



SBS Bank Cromwell Golf Club

February 2017 Newsletter

TOM PASLEY CUP (FOR LEFTIES) JOINT WINNERS HENRY SMITH AND GARY PANKHURST

Upcoming Events

March 6th (Monday) – NZ Open final qualifier. The projected field for this event is now 45, with players starting on both #1 and #10 from 11.30am. The course will be closed on Monday until approximately 3.30pm. Apologies to the 9-hole men who will now not be able to play at 1pm as planned. The increase in field size and multi tee start have put paid to those plans.

Mar 13th (Monday) – Women's Harvest Tournament. The course will be closed until approximately 3pm.

March 23rd (Thursday) is the final night of Twilight golf for the season.

April 3rd-7th (Mon-Fri) Central Otago Autumn Golf Classic. Each course will have one lay-day so Cromwell will be open for regular play still on Monday 3rd but will be closed for the remaining 4 days.

Raffle Result

Congratulations to Mark Pearson who won the 1st prize of Golf for 2 at Millbrook. 2nd through 5th prizes which were Mt Michael vouchers went to Neil Jubb, Chris Dickey, Bob Schonk, Howard Anderson.

Thank you to everyone who supported this club fundraiser. Thanks also go to Peter Smith (Millbrook) for donated the 1st prize and Anna Robbie at Mt Michael for the wine vouchers.

From the Board

The Board are putting together a small group to conduct a feasibility study on a clubhouse upgrade.

The group will be tasked with looking at improvement options, priorities, indicative costs and potential funding options.

If you have a passion, talent, or skill that would be a good fit for this group and its task and wish to be a part of it please contact Chairman Des Minehan or Board Rep Paul Robertson.

Club House Matters

Please do not leave your golf bag/trundler in the bottom of the clubhouse overnight. While this was a perfectly normal occurrence, back in the day when we were just a local's course, this is no longer the case. We now have a large number of national and international golfers visiting and having gear sitting in the changing rooms or accessway is not the look we are striving to achieve...and yes we realise the clubhouse isn't that flash to start with (refer to paragraph above "From the Board") but we need to do the best we can with what we have.

We have a new dish washer in the Kitchen. It is a much simpler machine to operate than the previous beast but there are still a few instructions to guide users. Please read them before use, especially the emptying process which must be followed to avoid damaging the machine.

Member Profile – Linda Parker

This month we profile club stalwart Linda Parker. Linda started golf at Chisholm Park in 1976. After a period as a country member at Cromwell she became a full member here in 1995. Over the last 22 years Linda has held a number of different roles across the club. She was Women's Club Captain in 1997 and 1998. She also had the distinction of being the last president of the Women's Club before the management structure changed to the current model in 1999. She then became Women's Representative to the board for the next 10 years or so.



Linda was secretary of the 2003 Centennial Committee.....and today continues this secretarial role at both Board and club Committee levels.

Linda was also involved in the wider administration of golf. She represented Central Otago on the Otago Women's Fixture Committee for two years and spent 9 years as secretary/administrator of Women's Golf Otago until amalgamation in 2010.

Linda has played most of her competitive golf on handicaps between 20 and 24. She has had many memorable moments. A hole in one in an Otago Pennant final, winning a Dunedin festival Cup and winning the Women's Division of the Club's Centennial Tournament while husband Ashley won the Men's Division, rank amongst the highlights. An achievement was finishing runner-up in the flights of the national Autumn Foursomes in 2001. Her partner for that tournament was Louise Stephens of the College Golf Academy.

While much of the above was happening, Linda also managed to fit in a teaching career which spanned almost 30 years....which supports the old saying...'the more you have to do the better organised you become'!

New Sponsors

Moore Golf – Men's Monthly Medal

Bayleys Locations – Wednesday Competition

Golden View Lifestyle Village – Country Rover

Sahara NZ Limited (McArthur Ridge) – Hole 11

Thank you all for jumping on board. We remind members to take note of who our sponsors are and where possible send your business their way.

