Heineken 0.0% is proving to be a popular choice for those who want to have a couple of beers before driving home. If there are any other light or low alcohol beers that you would like to see in the bar please let me know. Cheers. Aaron

TEE CAFE

Enjoy great food at Tee Café Gluten free options available.



August SPECIAL
\$12.50 SUNDAY BRUNCH

Bacon, eggs, tomatoes & fresh baked sourdough toast



Opening hours 8.30 am to 3.30 pm Kitchen 8.30 am to 2.00 pm Ph: 021 554 909 July has seen another month of some good moisture and cooling temperatures with grass growth slowing significantly. For these reasons we did not do our normal monthly verticut and sanding as we wanted the greens in prime condition for the Bream Bay Classic. Rolling of the greens was increased as we adjusted the green speed up to the tournament speed of 10feet. The fairways have been allowed to gain some extra height by increasing the cut height and then edges defined with a shorter cut. Over these next few cooler months the focus will be on removing/reducing various unwanted grasses and weeds on the course and in the greens.





A ball cleaner has been mounted at the 10th tee and hopefully you will have also noticed our new flags, cups and flag sticks. We have made a significant investment in these to stand up to the tough conditions one expects on a links course. We trust you are enjoying these. Finally, a couple of ways you can help your course. Replace divots on fairways or repair them with sand from the buckets you always take with you. HINT HINT. Try not to drive carts on the collar cut around the greens as this can damage the sprinkler pipes which are under the surface of this collar cut. Don't drive carts over eroding edges around tee boxes and if you are capable of walking up to the 12th tee please leave your cart at the bottom.

Enjoy the course in its best condition. The Grounds Team.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members: Ryan L'Amie

Natasha Bilouzenko Alan Foote Carl Donaldson

Carl Donaldson
Daniel Perkinson

As of July the membership stands at 389. Welcome to our new members. We hope you enjoy playing golf at Waipu.

ETIQUETTE - NO 12

Protests: When it is intended to lodge a protest, the player should, as well as complying with the rules of golf, notify the Match Committee as soon as practicable on completion of the round. In the absence of the committee the card used by the protestor for the game, must be marked 'protest'. All protests must be in writing. The decision of the match committee is final.

FROM THE 9 HOLE LADIES

On Thursday 25th we held our annual nine-hole tartan tournament. We had 49 players (including 7 men players) from clubs from Helensville in the south to Northland in the north. The weather gods were really favouring us and it was a really fine sunny day. The day began with David Moon piping as the players arrived. This was well received by the visitors.

There was a shotgun start at 9.30 after a morning tea supplied by some of the 18hole ladies.

I would like to acknowledge our sponsors, Lynda Peni (Eves Real Estate), Mitre 10 Whangarei, Judy Guy (Waipu Real Estate), Bream Bay Medical Centre, and the Bream Bay Pharmacy for the most generous raffle. Without the ongoing support of our sponsors our tournament may not happen. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. The nine-hole ladies had a fantastic raffle table and we really enjoyed a great day of golf.

The results are as follows:

Overall gross - Joanne Brunker (NthInd), Runner up - Jenny Leslie (Whg). Mens Division - Best nett - Des Wooster (Waipu). Longest drive - George Mutch (Waipu), Best Stablefords - George Mutch (Waipu).

Division 1 Ladies winner nett - Carole Calvert (Waipu), 2nd - Pauline Stewart (Nthlnd), 3rd - Debbie Somner (Waipu). 1st Stableford - Betty Johns (Waipu), 2nd - Glenda Rountree Helensville, 3rd - Jan Bell (Waipu). Closest to the pin - Anthea Lawrence (Nthlnd), Longest Drive - Shirley Kearney (Whg).

Division 2: 1st nett Helen Gusterson (Waipu), 2nd Sheryl Brown (Waipu),3rd Rita Finlayson (Waipu)

1st Stableford Cleone Bennett (Waipu), 2nd Lorna Duncan, 3th Christine Donnelly (Waipu). Closest to the pin Lorna Duncan (Waipu). Most accurate drive Ethne Mitchell (NthInd). - Debbie Somner

TARTAN AMBROSE

35 players enjoyed an afternoon of Ambrose in ok weather - just one very short shower. The best golf on the day went to - "The Cogan Family" with runners up being "Neighbours". Best dressed was "Tartan Titans". Best team name "3 Jimmys & a Jockey". Nice to see some of our 9-hole members, children and non-members from the community all joining in. Special thanks to the Waipu 4 Square who supplied all the prizes. Don't forget to support your sponsors!! - Julie



NORTHPINE 34th ANNUAL BREAM BAY CLASSIC

A field of 80 players teed off on a perfect Saturday morning, clear skies, no wind and the course in immaculate order. 41 in the open division, 27 Masters and 12 Ladies. On Sunday the weather blew up a storm and the competition was cut back to 36 holes.

