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Issue

WHANGAPARAOA GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



Competitions coming up

JULY

Saturday 11th

18 Hole Men - Presidents Gold & Silver
Trophy - Final

18 Hole Ladies - Gwen Bickerstaff
Memorial Trophy R1

Saturday 25th

18 Hole Men - Hibiscus Trophy R1
Shootout Cup R6 and Anderson Trophy R3

AUGUST

Tues 4th

18 Hole Ladies - Grandmother & Great
Aunt Day

Sat 8th

18 Hole Ladies - Winter Hcp Matchplay
Trophy R1

Latest News

CAPTAINS LOG

Hi All

Well, the rain arrived with perfect timing, so initially we had to delay the Queen's birthday weekend tournament. When we did run this however, there were no major mishaps and I think was enjoyed by all who took part. I would like to thank the sponsors, Liberty Health Care, Farnley's Yamaha and Golf HQ for providing us with the prizes. I would also like to thank both match and management committee members for all their hard work in getting the tournament off the ground. It was a real team effort, so thank you and well done everybody. Hopefully, it will be the first of many such tournaments and we will try differing formats to keep everybody interested.

The course is nearly back to its best, with the greens running superbly, even though they have not quite recovered from the work carried out to remove kikuyu and the other undesirables.

If you played on Saturday, you will have noticed there are some white lines on the greens. Scott C, is wishing to alter the shape of some of the greens to make it safer for the green staff when mowing in the wet conditions.

We are looking into having a "Night Golf" mini-series, in the spring, we are in the process of finalising details, we have done this once in the past at it was great fun.

On a less pleasant note, there a couple of people who are hitting lots of balls on the course when out practicing. The rules of the golf club are that you are allowed to hit **two balls** only when practicing on the course providing you are not holding anybody up while doing so. I have personally spoken to people who are disregarding the rule. We have a large number of unrepaired pitch marks on the greens and a lot of divots on the fairways which are not replaced or filled with sand. I am sure this is partly due to those people. Please everybody can you repair any pitch marks you see.

Finally, **Francee Thornton** was the lucky winner in the raffle that was drawn on Friday evening and she is overjoyed with the fact, congratulations, and thank you all those people who braved the cold weather on Friday for a very pleasant evening.

"Take care of your course and fix any pitch marks you see on the green"

Fix a ball mark. Easy as 1, 2, 3!



1. **Push Peak To Valley.**
Insert repair tool at the peak of the ball mark and push towards the valley of the ball mark.



2. Continue around the ball mark, **push the edges towards the center.** Avoid lifting the center or tearing the grass.



3. Tap down the ball mark with your putter until surface is smooth.

If you have something newsworthy you want included in the newsletter please email sally.weymouth@slingshot.co.nz or contact the club and we will see what we can do

GARDENS

The combination of Auckland's drought and Covid 19 lockdown periods was a setback in the maintenance of the club's gardens but step by step they are being weeded and re-planted. A special thanks to John Wilkins and Dan Wyatt who have helped so much in the makeover of the large garden by the walkway to the 10th tee. There is still quite a bit of planting to be done there but they have removed the pesky red-hot poker clumps and oleander bushes so this can now be progressed. Special mention to Tony Delaney from the 9-hole men's group who donated and planted the large clivia clumps by the 10th tee noticeboard – can't wait for them to flower



"I love golf"

"When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again!!!"



"It is amazing how a golfer who never helps out around the house will replace his divots, repair his pitch marks and rake the sand traps"



"Every time a golfer makes birdie, he must subsequently make 2 triple bogies to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe"



"Never try to keep more than 300 thoughts in your mind during your swing"



"If you are afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have 2 options: you can immediately shank a lay up or you can wait until the green is clear and top the ball halfway there.."

Finance Report 30 June 2020 – Lars Palmgren/Treasurer

Your Management Committee has had a terribly busy but productive few months since we last updated you. The great news is that we are almost back to normal and trading well post-Covid. Angela Ferguson has been instrumental in getting us to this point and we have offered her the position of Operations Manager. We will soon begin the search for a Second in Charge (2IC) for bar and office duties.

Thank you to all those members who donated various amounts during the difficult Covid-19 lockdown. We have secured our donee registration status from the IRD and that means that all your donations to the club will qualify for a tax deduction. If you require a receipt for your taxes just let us know.

To continue our momentum, your Management Committee has approved a Winter Special Rate to attract new members. History tells us that a good proportion of new members taking advantage of a special offer tend to remain full members after the discounted year. Must be the wonderful existing members making people feel welcome.

