

Managers Corner

Hi all

I hope all is going well for everyone and you haven't chipped too many golf balls through your neighbour's windows. This is a very brief lock-down edition, produced as best I can at home.

In this edition we have Rochelle's cafe special of the week (yes seriously), and various Club Captain reports. These were prepared on the eve of lock down, so while a little old it would be a shame to waste the time and effort put into writing them. We also have our club survey results to share, a subset of the Golf NZ survey.



I look forward to hearing everyone's lock down stories when we revert back to normality. As for myself I've managed to stay relatively busy on the laptop keeping up with day to day club functions. In my spare time I've been pulling fighting kids apart, catching up on a bit of exercise, and staring expectantly at my new set of irons that arrived a day after lock down and that I can't try bloody well try out. Except for a bit of chipping practice at the local school that is, not the same thing but it's keeping me sane. All that's needed is a square of carpet to hit off (so no damage to the grass), with three holes drilled, two at one end for tent pegs so the carpet doesn't move, and one in the middle for a tee so the ball sits up just enough for the club to get under. Brilliant.

Under level 4 we're allowed to undertake 'essential' course maintenance. Andy and Richard are working a few separate shifts to maintain the greens and ensure they stay playable. So when we flock back to the course on Saturday (who are the optimists?) it will still be in great condition.

Depending on our esteemed leader's announcement on Friday, if we move to level 3 a high degree of control will be needed at the club. If level 2 then it's pretty much business as normal. More information will follow at that time to keep you up to date.

All the best for the week ahead

Brendon

Club Survey Results

Our club survey results from Golf NZ are attached. It makes for positive reading and shows that the vast majority of our members are satisfied with the course and club. We'd hoped that would be the case as are quite spoilt at Greenacres. Put the course in a larger centre and membership costs would be double, and you'd have to book a week ahead for a tee spot.

In general;

97% of members are satisfied with the club, compared to 74% nationally

87% of members would promote the club to others, compared to 55% nationally

93% believe the club offers value for money, compared to 83% nationally

97% of respondents will rejoin, compared to 88% nationally.

The three focus areas for improvement are;
Course condition 29%
Facilities 18%
Practice facilities and club management 14%

The survey will help us to focus on improving the course and facilities.
It will also act as a benchmark for future surveys. One of these is planned before our next membership year, and will be more detailed.

Pennants Cancelled

Please note that Monday's pennants has been cancelled.

Rochelle's Cafe Special of the Week

Chocolate & Raspberry Brownie

With the cafe currently out of action you are all no doubt looking forward to a return to normality and sampling the many excellent cafe dishes. To keep the withdrawal symptoms at bay Rochelle is sharing one of her recipes so you can make it at home.

This chocolate and raspberry brownie is delicious and the perfect, easy to make, lockdown treat ;

125g butter, chopped
block dark chocolate
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 cup flour
2 tsp vanilla essence
1 cup raspberries

Add butter and chocolate to a saucepan. Stir until melted and smooth. Allow to cool slightly then add the sugar, essence, and eggs. Stir until combined. sift through the flour and fold in the raspberries.
Add mixture to a tray and bake at 180 degrees for 30 mins.
Enjoy.

Club Captains Comments

SPLIT SIXES RESULTS; From the comments I received everyone enjoyed this format, so to the winners. Patrick Adamson was the winner with a net 69 on a countback from Jason Te Huia, followed by Peter Ellis net 71, Gavin Levick net 72 and Chris OConnor net 73.

ALLANDALE TROPHY. The draw is up in the Mens Room. Starts 4th September. Please check dates to make sure you can play all rounds, we don't want defaults or withdrawals after competition starts. All first round losers go into the flight. All matches are Match Play on handicap, played off the Blue Tees over 18 holes with sudden death if tied after 18 holes. (Maximum handicap is 36).

A draw will be done each week and on the online booking system.

RULES Playing the Wrong Ball. In stroke play it is a 2 shot penalty our Rules Man told me, because that's how many he took a few Saturdays ago.

SLOW PLAY it is everyone's responsibility to keep the field moving. Some tips; Tee off before filling in your card, Move quickly to your next shot, Don't wait for everyone to putt out "ready golf" go and tee off in pairs.

THE BIG GUM ON THE 16TH. Thanks to the Tuesday Volunteers, a great job in clearing away this large tree, now lots of excellent fire wood. The man hours against this job are somewhere around 80 plus hours with still a lot of wood to be split.

RECOVERY WARD. Kerry Smith is half way through his treatment in Christchurch look forward to see you back around Greenacres soon.

Craig Barker is back on course after a knee surgery.

