



# SBS Bank Cromwell Golf Club

## May 2017 Newsletter

THE FINAL GROUP AT THE SOUTH ISLAND U19'S FINISHING THEIR LAST ROUND.

### Events - Finished

**Central Otago Autumn Golf Classic 3-7 April:** The 2017 event went very well with no significant issues arising. A meeting of Directors along with some club officials was held the week after the tournament and all 5 clubs reported positive feedback. Our volunteer numbers at Cromwell were very strong again this year and did a terrific job once again. All 5 clubs have committed to the 2018 event which will be held from 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Club Championship Finals:** Congratulations to the players that made the finals and to the eventual winners:

Junior men: A Davies defeated J McIlhatton

Intermediate Men B: E Dickie defeated C Cole

Intermediate Men A: L Allison defeated P Ryan

Senior Men: R Pimm defeated P Seaton

Bronze 2 Women: R Henderson defeated R Pearson

Bronze 1 Women: J McGraw defeated S Keis

Silver women: J Hamilton defeated S Field

9 hole Women Div. 1: B Corcoran defeated P Copeland.

It was pleasing to have a good turn-out watching the matches and partaking of refreshments at the potluck after-match.

**ANZAC day medal:** a bigger than anticipated crowd turned up for the ANZAC day medal. This event also clashed with

the official practice round for the South Island Under 19 Championship causing some delays and slower than normal rounds. The U19's are a big deal for the club and the patience of club members on the day was appreciated.

....and the winners were:



Andrew Smith and Siggi Keis, with the trophies being presented by Tom Landreth.

**South Island Under 19 Championship:** Most members will be aware that the South Island under 19 Championships were held on the course last week. 104 golfers (88 boys and 16 girls) competed for under 19 and other age group honours over three days. The golf was of a high standard with some great scores posted. The best individual score was achieved by Jordan Woodall of Cambridge who shot a 66 on the Wednesday. Jordan went on to win the overall title after further rounds of 70 and 73 for a 209 total. Cromwell's Inia Logan was 2<sup>nd</sup> on 213. The women's title

was won by Juliana Hung from Russley with a 218 score. 2<sup>nd</sup> went to Hilary O'Connor from Pegasus on 221.

A teams' competition was held in conjunction with the tournament with Canterbury taking out both the U16 and U19 titles and Otago filling the runner-up berth in both.

While this tournament is an active fundraiser for the club it also showcases our course to up and coming young golfers across New Zealand. While some found the contours of our greens challenging, there were lots of positive comments about the course. Well done again to Neil and Tennille and the grounds volunteers.

Once again we are indebted to all those who assisted voluntarily during the tournament. We could not have run this tournament without a lot of people giving up their time and effort to help in many different ways. We would especially like to thank the women who assisted with food and catering. It was a mammoth task to provide lunches daily and cater in the clubhouse for the teams in the evening.

Thank you. Hopefully you can all have a rest for a while!

Wayne Dixon

Willie Moore

President

Tournament Director

## Events - Upcoming

May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday) – Central Otago Vets will be here starting at 10.30am

May 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) – 9-hole competition starting at 1pm. This is for Casual Members as well as full and 9-hole members and there will be a pot-luck afternoon tea to follow. Family are also invited to attend the afternoon tea. There is a sign-up sheet on the club notice board or you can email/call the club and register. Numbers are required by 12<sup>th</sup> May to ensure it goes ahead.

## Member Profile – Tom Landreth

Tom Landreth was born in December 1919 so most would be able to work out that he is the most senior member of our golf club....and an inspiration to us all, as he strides out along the fairways. Tom started playing golf in Milton where he was the Mill Chemist at the Bruce Woollen Mill. Tom married Alwyn (Ollie) Hallum, a nurse at the local hospital in 1957. In 1958 the golf club offered a combined subscription of seven pounds..... "Too good to turn down", according to Tom.

At the time Tom also played tennis and badminton but soon golf became the main sporting interest. Tom said it took just on fifty years to get his first hole in one (hole 14) and a repeat is highly unlikely...but you never know Tom!

Tom's early years were spent at Katea (about 8 Km from Owaka). Tom's Father was the Principal of the local sole charge school which could never quite reach the 40 pupils needed to get an assistant teacher. Tom remembers that they had black rugby jerseys provided by the school Committee but they never played a match! They never quite had enough players to make up a team. Presumably girls never played in those days!