The Finance Committee's focus will now shift from emergency decisions due to Covid-19 to medium- and long-term strategy decisions while ensuring a well-managed and healthy current operation. Comprehensive work on a New Strategic Plan will start soon with the help of Harbour Sport. This will be a 6 – 8-month process identifying all aspects of our situation and how we best can deliver what the membership really wants and needs. Surveys and workshops will take place during this process and Membership participation will be encouraged.

Other Planned activities

- Auckland Council has recently decided to postpone all open space reviews. Sadly, the significant work that has gone into reverting most of the space back to 'green area' to reduce the rates back to roughly where they were in the past seems to have been in vain. We will now focus on alternatives to make up for the rates increase by, negotiating a rates rebate or stormwater management contribution from council.
- To assist the cost of deferred maintenance and much needed course and safety improvements, the Finance Committee will be identifying surplus land areas that can be disposed of without affecting Golf Course layout or operations. We want to communicate these intentions to the membership and make very clear to all members that any Land transaction in due course **must** be approved by a General Meeting, and therefore nothing, including any costs incurred, will happen without the membership agreement.

As always, we on the Finance Committee are always open to discussions and/or suggestions on phone, email or in person.

RAFFLE RESULTS

Results of the raffle that was drawn at the Friday night happy hour – thanks to everyone who supported this

1 st –	Years membership	Francee Thornton
2 nd –	4 x 30-minute lessons from Golf HQ	Elaine Jordan
3 rd –	\$120 bar tab – thanks to GAF Roofing	John Marston
4 th –	Golf Pack from Golf HQ	Neil Shakes

A big thank you to the sponsors – Whangaparaoa Golf Club, Golf HQ and GAF Roofing

FROM THE NINE HOLE LADIES

PENNANTS – up to the close-down of pennant play due to Covid, the Whangaparaoa Nine Hole ladies had won all their games and were top of the leader board. Well done to Shirley and the team and hopefully at some point the pennants will resume as life gets back to normal.

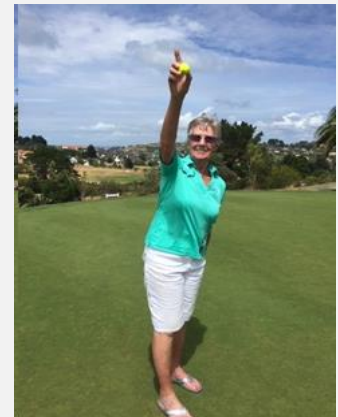
FORD CUP – the Ford Cup rounds were completed prior to lock down with players completing 2 front and 2 back nine rounds with the best results from each nine combined for a best Nett score. This was won by Sharon Evans and runners up Mary-Jane Oakes and Judy Gardner.



Hole in One

On 18th February Patricia Trim got a hole in one on the 11th hole. This is Patricia's second hole in one but the first on her home course.

Way to go Patricia and a great celebration was had by all the nine-hole ladies



Winter Membership Deal

Check these great membership prices out.

Membership Category	Deal Price
18 Hole Full Playing*	\$695.00 +gst
9 Hole Full Playing*	\$499.00 +gst
Intermediate (20 – 23 years old)*	\$349.00 +gst
Junior (up to and including 19 years)*	
Junior Beginner	\$35.00 +gst
Junior 9 & 18 Hole	\$55.00 +gst
Junior Full Playing	\$105.00 +gst
6 Month 18 Hole*^	\$450.00 +gst
Social Member (Clubhouse Membership)	\$10.00 inc gst

*Only available to players who have not held a Whangaparaoa membership within the past 2 years
^All except the 6 month 18 hole option are for 12 months from date of purchase



Offer valid from June to
September
12 month memberships^

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We have a great membership deal currently on offer so if you know of anyone looking to join up now is the time.

The club is also doing a leaflet drop in the area for a social membership for just \$10. This will give people access to the club Friday, Saturday and Sunday with 10% off drinks. They can also enjoy great food and quiz nights etc



FROM OUR SPONSORS – YOU TRAVEL

News from YOU Travel Orewa

It has been a very strange time for us in travel over the last 6 months!

Who would have thought that it would have come to this, when we first heard the word Corona Virus back in January?!

