

WHANGAPARAOA GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



Coming up

Vice Captains Trophy - Mixed
(play with 5 golf clubs only) -
Sat October 17th



Melbourne Cup Day - Mixed -
Tues 3rd November



Business House starts -
Wed 4th November - more
information later in article



Quiz Night - Friday 6th
November



Wilson Trophy - Sunday 1st
November and Sunday 29th
November (best 2 out of 3
Nett rounds - Canadian
Foursomes) - anyone can
play a one-off round and will
be included in haggie of day -
contact Jenny Mann

Latest News

From your President

Our year end and AGM are fast approaching. This year has been interesting and challenging but thanks to our fantastic management committee, staff, volunteers and members we are doing well, and I'm confident next year will be easier for everyone. Something to start thinking about, we will be asking members to put their hats and skills into the ring at AGM and stand for various positions on the 2021 MC. Those positions will be notified in line with our constitution, but it would be great if you can start thinking and chatting about how you can help. As my mum always said, many hands make light work.

I'd also like to welcome the many new members we have had join recently. I'm looking forward to meeting you all on the course and in the club. Please feel free to reach out to any of the Management committee and staff if you have questions or want introductions. We would love to help.

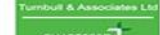
October and November are going to be busy for our club with Friday night twilight commencing, the Greenkeepers Gamble, the Labour Weekend tournament, Business House is starting on Wed 4th November and the Food, Fashion & Lifestyle Ladies Classic is happening again on the 13th November. Plus, all the usual club activities and events.

I'm looking forward to a busy and fun summer. See you all out there.

Hold the Date

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER will be our Club prize giving and recognition awards night. We will send details soon. Bookings will be essential.

Julie Reynolds
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Please support them where you can!

FINANCE UPDATE 13th OCTOBER 2020

- Uptake on our Special Winter Rates have been successful, and we welcome a lot of new members.
- Accounts for the full financial year 2019/2020 are now being prepared and we will be back in black despite Covid-19 and its challenges. The Audit will take place shortly.
- We are planning to attach a Budget for the 2020/2021 year for membership approval at this year's AGM.
- We now seem to be back on track with the "Open space review" after Council has changed their mind. Stormwater Management will also be discussed to reduce rates and/or receive contributions.
- With a solid 2019/2020 year and projected strong 2020/2021 we hope to make some substantial Course Improvements for enjoyment and safety this and following construction seasons. We are looking at paths, irrigation, planting, tree removal and possibly some realignments.

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

Lars Palmgren / Treasurer



NEW MEMBERS – A warm welcome to you all

Gordon Campbell
Clive Mackay
Carol Clark
Lis MacLeod
Brian Griffiths
Brendan McCormack
Frank Geaney
David Parker
Heather Clark
Jay Kim

Noel Futter
Felix Mackay
Jane Park
Tori Robinson
Steve Barden
Paul Hollows
Lesley Geaney
Barry Frost
Michael Wharepouri
Jennifer Simone

Glenn Ayres
Frida Mackay
Annett Smith
Calvin Stevenson
Eun Joo Kim
Grace Choi
Richard Jackson
Sulaimaan Khan
Tony Ahmed
Kathleen Welch

Craig Carter
Howard Mackay
Ian MacLeod
Dylan Stevenson
Sam Sung Kim
Jeong Choi
Jamie Thompson
Simon Bell
Kevin Whitley
Fabiano Veikoso



Dennis and Leigh will help you keep watered

NEWS FROM THE NINE HOLE MEN (AUG/SEPT 2020)

Trophies:

Once again this on and off again Covid situation has played havoc with the planned events. However, we are now back on track and hopefully we will be able to complete our scheduled competitions before 12th November 2020.

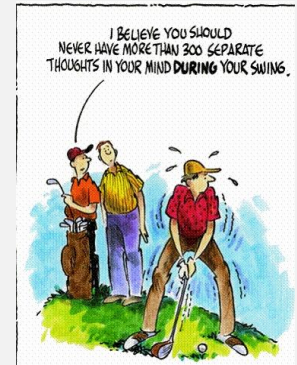
Friday Flyers has been a success when we were able to play and invitations were put out to the 18 holers and a few participated.

We had an away trip to Mangawhai on 8th October 2020 combined with the Ladies & visitors from Helensville. This was a great success with 37 players attending and a great time was had by all.

Upcoming events:

Friday 23rd October 2020
Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Wednesday 4th November 2020
Thursday 5th November 2020
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Thursday 12th November 2020
Monday 16th November 2020
Monday 23rd November 2020
Thursday 10th December 2020
Monday 14th December 2020
Wednesday 16th December 2020

Friday Flyers (Final for the year)
Melbourne Cup Tournament
Playing at Whangarei on the way to Waitangi.
Playing at Waitangi
Possibly playing at Ker Keri on the way home
Final Competition Day 9 Hole Men's
Helensville for Annual Whangaparaoa Challenge
9 Hole Mixed Open tournament at Whangaparaoa
9 Hole Men's Closing Day and Brunch
9 Hole Mixed at WGC
9 Hole Men's Prize Giving & Xmas Lunch



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



Carpark looking a bit flash with the Classic Car Club visiting for lunch

NINE HOLE LADIES

What a year.

A number of the North Harbour and as well as our own competitions have been cancelled due to the unsettled year. One of these was the 9 Hole Ladies Pennants which was cancelled with no result for the 2020.

Hopefully, with no more lockdowns, Whangaparaoa 9 Hole ladies will be holding their Open Day on 23rd November. We are opening our entries this year to include a section for the 9-hole men. As most of the North Harbour Open Days have been cancelled this year we are hoping for a good number of entries.

