

PART OF THE 70+ PARTICIPANTS IN THE WOMEN'S SUMMER SERIES-STORY BELOW

SBS Bank Cromwell Golf Club

March 2022 Newsletter

February events:

February 7th (Monday) Waitangi Day Medals.....and the winners were Ken Ludemann with a nett 66 and Carol Sanford with a nett 70.

February 12th (Saturday) - Tom Pasley Cup for left handers was won jointly by Bruce Morton and Richard Bryant.



February 19th (Saturday) Neil Middlemass Trophy – was postponed due to some fairly average weather. This will now be held on 12th March.

Upcoming events:

March 3rd (Thursday) Women's Harvest Tournament. Twilight golf will be played as normal after this event. The course will otherwise be closed for the day to general play.

March 12th (Saturday) - Neil Middlemass Trophy, open to 18-hole men and women.

March 17th (Thursday) – final night of twilight golf for the season.

March 20th (Sunday) – John Hayes Mixed 4BBB Stableford, open to 9- and 18-hole members.

Women's Summer Series

The brainchild of member and former She-Loves-Golf participant, Kirsten Adams, this 6-week event kicked off on the 15th February. It is being organized and run by Kirsten, Laurel Brent, and Joy McDonald.

It was anticipated that 20-25 women could be attracted to the event, but numbers swelled and were capped when reaching 72. Others are on a waiting list.

Willie is also providing tuition to a group of around 18 complete novices each evening prior to the main event.

The series is being sponsored by winery Nockies Palette and they are providing a free glass of wine to each participant each evening.

A more comprehensive story will follow once the series concludes.



The Battle of the Gorge

This is a Men's Interclub between Dunstan and Cromwell Golf Clubs based on a Fedex type format.

The final competition is 18 holes foursomes followed by 18 holes of singles match play.

To qualify for the team, points are awarded for each Saturday competition round you play, including matches, interclub and pennants with additional points for performance. For anyone wanting more accurate details of the scoring ask the Club Captain or John Mac.

Top of the table standings as at 26 February:

Whiting	Allen	950
Ludemann	Ken	875
Pearson	Mark	850
Morton	Bruce	750
Rive	lan	750
Silvester	Peter	700
Holden	Dave	650
Mills	Kylie	650
Price	Greg	650
Kahukura	Paul	600
Knox	Geoff	600
Scott	Brendon	600
Smith	Luke	600

Grounds Committee

Thanks to Judd and his team for the excellent presentation of our course for the Legends. The course is looking very good.

There has been a very pleasing response to our invitation to members to be part of a working bee group and we have 23 names. There are also the volunteers who do regular tasks such as raking bunkers, collecting rubbish, rabbit control, Clubhouse grass mowing and gardens and cardboard removal. The regular Monday working bees started on Monday 7th, although we will normally try to avoid Vets days. Judd asked us to work on the car park gardens and slash from the gum trees. One garden has been done and a lot of slash removed.

Judd reports that Stu Taylor has taken on the role as rabbit controller with assistance when he needs it. Already he is having success. Also:

•The filter has been getting cleaned once or twice a week at the moment, we may have to look to see if the intake at the lake is dirty.

•New garden with grasses planted behind 12th tee.

•New trees that were damaged on 15th have been taken out and these will be replaced at the end of February or start of March.

• Drains on some fairways have been lifted and cleaned out as these had sunk and were damaging units on mower.

Murray Whitworth Grounds Committee Convenor

Men's Club Captain

February has been a busy month so far with the first of the trophies been played for. Numbers have been good with 70 + in the field. Interclub starts on Saturday 19th February at Hawea and pennants started the following weekend. Match committee is working with Doug Harradine's assistance on the stroke hole review.

Andy Robertson Mens Club Captain

Board Rep's

Sound System: A quote for a new sound system was accepted by the board. This will cover the top and lower floor upstairs (now installed). The starter's office sound system will also be reviewed.

The club has bought a good sized marquee in excellent condition, which will be a great asset for tournament etc.

CODC: The Club is still waiting for Michael Goldstein's report.

Clubhouse: Discussion was held on the feasibility of making further improvements to the Clubhouse for the enjoyment of members and visitors. It was agreed that Bob, Irwin and Linda will consult with Martin Kennedy.

Green Fee Income: Was up in January putting year to date back on budget. However February has so far seen lower numbers and the arrival of Omicron will potentially impact negatively on numbers of green fee players.