We have been busy repatriating clients and chasing refunds ever since. Lately we have been working in a more positive vain, creating some escorted trips which we are looking forward to:

1. OCT 2020 - We are just finalising details on a bespoke weekend trip to the Hawkes Bay

Included will be the coach from Silverdale to Ardmore to board our charter flight on a DC3 to Napier – The DC3 (Douglas Commercial Three), were popular for being 'large', luxurious and durable and have been described as one of the most reliable aircraft ever built. From start to finish this classic aviation experience is about feeling the nostalgia, history & emotion. We will carry this feeling on when you are picked up by classic cars for an Art Deco tour of Napier. We'll make a stop at the newest winery in the Bay, before arriving at the oldest winery in the Bay (Mission Estate) for a degustation lunch. Two nights accommodation in a boutique hotel including breakfast, and return flight home on Air New Zealand, and coach transfer back to Silverdale. Time for optional extras such as bike ride, golf, winery visits, shopping!

This is going to be a trip to remember, and limited to 22 people, so please let us know your expression of interest asap. It will be possible to extend your stay down there also if you prefer.

2. JAN 2021 - 5 Night Escorted Chatham Islands

Our first group departing on the 09th January was so popular (sold out), we have put on another departure on the 30th January.

This tour is all inclusive of flights, transfers, accommodation, sightseeing, meals. There are also options to add on fishing and or diving. We have 8 seats left.

3. MAR 2021 - 8 Night Escorted Mornington Peninsula & Tasmania GOLF TOUR in March (Based on borders reopening before Mar2021)

Escorted by Julie Reynolds & Scott Challenor this tour has the bucket list golf experiences included!

Sure to be a lot of fun as well as great golf, food, wine and whiskey - what more could you want in a holiday?!

4. MAR 2021 - 5 Night Escorted Stewart Island tour

Including 1 night in Invercargill, 4 nights in Stewart Island, breakfasts, return flights between Invercargill and Stewart Island, transfers from hotel to Airport, sightseeing in Stewart Island and Ulva Island.

Free time for optional extras such as day walks, evening Kiwi spotting walks, golf, kayaking, cycling, diving and fishing. 8 seats left.

Pamphlets available for the above tours – please contact You Travel **OREWA and they can email you these.**

As well as the above Escorted tours, we are also able to assist with all your Domestic requirements from rental cars, accommodation, golf, cycling, fishing, walking & ski packages.

We're all hoping the borders to the South Pacific Covid Free Islands are open soon. Clients are already booking in expectation this will happen before too long.

If you are planning on taking up this opportunity, you would be best to look at options before the borders are open, so as not to miss out.

We are proud sponsors of Whangaparaoa Golf Club and strong supporters of shopping local on the Coast and would love to hear from you!!

YOU Travel Orewa

Kiri, Mandy, Patrick & Olivia

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News from YOU Travel [Manly](#)

The team at You Manly would like to thank the members for calling into the office when they are up in Manly and for all your support and understanding over these times. Keep popping in we love seeing your smiling faces.

We have an Escorted Cruise Napier for the Art Deco Festival in February 2021 with Carol Kirkup from our Manly office.

Breaking News after much demand in 2021 P & O Cruises are again taking a cruise to Napier for the Art Deco Festival. Book in early to secure your preferred cabin.

What fun we had last time, we've never laughed and danced so much for years. We want to give you advance notice of this fun cruise that Carol will be escorting on board Pacific Explorer.

P & O Pacific Explorer Napier Art Deco Cruise Auckland to Auckland Departs FRI 19 FEB 2021 6.00 pm Returns TUE 23 FEB 2021 4 nights

FRI 19 FEB 2021 Depart Auckland [have fun at](#) Sail Away party
SAT 20 FEB 2021 Cruise by White Island
SUN 21 FEB 2021 Full day in Napier port to attend Art Deco Events
MON 22 FEB 2021 Full day at Sea
TUE 23 FEB 2021 Arrive Auckland

Features 2 full days at sea to enjoy on board activities and a full day in Napier.
Includes: Cruise, a selection of on-board dining cuisine, on board entertainment & activities

Book by 25 AUG 2020 and reduced deposits apply.

Bonus: On-board Cabin Credit AUD100 Inside & Outside. AUD200 Balcony AUD300.00 Mini-Suite

Share Twin - Price per person from:

- Inside Cabin from \$690.00pp
- Outside Cabin from \$790.00pp
- Balcony Cabin from \$939.00pp
- Mini-Suite from \$1,439.00pp

Bookings are filling up fast so to avoid disappointment we recommend you book now. Special conditions apply.
Escort subject to 20 passengers travelling.

We have lots of options for NZ short breaks if you would like us to email you the information.

