



April events:

April 6-8th (Wed-Thu-Fri) Central Otago Autumn Golf Classic. The weather was fine for the entire week (1st time ever) resulting in golfers having a great time. Everything went according to plan except for a few late withdrawals due to covid.

A big thanks to the volunteers for your contribution before and during the event, much appreciated as always.

April 25th (Monday) ANZAC Day medal – the women's section was jointly won by Cathryn Blake and Sandy Crofts with a net 71 and the men's was won by Doug MacGillivray with a net 68. Member, Bob Cockburn, was on hand representing the RSA and handed out the trophies. A donation from the club competition day was also presented to the RSA.



May 1st Club Championships final. As we go to print, I only have the winners, but no further details yet on how the day and matches went. The results were:



Silver: Jackie Hamilton def Kay Scurr



Bronze 1
Vibe Fieldes def
Gay Renwick



Bronze 2
Trish Linton def
Raewyn Price



Intermediate B
Martin Kennedy def
Bob Scott



Intermediate A
Austin Black def
Caleb Madden



9-Hole Division 1
Kirsten Adams def
Adele Dow



9-Hole Division 2
Lynley Cameron def
Maureen Rush



Senior
Troy Scott def
Andrew McLeay



Men's Junior
John McIlhatton def
Bob Brent

Upcoming events:

May 4th (Wed) Course closed for CO Men's Senior Championship Tournament

May 8th (Sunday) - J E Webb Trophy – Mixed 4BBB Par. Open to 18 & 9 Hole Members

May 9th (Monday) - Central Otago Vets at Cromwell

The Battle of the Gorge

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

Top of the table standings at 7 April:

Anderson	Alan	1450
Whiting	Allen	1380
Mann	Chris	1300
Pankhurst	Garry	1300
Ludemann	Ken	1250
Pearson	Mark	1225
Sutton	Mark	1200
Brent	Bob	1175
Smith	Luke	1175
Morton	Bruce J	1150
Mills	Kylie	1100
Pimm	Samuel	1025
Dickie	Evan	1000
Foster	Carey	1000
Scoles	Bernie	1000

Grounds Committee

The volunteer working bees have achieved the following:

- A seat and rubbish bin were sited by the first blue and white tee block.
- Skip Johnson was assisted in the removal of trees on the left hand side of the 6th fairway, and in tidying up broken limbs on the pine tree by the 8th fairway.
- Divots were repaired on the fairways, litter picked up and debris was cleaned up prior to the 5-course challenge tournament.
- The old flax bushes and shrubs above the Crib Wall behind the clubhouse were removed and Marram Grass planted to provide a visual barrier in the remaining gaps.
- One of the gardens behind the clubhouse was taken out and grass sown. There is still another section to do.

Jud has provided the following comments.

- Two applications of Smackdown (chemical) for moss have been applied.
- Some trees on the left side of the 6th hole just past yellow tees have been taking out. The big one was interfering with the tee. Thanks Skip, Lester and his team for this.
- David Howard (agronomist) has been on-site and undertaken testing on some of the greens. Test results came back quickly and it was very pleasing to see a reduction in the organic matter in the 0-10mm range. The levels in the 10-20mm have however increased slightly as the profile changes overtime. He said this is a normal occurrence.

- Investigations are underway to replace the irrigation system filter (alongside hole 17). The current filter is old, worn and is not able to handle the lake snot that is entering the system. New technology is available that uses a disc filter pod system that self-cleans when each individual filter pod becomes clogged by the lake snot.

There is an increase in wear around holes on greens, caused by people's hand rubbing the edge of the hole when retrieving their ball with the pin still in. Please take the pin out first then your ball.

We are heading into winter and grass recovery is slowing to a stop. Can everyone ensure when using the practice range that you use the MATS provided over the next 3 months. The large areas of divots being taken out will not recover during winter.

Murray Whitworth
Grounds Committee Convenor

Men's Club Captain

Numbers have been steady on Saturday with around 70 playing in the field

Club champs are on track (now completed)

Old smuggler draw is out with 39 pairs

We had a match Committee meeting on the 12th with Doug and the ladies match committee in attendance, discussing the current stroke hole allocation.

Upcoming events - JE WEBB Trophy mixed on 8th May

Andy Robertson
Men's club captain

Women's Club Captain

Our pennant team made it to the final which is held at Dunstan on Monday 2 May

Regular start time is now 11am for 18-hole women and 12pm for 9-hole women. Still getting a reasonable number out both Tuesday and Thursday. All comps are up to date.