Anna An from Muriwai posted rounds of 73 and 69 a total of 142, 6 shots clear of the runner up Michelle Lee from Gulf Harbour on 148. Masters winner was lain Power from Northland – 72 & 70 – 142. Waipu's Nathan Jacoby was runner up on 149. Matt Morris from Taupo was the early leader in the open division however he fell off the pace in the second round to finish 4^{th} on 142. He was beaten on a countback by Dale Clarke from Sherwood Park in 3^{rd} place.



Three time Classic winner, Luke Brown from the Pines, finished tied for 1st place with last years winner Tyler Wood from Palmerston North. This provided great spectator interest as they proceeded to a playoff and after 5 extra holes Tyler made birdie to Luke's Par to take the title. Matt Morris won the Lucky Draw of a Kauri Cliffs voucher. Vaughan Witten from Golf Northland announced the teams to play North Harbour at Mangawhai at the end of July and Waipu youngster Kaiser Jacoby was surprised and delighted to be included in the Junior team to join his mum Kylie and dad Nathan to take up the challenge for Northland.

This tournament is generously sponsored by Northpine, a local timber company and wholesaler who supply retailers throughout the country. Northpine is a family owned business who employ a large number of locals and are involved with almost everything that happens in the Bream Bay area particularly sport, education and arts.

Also Associated with the weekend is Pak n Save Whangarei, Kauri Cliffs Golf Shop, Ruakaka Beach Motel and Kauri Creations.

- Murray

SPONSORS





A big thank you to our major sponsors for the tournament and for their continuing support of the Waipu Golf Club.

If you would like to add or see something in the newsletter please talk with Aaron or email waipuevents@golf.co.nz

HOLIDAY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT



Junior champ winner Robin Yoon with Luke Brown

The sun shone down all day and the wind took a rest to see 33 junior golfers tee up off four tees with indexes from 3 to 43, not exactly that but near enough. About twice as many white tee players as blue with only 2 off the yellows. A keen bunch of mixed players off the purple. Notably was a hole in one on the 17th off the white tee by Craven Whitehead - a recent member at Waipu. The best round from the blue tees was from Robin Yoon with a fine 75. The next best were two 76's.

It was encouraging to see most of the Purple tee 9 holers on completing their round disappear to the practice range. It was a huge honour to have the current NZ Match play champion Luke Brown bring along 2 dozen Srixon Z Stars and 4 caps for prize winners. In conjunction with numerous Rebel Sport vouchers as prizes, a plate of sausages and chips at the end of the round, it is hard to believe anyone had a disappointing day. Many thanks to Dennis Budd (Mid Western Sawmills) and Dave Wistrand (Waipu RSA) assisting with costs. Thank you Luke Brown for your gifts and presenting the prizes, also to the amazing Janet in the golf shop and Tony for starting duties on the 16th tee.

Cheers, Grant

MEN'S 9 HOLE GOLFERS

meet on MONDAY MORNINGS AT 8.30 AM.

New players needed.

No formalities, no scramble fees, just turn up at 8.30.

Finish off your morning with a coffee from the Tee Café or cold refreshments from the bar (opens 11 am).

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FROM THE MENS COMMITTEE

Stroke play champs all done and dusted Winners -Senior: Will McFarlane, Intermediate: Bruce Allan, Junior: Tony Sneddon, D Grade: Brook Gilmore. Match play champs finals were finalised over the

weekend. Winners (Pictured clockwise) – Senior: Nathan Jacoby, Intermediate: Sam

Intermediate: Sam
Howard, Junior: Noel
Chandler. Great

competitions, congratulations to the winners.

The course is looking spectacular thanks to our dedicated workers and volunteers, well done all of you. Comments from visitors and spectators are all complimentary so we must be on the right track there. Tartan ambrose played 28th of July thanks for your support.

Good golfing everybody - Murray and Rob.





FROM THE VETS AND QUADS

We hosted the Northland Seniors at Waipu in July. A successful day for the Club with 84 players enjoying the perfect weather. A special thanks to the organisers and players. Waitangi Club will host the same event on the 15th of August. Our next vets is on the 2nd of August with Quads at Wellsford on the 8th. A gentle reminder with goods for the raffle table that the licensing laws don't allow us to use bottles of wine as raffle prizes, but some are OK for golf competitions. To be a vet we're in the second half of, and heading toward a century. Its nice to know they don't wish to burden us with responsibility. Be responsible and come to our next fixture. Looking forward to seeing you. Until then...

Regards, Roger

HOLE-IN-ONES

There has been three Hole-in-ones recently: Ray Baker during a social game, Brennan Wyllie on a Wednesday scramble and Craven Whitehead during the Junior Tournament. Members get up to \$50 tab on the bar to be used that day, your name put onto the Hole In One Board and a Trophy with your ball mounted on. Non-members get two complimentary green fee tickets.

COACHING

Kylie Jacoby offers One on One coaching. Contact her direct on 432 0661 or 021 0269 3876, or email kylienath11@gmail.com.

Terry Pulman offers One on One \$30. Groups (maximum 6 people) \$10 per person. Phone 021 908 110.



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