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| - 4 Days Stewart Island breaks | From \$809 pp |
| - 3 Days Iconic trains of the South | From \$945 pp |
| - 4 Days Catlins and Stewart Islands | From \$1455 pp |
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Plus many more. We all have extensive knowledge and can tailor make any NZ holiday. Email or call the team for quotes.

You Travel Manly
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MATCHPLAY CHAMPS

The club Matchplay Champs were played when we came out of lockdown (I wonder how many putts were given with the rules around leaving the flag in and the upside cup!!). Thanks to all those that took part.

The winners were as follows:

Senior Men

Winner - Brendan Longstaff
Runner Up - Andy Hale

Intermediate Men

Winner - Ron Kirkup
Runner Up - Dale Rowley

Junior Men

Winner - Jarrad O'Hara
Runner Up - Shane Harford

C Division

Winner - Terry Hardaker
Runner Up - John Kirkham

D Division

Winner - Ethan Jordan
Runner Up - Robert Warrington

Ladies Silver Division

Winner - Chanelle Probert
Runner Up - Kay Winegar

Ladies Bronze Division

Winner - Aine Cooper
Runner Up - Julie Reynolds



Missing from photos –
Senior Men's Champion
Brendan Longstaff

FROM THE NINE HOLE MEN

Attendance for the Men's 9 Group have been strong on both Tuesday & Thursday sessions and it has been very enjoyable to get back to normal golf.

We have also started rescheduled Trophy competitions and they are in full swing.

Friday Flyers commenced on 26th June 2020 combined with the Ladies 9's and a good time was had by all and the weather was kind. The next session is planned for July 31st report 8.30 am & Shotgun start 9.00 am.

This is for stableford and Two's.

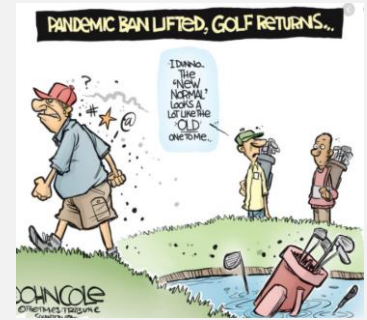
The WGC Men's 9's would like to extend a welcome to any players who would like to join us on Tuesdays & Thursdays no commitment required just turn up and you will be welcome to join us in play and the camaraderie after the game with refreshments upstairs..

Playing times are:

Tuesday Final Report Time Upstairs 11.15 am & Tee Off 11.30 am or when the 18's have teed off.

Thursday Final Report Time Upstairs 9.15 am & Tee off 9.30 am.

If you require any further information in regard to the men's 9's please contact John Coughlin 027 6859752 or email j_coughlin@outlook.com



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the wonderful things that have been going on recently at our club.

Thank you to all our Members and community who supported our Raffle. We sold all 200 tickets and our Happy Hour night at the club was well supported and fun.

Thank you to Scott Ramsey, our Club Captain, and Dan Seeley for setting up the Quiz nights again, it will be great to see the clubhouse full for those once more.

Thank you to all the wonderful members who have walked the streets of our neighbourhood over the past days delivering our Social Club fliers to letterboxes.

It's lovely to be involved with a club that has such a strong and positive attitude. I'm hoping that we will be able to let you know soon about some more fun events at the clubhouse, on the course and through summer. Please keep your ideas and feedback coming, it's been very helpful and encouraging.

WHALEWATCHERS LUNCHEON

Our bi-monthly lunches for past and present club members came to a screaming halt due to Covid19 lockdown periods. All being well, our first post Covid luncheon will be held on Wednesday August 26th at 12 noon at the club.

These events are catered for voluntarily by a group of 18-hole and 9-hole ladies and much time and effort are put in to the menu (2 courses for \$15) and the themed table décor. The number catered for is usually around 50.

Whalewatchers was formed so ex club members could still retain contact with the club and each other – sometimes injury, ill health, family responsibilities etc curtails the ability to be an active golfer but interest in Whangaparaoa Golf Club remains strong.

Feel free to call Jenny Mann if you would like more information or if you know of anyone who has recently left the club and would like to keep in contact.

New or Returning Members for June – Welcome

Rod Caudwell
Paul Guthrie
Dave Jordan
Stuart McCreight
Zhang Woo Yi

Paul France
Ross Halpin
Greg Mann
Sue Withey

HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for someone to run the Mixed Pennants this year. If you are interested, please contact Scott Ramsey for details



Please support them where you can!