Janet McArthur
Women's club captain

Board Rep's

Report - CGC Review of Strategic Options: Report prepared by Michael Goldstein on behalf of Golf NZ was received by CGC March 2022 and tabled April 19th for board members consideration. This report will be emailed to all members and a hard copy can be available on request.

Report on CGC water filtration was received from Arthur Davies: In brief; our current filtration system is not fit for purpose to deal with the increasing algae growth in the lake. This issue is not isolated to CGC but is affecting the entire Central Otago region. The recommendation from WaterForce is to upgrade to a 'self-cleaning disc filtration system'. The Board unanimously agreed to proceed with this recommendation once the plans and costs are confirmed and discussed.

Membership: 14 new members joined in March: 3 x Full, 3 x Starters, 3 x Casual, 3 x School, 1 x U30, 1 x 9 hole. 5 are former members and 4 of the 14 are women. There were 2 resignations: 1 x moved away and sadly 1 deceased. Total membership for end of March 592. Encouragingly, April is already seeing further growth in membership.

Rabbit Control: Continues – many thanks to Stu Taylor Les Topping and Chris Cole for his on-going rabbit control work.

Clubhouse building sub-committee: Met with Murray Kennedy who advised that any structural alterations to the building are not an easy do, further consultation is needed.

Clubhouse break-in: Insurance payout has seen replacement of the items lost in the burglary.

Access pathway from Prospectors Park onto the Golf course: Les Topping has requested the Board investigate the issues of erosion and waste mounds abutting the new pathway. CGC is currently working through identifying the parties responsibility for management / landscaping of areas of concern. E.g. CGC / Council/ Developers?

Cromwell Golf Club – Dress code: Policy 3 was ratified by The Committee:
The standard of dress should be neat and tidy, conservative, comfortable and applicable to the conditions. The Committee reserves the right to enforce proper standards of dress, both on the course and in the clubhouse.

Natalie Franklin & Lester Scott.

May Calendars:

Men's May Calendar

- Sun 1** Finals of Club Championships – Men and Women
Wed 4 CO Men's Senior Championship – course closed
Fri 6 9 Hole Men's Competition (F)

- Sat 7** Monthly Medal. Blue or White Tees. Best Gross and Putting, 1st round old smuggler completed
Sun 8 J E Webb Trophy – Mixed 4BBB Par. Open to 18 & 9 Hole Members
Mon 9 Central Otago Vets at Cromwell
Wed 11 Men's Wed Competition
Fri 13 9 Hole Men's Competition (B)
Sat 14 Medal. 1st Round Hay Paterson Cup, 5th Qual Round Henry's Shoot Out. Interclub at Wanaka
Wed 18 Men's Wed Competition
Fri 20 9 Hole Men's Competition (F)
Sat 21 Stableford. Blue or White Tees. 2nd Round Old Smuggler completed
Wed 25 Men's Wed Competition
Fri 27 9 Hole Men's Competition (B)
Sat 28 Yellow Ball Stableford

Women's May Calendar

- Mon 2** CENTRAL OTAGO WOMENS PENNANT FINAL 36 HOLES
Tue 3 Ambrose. 9-Hole: Medal and Putting, Closest to Pin, 2nd round of Sue Bunt Trophy (B)
Wed 4 CO Men's Senior Championship – course closed
Thu 5 Club Captain's Choice, 9-Hole (F)
Sat 7 Medal and Putting, 3rd Round Frank Clark
Sun 8 J E Webb Trophy – Mixed 4BBB Par. Open to 18 & 9 Hole Members
Tue 10 Medal and Putting, 3rd Round Frank Clark. 9-Hole: 2nd round of Vina Paterson Trophy 4 BBB (B)
Thu 12 Rae Henderson Trophy, Beginners match play
Sat 14 3rd Round Ad Hosking, 3rd Round Home Pennants
Tue 17 3rd Round Ad Hosking, 3rd Round Home Pennants. 9-Hole: 2nd round of Colleen Smith Stableford Trophy (B)
Thu 20 O'Kane Trophy
Sat 21
Tue 24 Stableford. 9-Hole 3rd round of Vina Paterson Trophy 4 BBB (F)
Thu 26 1st Round Colling Trophy (4BBB Matchplay senior and junior)
Sat 28 1st Round Audrey Wright Eclectic
Tue 31 1st Round Audrey Wright Eclectic. 9-Hole: Medal & Putting, Closest to Pin, 3rd round of Sue Bunt, 2nd round of Eclectic (F)

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