Men's Club Captain Report

Tail Winds

Club champs well underway

Continuation of good sized Wednesday and Saturday fields
Blue tee monthly medal winners for sponsored Moore Golf playoff in January 2018 are Inia Logan (Jan) and Stu Taylor (Feb)....more to come

Pennants and Interclub preparation completed. We have reasonable numbers to support each grade Team captains are:

Brendon Scott – Pennants Senior B

Lester Scott – Pennants Intermediate

Bob Scott – Pennants Junior A

Bob Brent – Presidents Pennants

Mark Pearson – Interclub

The first round of Pennants was completed on Sunday 26th Feb. resulting in a clean sweep with Senior B, Intermediate and Junior A teams all recording home course wins.

Head Winds

First interclub at Arrowtown did not go so well for the Cromwell team finishing in 7th place, not last though!!

George Hook, Club Captian.

Women's Club Captain Report

There has been a good turn-out for Tuesday golf, while not so many on Thursdays.

We have reintroduced our sales table on monthly medal days. It was a great success with over \$70 dollars being made, not bad for less than 20 players that day.

Club Champs have started with the 1st round played last Tuesday. Entries are down on last year but there will still be some good golf played over the next few weeks.

Noelene and I (Jean) will be attending the Central Otago

AGM at Omakau and a delegates meeting to finalise the 2018 fixture list on Monday 6th March.

The 9-hole Women are getting good numbers out each Tuesday including some new members who are getting cards in to obtain their handicaps.

Jean Giller, Club Captain.

R&A-USGA Proposed Rule Changes

"The R&A and the USGA have unveiled a preview of the proposed new Rules of Golf, as part of a joint initiative to modernise the Rules and make them easier to understand and apply."

"The online release of this preview begins a six-month feedback and evaluation period during which all golfers worldwide can learn about the proposed changes and provide input before they are finalised in 2018 and take effect on 1 January 2019."

I will send out a separate email to members with further information and attachments outlining the proposed changes so that anyone with an interest in rules can keep informed and submit on the changes if they wish.

Lake Dunstan Challenge

The Dunstan Challenge standings have now recommenced from 28 January and these are published each week on the men's noticeboard. For those new to the club, the Dunstan Challenge is an interclub fixture between Cromwell and Dunstan and is based on the Fedex cup system. Each player is allocated points from Saturday competition, club champs, Goodalls, pennants and interclub and these points range from 550 points for winning a medal event down to 30 for 10th in a stableford event. Fifty points are also received for attendance. The points are accumulated throughout the year and towards the end of the year the 10 persons with the highest total points and 2 others of Club Captains choice are selected to represent the club in a match against Dunstan. This was an excellent day last year played at Clyde and unfortunately won by them. The top 10 placings as of 26/2/17 are:

Wayne Dixon – 1500
 Stu Taylor – 1250
 Ken Ludemann – 1150
 John McIlhatton – 950
 Martin Huptin – 900
 Chris Cole – 850
 Dougal Weily – 850
 Al Hamilton – 800
 Bob Scott – 775

And 10th equal

Howard Anderson – 750

George Hook – 750

Gary Pankhurst – 750

Irwin Harvey - 750

Golf Travel Log

Good Luck to some of our club members who are playing in quite a special Tournament this month.

Roi Waller, Tom Landreth, Alf Stiven, Ewan Fraser and Frank Denton travel to Burnham for the 36 hole, two-day Ex-serviceman's Tournament on 15/16 March. The proceeds from the tournament go towards the Army War Museum at Waiohuru. We are sure they will have a great time even without the golf!

We wish Inia Logan all the best as he attempts to qualify for the NZ Open in the final qualifier here at Cromwell Golf Club on Monday.

Over the next month or two Inia is also playing in:

The NZ Open (hopefully) – 9th- 12th March

Akarana Open - 30th March - 2nd April

The Charles Tour Muriwai Open - 6th- 9th April

The Charles Tour Carrus Open - 20th - 23rd April

South Island U19's at Cromwell - 26th - 29th April

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