Results of the competitions we have managed to play during the winter months are as follows:

Winter Stableford Cup –	Winner:	Denise Pond
	Runner Up:	Diana Bassett
5 Club Day –	Winner:	Annabelle Guthrie
	Runner Up:	Barbara Bankier
Mid-Winter Madness –	Winner:	Diana Bassett
	Runner up:	Mary-Jane Oakes



Golf Trivia



Between 1457 and 1502, golf was under a ban in Scotland on three separate occasions to prevent Scots from being distracted from preparations to defend against an English invasion. The ban was implemented in 1457, 1471 and 1491



Birdie: coined by an American named Ab Smith who initially referred to a "bird of a shot" which later became a "birdie."



Walter Hagen was the first professional golfer, in the 1920's he became a golf club pro and earned a living teaching.



In 1957, Doug Ford predicted that he'd win The Masters with a score of 283. Amazingly, not only won the tournament he got the score he predicted too



And one for those who get a little frustrated on the course:

16-year-old, Jeremy T. Brenno of Gloversville, hit a bench with his golf club in frustration after missing a shot and died when the club's shaft broke, bounded back and pierced his heart. He was playing golf with his friends at Kingsboro Golf Club, the incident happened on the 6th hole

SUPER'S NOTE



The recent coring went well.
Thanks to all the volunteers that helped.

The greens are recovering well but rain would be great about now.

The 2 new tee boxes are coming along strong and should be back in play in another couple of weeks.

Please remember to repair your pitch marks and sand fill your divots and remember the greens staff has right of way.... Please do not hit balls at them.

HANDYMEN & MARSHALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday 13th November we will be running our 2nd Annual Ladies Classic.

We require handymen to help from 6.30am to 8.30am with putting signage, umbrellas, gazebos etc in place around the course for our sponsors.

We also require another person to assist with marshalling the Hole in One.

We also require 2 volunteers to share manning the Asahi sampling on course between 9.30am – 2.30pm can be shared across volunteers. (no, you can't just drink it!!!)

Please either register at this link

<https://volunteersignup.org/3BJTF?classic> or email Julie at julie.reynolds@xtra.co.nz

STROKE-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The stroke-play championships were played over the weekend of the 26th and 27th September. The weather didn't totally play ball and we had a few that did not finish but most hardy souls battled for 36 or 54 holes depending on the division. The results were as follows, congratulations to all the winners and everyone that took part:



SENIOR MEN

Winner: Brendan Longstaff

Runner Up: Andy Hale



LADIES - SILVER

Winner: Channele Probett

Runner Up: Kay Winegar



LADIES - BRONZE

Winner: Sue Davies

Runner Up: Gaynor Heather



INTERMEDIATE MEN

Winner: Ron Kirkup

Runner Up: Dan Seely



JUNIOR MEN

Winner: Gerald Burnett

Runner Up: Leo Foster



C-GRADE MEN

Winner: Jason Cha

Runner Up: Alfie Seely



D GRADE MEN

Winner: Ethan Jordan

Runner up: Brian Gailer

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE CLUB

Don't forget the club is open on Friday nights if you want a drink, some company and/or dinner. Currently 4-7 PM but will be extending to later hours when we get busier. Invite your friends and neighbours.

BUSINESS HOUSE / TWILIGHT GOLF

Wednesday nights 4th November – 9th December and 20th January – 4th March
Tee times 2.30 – 6pm

Business house golf is starting again soon so get your teams organized. You can have up to 10 people (no substitutes). This is a fun night with the bar open after and meals available from 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends or colleagues to have a bit of fun and learn how to play. If you don't want to be part of a team you can still come and have a game and enter the haggle for the night.

Business house has been running for many years and started with just 2 teams: Target Panelbeaters and Hibiscus Travel. Do you recognise anybody?



Back – left to right

**Ray Crozier, Stuart Corser, Jim Hancox,
Arthur Brown (and hairpiece)**

Front

**Elizabeth Daley, Kelvin Robinson
(Captain), John Daley**



Back – left to right

Jenny Mann, Merv Turner

Middle

**Bill Smith Snr, Jesse James, Greg
Mann**

Front

**Raewynne Webber, Penny Eustace,
Mollie James**

PRESIDENT'S GOLD & SILVER TROPHY

This competition was played a while back now.

Gold Winner: Jarad O'Hara (Pictured)
Runner Up: Lars Palmgren



Silver Winner: Len Allen (sorry no photo)
Runner Up: John Wilkins

SHOOTOUT CUP

Winner: Kerry Dixon (pictured)
Runner Up: Alfie Seely



Elliot Memorial Cup Winner – Laurie McGrath (no photo)

CAPTAIN'S LOG

I hope everyone is managing to stay healthy in these trying times.

The Club Stroke Play Championships went reasonably well, considering we had some severe weather to deal with. Thank you to all those that managed to complete their rounds and congratulations to all the winners.

Also, a big thanks to Angela, Alison, Sally for their efforts and Mark Shearer for loading the names at the end of Saturday.

I'd also like to thank the green staff for all their hard work. The course was in great condition which was evident by the scores that the winners managed to achieve.

The Match Committee is looking at changing the timing of the Championships next year for a number of reasons, probably to the 6th of November:

- The fact that they always appear to be on daylight savings weekend and there is always someone who forgets to put their clock forward (Ken Sweeney)
- We will be coring earlier, first week in September
- Hopefully the weather will improve with the date being later

We have organised a tournament on Sunday 25th of October, the Sunday of Labour Day weekend so if your around please come and join us.

Business House will be starting soon so get involved with a team and let's have some fun after work and attempt to get some normality back into our lives.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping the greens staff with their weekly tasks and was very pleasing to see all the people there last Wednesday. The course now has some definition to the fairways and hopefully with the right weather the greens will bounce back from the coring we should be in great condition for the summer months.

Happy Golfing people...The other Scotty, over and out