Tom attended Otago University and graduated with a Masters of Science in Chemistry in 1941. Tom had been in the Territorials and in 1942 he was called up. He served in Fiji, New Caledonia and North of Bougainville. In 1944 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division was disbanded and some soldiers, including Tom, were sent home to support essential industries. At that point Tom joined the woollen mill at Milton which was very busy meeting orders for the defence forces. The mill was installing new processes requiring chemical control and needed graduates to oversee them.

As changes took place in the woollen industry Tom and his family moved to Oamaru, to Palmerston North with an elastics company, then finally back to Dunedin to Roslyn Woollen Mills. Tom retired from there in 1985. In 1986 he and his wife moved to Cromwell. Tom has been active in Jaycees, Lions and Probus and, of course, the RSA.

## Twilight Golf

The 2016-17 event wrapped up on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and was another very successful event with 35 teams entered and 30+ teams playing most Thursday afternoons.

A big thanks to Trish, Irene, Stu and Tony D for their big season long contribution running different aspects of it.

Thanks also to Les and Vicky, Marion, and Dougal for helping throughout the season.

## Grounds Committee Report

Our course has had a lot of intensive use in the last two months, with important tournaments and especially with the "Five Course Challenge". The fairways and greens have stood up to the demands very well and we have received very positive comments about their quality. The grounds committee is very pleased with the recent "Top 100" course rankings, placing us 34<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand and 13<sup>th</sup> in the South Island. Thanks to our grounds staff, Neil and Tennille, and our volunteers, for their contribution to these achievements.

In some areas our Spring work of punching and seeding bare patches on fairways has slowly produced growth. However, there is still much to be done. The number of important tournaments being played in March and April has limited the opportunities to work on the fairways so we will wait until Spring and select two fairways for concentrated attention.

Work has progressed on improving the surfaces for transition from tees to fairways and from greens to tees. While acknowledging that there is still work to be done, we are pleased with achievements to date.

Thanks to Rae Henderson for the donation of Pittosporums and to Alan Anderson for the donation of grasses. Thanks too to Hynds and Mico for the donation of irrigation materials to fix the pipe on the 7th fairway.

In the background our grounds volunteers continues to complement the work of our grounds staff; for example, emptying rubbish bins, raking bunkers, spraying weeds, mowing the rough grass, erecting and staining signs, pulling Lupins, weeding, trimming trees carrying out minor repairs and doing projects such as laying tiles. Thanks to all our volunteers.

Chris Cummings  
Course Convenor

## Women's Club Captain Report

The Club Championships are behind us for another year, from the women's perspective we were very pleased with the way things went.

Everyone seemed to enter into the spirit of the day. I hope this can continue over the coming years. It was good to see

the club house full of people for the presentation of the trophies and I'm sure everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

Margaret has reported that everything is going well with the 9 hole women. They have just run a very successful Easter Raffle.

We turned down the offer to run the Pennant finals in May as we felt we have been busy catering for the 5 course challenge and with the under 19 championships here it would be too hard to get anyone to do the catering. Roxburgh is going to host the finals.

Our next big project will be the Winter Fun Tournament in August

Jean Giller, Club Captain.

## Lake Dunstan Challenge

The Lake Dunstan Challenge Top 10 standings as of 23/04/2017 are:

Chris Cole – 2525  
Arthur Davies – 2425  
Gary Pankhurst – 2300  
John McIlhatton - 2250  
Wayne Dixon – 2125  
Ken Ludemann – 2100  
Marty Hupton – 1950  
Kevin Clark – 1900  
Dougal Weily – 1900  
Bob Scott - 1875  
Tony Wood – 1875

## Off-Peak (Casual) Membership

*Off-peak membership is a casual golf category. Off-peak members have unlimited use of the course, provided the course is open for general play. Off peak members may not play in club competitions and do not have voting rights.*

At the start of the current financial year a change was made to the Off-Peak membership category. This was changed to the above. The purpose was to create a membership that allowed people with other sporting or family commitments on regular golf days, or those who just didn't want to play competitively an option where they could have a hit whenever time permitted. It does however allow these golfers to have an official handicap providing an opportunity to play in tournaments when able. The downside is that Off-Peak members cannot play in or with a competition day field. This has proven to be very successful with 73 members in this category now.



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