Tony Murcell is making good progress in his recovery and came out Tuesday to make sure the Tuesday Volunteers work was up to standard.

HAVE A LAUGH.....An Irishman was terribly overweight, so went to his doctor who put him on a diet. The Doctor said "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, then eat regularly for 2 days then skip a day.....And repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds." When the Irishman returned he shocked the Doctor by having lost 60 pounds. "That's amazing so you followed my instructions " the Doctor said.

The Irishman nodded..." I'll tell you though, be all the saints, I taut I were going to drop dead on dat tird day".

"You mean from the hunger" the Doctor asked.

" No from the bloody skipping."

Happy Golfing
Chris OConnor.

Women's Acting Club Captain Report

News from the women for 17 th August

Inadvertently I sent the wrong document that was posted into last weeks snippets.

We had 2 Ladies playing in the Lucas Salver/ May Rowling at the weekend Natalee Reed and Annette Nistor. They both won their games on Saturday and the Sunday was called off because of our weather. Our regional Team won the May Rowling and Westland won the Lucas Salver.

Saturday Ladies played a net Round.

Winners: M Carson 72, P McLean 76, D Ellis 78, F Murray, s Holland and M Hill 80.

Two's: M Crin's, S Taylor and A Lucas.

Tuesday 10 th CD 4BBB stableford.

Results: M Crins & S Thwaites 41, L Bently & J Wast 41, A Lucas & W Furness 39, R McKeown & A Muckle 38, L Ehau & A Nistor 38. B Henderson & J Wast 38, B Winstone & S Taylor 38.

The rest of our players played in the Hawthorne cup and there was some mammoth matches going to the 20 th and 21 st hole.

Saturday 14 th August Results of a Irish Stableford.

R McKeown 74, A Chadbourne 73, M Eggers 73, J Brereton 70 BC/B from A Lucas.

Tuesday 17 th August 3 players decided to play.

Interiem Club Captain
Marie Blackmore

9 Hole Ladies

Last Thursday's COD was won by Chris MacGregor with a nett 37.

Our 'Hidden Partners', match play, and 9 hole tournament has been postponed

Lynn Taylor

Rules Corner

This week let's talk about SLOW PLAY, every player plays at a different pace which is fine but it only takes one player to buggar the game for everyone. A round of golf in a group of 4 players playing 18 holes on a club day at Greenacres should take 2 hours for the front 9 holes and 2 hours 10 minutes for the back 9 holes. Yes I know some of you will be shouting it should be less than 4 hours but not many want to run between shots. There are lots of ways to save time, so for the next couple of weeks I will list a few for you all, hopefully everyone the fast and the slow will pick up on some of them. An interesting fact to consider is that if every player were to save 5 seconds on each shot during the round the total time spent golfing would be shortened by nearly 30 minutes, based on 4 players averaging 89 shots per round. $89 \times 5 \text{secs} = 445 \text{seconds} \times 4 \text{players} = 1780 \text{seconds}$ Now divide by 60 = 29 minutes & 40 seconds

THE TEE.

Everyone knows what club they always use so why wait until it's your turn to tee off before getting the head cover off and the club out of your bag? If you wear a glove why wait until it's your turn on the tee before putting it on? Have your ball and tee in your hand. How many times do we see some idiot looking for 10 to 20 seconds for their bloody tee and then having to take their glove off to get their hand in their pocket. You don't have to wait until your ball has stopped rolling 250 yards away to start moving off the tee, the next player should be teeing up while your ball is in the air if they want an extra few seconds for their pre shot routine.

If you're a long hitter of the ball and it's not match play let the shorter hitter go first and not make everyone wait until the group in front are out of your range. The first player should always be ready and never mark their card until they have teed off. The lowest handicap player is responsible for the group and should hurry anyone that's not ready to play their shot. That's plenty to go on for this week and if you play with someone that's slow please get them to read this and I'm always ready to spend some time with anyone to help them increase their speed.

Good Golfing Chris Webb

Shuffle Draw Results, 11 Aug

41 men competed in a Hidden Holes Stableford competition last Wednesday. Three holes each from the par 3s, 4s and 5s were chosen. Conditions were quite windy down at the exposed end of the course but temperatures were surprisingly warm for a winter's day.

Results:

Div One. Hugh Fitzgibbon and Neville Satherley 19, Lance Ford 18 (c/b)

Div Two. Lyn McKeown, Don McMiken and Larry Bethwaite all 18.

Only One 2 was scored and that was by Peter Ross on 17.

Raffle winners were Brian Murray, Robt Whiting, Peter Hanna and Robin Martin.
Next Shuffle Draw Wed 25 Aug, report by 9.00 for 9.30 Tee.

Cheers

Larry