

# WHANGAPARAOA GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



## Competitions coming up

### Mens Matchplay Champs

16th, 23rd, 30th May and 6th  
June

#### Divisions –

Senior - +5 – 6.9      Blue  
Intermediate - 7 -11.9      Blue  
Junior - 12 -16.9      Blue  
C Division - 17 – 22.9      White  
D Division - 23 – 40      White

### Ladies Matchplay Champs

23rd, 30th May & 6th June

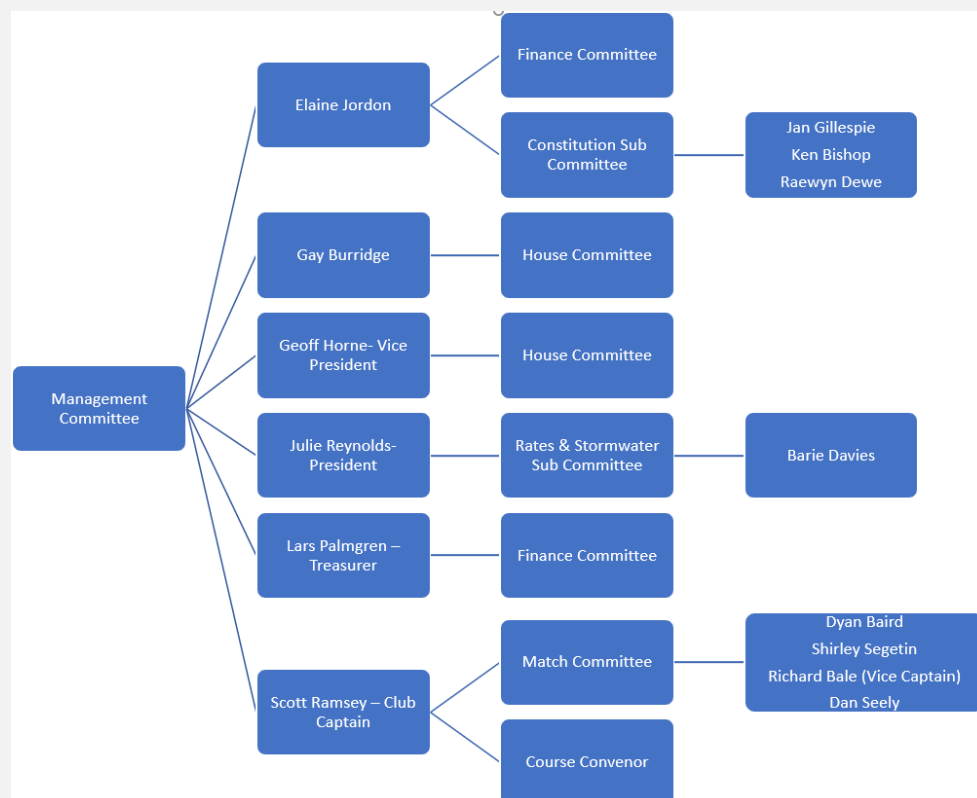
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## Latest News

### Your Management Committee:

With everything that has been happening we have not officially announced our new Management Committee. They have been working hard behind the scenes and for those that do not already know – here they are. Update from your Management Committee a bit later in this newsletter.



## IN THE KITCHEN

Petr is a qualified chef who finished his apprenticeship in 1982 in Czechoslovakia. In 1990 he moved to New Zealand and met his wife Takiko around 20 years ago. They have 2 daughters who both at various times also helped at the golf club. Jurie who is now in Japan doing work experience as a translator and Saria who is a student here in New Zealand. Takiko would one day like to take up golf when life is not quite as busy.

Petr was a volunteer for the NZ Coastguard for around 15 years and prior to working at the golf club worked as a chef at Sausalito Café.

They would like you to know they are taking every precaution to make the kitchen safe due to the Covid19 virus.

Once we are back in the clubrooms please make sure you support our wonderful caterers. They serve up great food that can be eaten while out on the course or when you come in after a game. Petr also makes sour dough bread that can be purchased at the weekends. If you fancy a night off cooking then take something home for your dinner, have you tried his pies, they are awesome.



## BIRTHDAY GIRL

A notable birthday was had recently by one of the club's long-time members. Jenny Mann turned 80 on March 12. Jenny does a lot of work around the club spending most Thursdays helping with the gardens and instigated Whalewatchers a luncheon for past and present members of the club. She also revived the Wilson Trophy a fun mixed tournament and still plays premier, weekday and weekend pennants for the club. Quite an achievement on all counts.

To celebrate the occasion Julie Reynolds organized a fun competition on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March which attracted a large turnout of ladies (all of which I'm sure were there for Jenny). The competition was 'Nobble' where you play match play against the person in your four that was closest in handicap. If you won a hole you could take a club from your opposition (putter excluded). You could keep taking clubs until the opposition was left with a minimum of 4 clubs (I believe that almost happened for one golfer). A golf club could be retrieved if a hole was won back. It was a lot of fun and choosing which club took quite a bit of thought depending on who the golfer was. I heard that some golfers started off being quite nice about the club selection but it got a bit ruthless in the end depending on what was happening in the match!! Aine Cooper won the competition with the most number of wins against her opponent with 11...well done Aine.

Big thanks to Channele Probert and Phyllis Thrussell who brought 2 beautiful cakes to celebrate the day.