The new Gator has arrived in the country and should be here within 2 weeks.

New tournament: (Central Otago Men's Champs) is going ahead and entry forms have been distributed.

Membership: There were 22 new members in January. It is encouraging to see an increase in players taking full memberships – 8 in January. There is a healthy increase in younger players on the course and in the Clubhouse.

Black Rabbit Café: Patronage of the café has dropped significantly since Christmas. This is more noticeable on Wednesday's and Saturdays. If members have any suggestions for the Café such as preferred food choices and / or opening time-frames please make your thoughts and suggestions known to Irwin.

The Junior school term coaching programme: has started with funding provided by Golf Otago. Willy has two age groups attending coaching on different days. A local Construction Company has agreed to provide some funding for progressing a local talent-developmentprogramme for aspiring juniors.

Women and Girls Ambition – Golf NZ: Irwin and Natalie attended a very good workshop and presentation by Emily from Golf NZ, in Arrowtown. Emily's presentation included Golf NZ's vision for improving opportunities and removing any barriers for women and girls in all aspects of golf. We were pleased to note that our Club already ticks many of the goals proposed by Golf NZ.

Our response to the presentation has been to form a small working group (Natalie, Irwin, Jacqui Rose-Anderson and Ewan) to look at any areas where we might improve opportunities for women and girls to play and enjoy golf, with the goal of increasing our club membership. We already have initiatives in place such as: The 'She Loves Golf' programme run by Willy, which has been successful and is on-going. Following this is the 'Women's Summer Series' organised and run by Kirsten, Laurel and Joy – Tuesdays 6 - 8pm.

Covid – Omicron: It's here! A management plan was discussed for staff and players. Irwin to email members with plan for safe work activities, golf and clubhouse.

Natalie Franklin & Lester Scott.

March Calendars:

Men's March Calendar

Wed 2	Men's Wed Competition
Thu 3	Women's Harvest Tournament
	Twilight Golf (Registered Teams Only)
Fri 4	9 Hole Men's Competition (B)
Sat 5	Monthly Medal. Blue or White Tees. Best Gross and Putting.
Wed 9	Men's Wed Competition
Thu 10	Twilight Golf (Registered Teams Only)
Fri 11	9 Hole Men's Competition (F)
Sat 12	Stableford – Neil Middlemass Trophy, 2 nd round club champs completed.
Wed 16	Men's Wed Competition
Thu 17	Twilight Golf Final (Registered Teams Only)
Fri 18	9 Hole Men's Competition (B)
Sat 19	Medal. – 2nd Round Summer Plate, 3 rd Qual Round Henry's Shoot Out
Sun 20	John Hayes Trophy. Mixed 4BBB Stableford open to 18 and 9 hole members.
Wed 23	Men's Wed Competition
Fri 25	9 Hole men's Competition (F)
Sat 26	Stableford – Black/Blue or White/Yellow Tees. Interclub at Alexandra
Wed 30	Men's Wed Competition

Women's March Calendar

Tue 1	Stableford. 9-Hole: Medal and Putting, Closest to Pin (F)
Thu 3	CROMWELL HARVEST TOURNAMENT
Sat 5	Medal and Putting, 1st round Frank Clark Vets (50+ tick card)
Tue 8	Medal and Putting, 1st round Frank Clark Vets (50+ tick card). 9-Hole: 2nd round of Club Champs (F)
Thu 10	4BBB
Sat 12	1st round Ad Hosking, 1st round Home Pennants
Tue 15	1st round Ad Hosking, 1st round Home Pennants. 9-Hole: 1st round of Vina Paterson Trophy 4 BBB – drawn partners (B)
Thu 17	O'Kane Trophy
Sat 19	Coronation Medal- Aotearoa Cup -Vetts Nett- Best Gross
Sun 20	John Hayes Trophy. Mixed 4BBB Stableford open to 18 and 9 hole members.
Tue 22	Coronation Medal- Aotearoa Cup -Vetts Nett- Best Gross. 9-Hole: medal and putting, closest to pin, 1st round of Sue Bunt Trophy

Thu 24	Rae Henderson Beginners match play
Sat 26	Medal & Putting, 2nd Round Frank Clark, Teams Qualifying
Tue 29	Medal & Putting, 2nd Round Frank Clark, Teams Qualifying. 9-Hole: Ambrose (B)
Thu 31	Stableford

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