## Golf Sayings

"Mistakes are part of the game. It's how well you recover from them, that's the mark of a great player." - Alice Cooper



"You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about." - Bobby Jones



"The mind messes up more shots than the body." - Tommy Bolt



"Of all the hazards, fear is the worst." - Sam Snead



"It's how you deal with failure that determines how you achieve success." - David Feherty



"The most important shot in golf is the next one." - Ben Hogan



## Finance Report – from the Treasurer

It has been unprecedented and unusual times indeed. Quite a challenge for an essentially new Management Committee [MC] (only Gay Burridge is incumbent) trying to find its feet during a full-blown worldwide pandemic. A lot of work has been going on (a lot behind the scenes) trying to serve our Owners (members) the best we can now and in the future.

I feel the Club is in good hands with the Management displaying skills and experience in many useful areas which will help us through these challenging times and beyond.

Just a short update on areas I am involved in as your Treasurer: -

- The estimated financial damage to our operation due to Covid-19 will be \$ 75,000 (If we can start trading mid-May)
- I hope to offset this, or at least most of it, with not employing a General Manager (at least not for the immediate future). Different areas of the MC (unpaid) will be working closely with our very competent Office Manager, Angela Ferguson, in managing the club in an efficient and productive manner.
- Hopefully, the work on returning most of our land to open space led by our President, will reduce our rates bill.
- We have identified and are keeping strategic areas for future land banking as residential. Areas that will not impact our golf course in a major way but can benefit the club not only with license-, lease- or sales income, but also being a source of new membership and/or other benefits.
- There are no plans to sell or lease any land at the moment, this is only a strategic decision to give future MC wide options for future income. Also, with the proposed changes in the Constitution, our Owners (members) will have their say in any future Land deals or major decisions for the Club.
- Once, the negotiations with Council on the rates issue is resolved, Finance Committee will start negotiating a Stormwater Contribution (from Council) for managing storm water from surrounding developments.
- With a small decline in membership before the Covid-19 lockdown, the MC decided to offer an incentive of 1/12 of this financial year's subs, to keep most of our members renewing their memberships. We have had an overwhelming response from you our Owners of this fantastic Club, wanting to donate back this offer, and some even going further with an extra donation.
- Your Club is in a good position financially to ride out the effects of Covid-19. Your MC will come up with ideas to boost our income in the next couple of months, to make up some or all of this unexpected interruption to our trading. This will happen with the continuous strong support from You our Owners.

So, hopefully very soon, I will see you enjoying a fully operational Golf Course and its facilities again.

Keep safe, keep well and Good Golfing

Lars G Palmgren



## NEW MEMBERS

We have 3 new members. Please make them feel welcome if you see them on the course – remembering to keep a social distance apart

Blair Ashton – Full Playing  
Jenny Calder – Nine Holes  
Hugo Venter – Full Playing

# MESSAGES FROM OUR SPONSORS

The following are some messages and offers from our sponsors. These businesses support us and we need to support them in these trying times



## WEATHER WARNING:

Now is the time for people to be thinking of checking the health and safety of their trees before the winter storms. At Tree Specs we spend a lot of time doing storm damage in the winter months, a lot of which could have been avoided by simply checking trees before it is too late and doing the maintenance which goes with owning a tree. A lot of the time large limbs will rip out causing the tree to need be removed, if it had been pruned beforehand the tree could have been saved with no damage to houses, cars etc.

Tree Specs offers all aspects of tree work from hedge trimming to take downs, residential and commercial. We are the partners of choice for tree work at WGC, also North Shore and Takapuna.

**We are offering 10% off (up to \$150) on any job booked by or recommended by a club member, booked within the first month back after lock-down.**

Stay safe and let's TEE up some work together.

John Sadler

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**Whangaparaoa Collision Repairs**

To our loyal customers and club members

Under level 3 guidelines we are able to repair and assess your vehicle by appointment.

For repairs please contact us on 09 424 2754 to arrange a repair date and drop off time, if you have a previous booking from over the lockdown period we will be in touch with you in the coming week to rearrange a time with you. We have a dedicated area to park in at a pre-booked time and leave your vehicle which we be sanitized before and after repairs to ensure you and your family are safe.

For quotes/ Assessments: We are able to offer 'drive through' availability , simply park in one of our assigned 'assessment/quote' bays and wait in your vehicle and we will assess your car while you wait ( no need to leave your vehicle at all) We can then proceed with emailed quotes and insurance claims as usual.

We thank all our local customers for your support and help in this time and will continue to make sure a quality repair and keeping you safe is our number one priority.

Kindest Regards

Matt Cameron





Plumb Tight Ltd is a family owned and operated local business with extensive experience and knowledge in all aspects of plumbing. Based on the Hibiscus Coast, our team of professional tradespeople takes pride in delivering the highest quality of workmanship across the full range of plumbing services.

Whatever the job you need done - whether it's big or small, we'll be there when we say we will, and we'll do it right.

We're a member of the Master Plumber Association and we service the wider Auckland area, but the Coast is our home. However, no matter where we are, we'll always provide good advice and value.

We've got a great community on the Coast with all the same plumbing needs that every greater Auckland household has, but we've also got our own unique plumbing environmental needs and wants (for example water pumps and filtration installations for tank systems). We can cover it all.

Level three allows us to operate as per usual, following all precautionary measures in line with Government guidelines to protect you, ourselves and our community.

**Until 1 July 2020 we're offering members associated with the W.G.C a minimum \$35 discount on your next plumbing job (Terms & Conditions apply)."**

Kind regards, Nick Lawrence, Director | Plumb Tight Ltd

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