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CLUB PRESIDENT • PETER WILLIAMS

The legendary Legends Tournament has given the Club its usual great start to a new year. It was great to see so many top flight sportsmen and women of the past and present enjoying the course and the club along with club members and other visitors.

There were numerous current and former All Blacks playing and the list of the Legends' achievements posted in the Clubhouse foyer made for some fascinating reading.

Sure we know about Christian Cullen and Ben Smith and Damian McKenzie but who knew that George Hook played table tennis for Southland or that Skip Johnston was a national steer wrestling champion!

After two days in a variety of conditions from dead flat calm to near gale force winds, and temperatures which ranged from shirt sleeves on Saturday to thick sweaters on Sunday morning the winners were the team led by one of the Highlanders' favourite sons, Marty Banks.

Their final winning margin, after a recalculation, was a mere 0.5 of a shot over the team featuring former Otago and Canterbury representative golfer John Sanders and his brother-in-law Dave Harper.

(Your President can report he played in a team with two of his schoolboy friends from nearly 60 years ago, and his son. We came a glorious 60th out of 60 teams. Always remember someone has to come last.)

As usual the atmosphere created around the Club over the two days was wonderful. I take this opportunity to thank the organizing committee, the starters, the scorers and the numerous volunteers who manned the raffles and the bar over the two days. Your assistance is really appreciated.

I noted that the new sliding doors which improve access to the lawn from the lower lounge are a worthwhile addition and ensured the lawn and marquee were popular spots during the weekend.

Apart from the Legends, the course has been well used by both members and visitors.

We took nearly \$30,000 in green fees from Boxing Day till January 5th. With the course's ongoing popularity, the Club continues to be in good financial health.

There is an appetite on the Board to invest some of our savings on improvements to both the Clubhouse and the Course. We are working through some concepts and will keep Club members involved during the process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon 24 Jan - NZ Open Qualified
(Practice rounds Sun 23 Jan)
- Sun 2 Mar - Women's Masters
- Mon 3 Mar - Secondary Schools Eagles Intercollegiate
- Thu 6 Mar - Harvest Tournament
- Fri 14 March - Bayley's Charity Tournament
- Fri 21 Mar - Aspiring to be Remarkable Charity Tournament
- Fri 28 Mar - Brandhouse Series Final
- Thu 3 Apr - CO Seniors Championship
- Fri 4 Apr - CO Autumn Golf Classic (COAGC)



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Z CROMWELL LEGENDS TOURNAMENT 2025

We are thrilled to announce that the Legends Tournament has once again been a resounding success, marking 29 years of incredible moments and community spirit. This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our sponsors and the dedication of our volunteers.

To Our Sponsors: Your generous contributions have been the backbone of this event. Your commitment to supporting our community and fostering a love for golf is truly commendable. Your support has made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful.

To Our Volunteers: Your hard work and enthusiasm are the heart and soul of the Legends Tournament. From preparing the grounds, organizing logistics to ensuring everything runs smoothly on the day, your efforts have been invaluable. Your dedication and passion have not only made this event possible but have also created a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone involved. We cannot thank you enough for your time and energy.

Together, we have made the Legends Tournament a highlight on our calendar, and we are excited to continue this tradition for many years to come.



Congratulations to the winning team of M Banks, R Banks, B Banks & J Gambles

Runners-up were

D Harper, J Harper, K Sanders & J Sanders

The full results list can be downloaded from our website

www.cromwellgolf.co.nz on the Home Page under Latest Club Information.

THE PHOTOS ARE READY TO DOWNLOAD!

Sam from [Photo Boutique](#) has done a stellar job of capturing some action over the weekend.

Download to your heart's content from our [Google Drive](#). Please share the link with the rest of your team.

The link can also be found on our website www.cromwellgolf.co.nz under Latest Club Information on the Home Page.





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WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Opening Day took place on January 28. The Joyce Gibson Trophy was played for with 9 & 18 holers being paired for a greensome. The winners were Nola Naylor and Linda Heath.

Shootout winner for January was Sally Cameron.

Early tee times for Tuesday golf have proved popular during the heat of summer and are to continue through February.

Club Champs . The first round for the 18 Hole Women gets underway from Feb 1.

The Harvest 4BBB Tournament is being held on March 6. Planning is well underway and entries are rolling in.

Wayne and Kay Dixon have kindly offered to run this year's Mixed Events. First up is the Webb Trophy 4BBB on Sunday, Feb 2 . Tee times are from midday and players a plate please.

Contact Kay or Wayne if you'd like some help in finding a partner.



Congratulations to Vibe Fieldes who recently scored a hole in one on #14 during Thursday Competition play.

MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Monthly Medal:

Men can play from white or blue tees as they wish. Women can play from white or yellow tees as they wish.

The winner of the Best Nett from any tee wins the Monthly Mug which entitles them to request a free beer/drink from anyone in the clubhouse on Saturdays for the rest of that month (but not more than once from the same person). The Monthly Mug can be won by either men or women playing in the field.

The gross prize from the white tees can only be won by a player on greater than 14.0 handicap.

The winner of the Best Nett from the blue tees each month qualifies to play in the Play-Off in December and the overall winner gets \$500 Moore Golf vouchers (men only).

Putting is counted on a Monthly Medal round where a daily prize is awarded (men or women). At the end of the season, the Putting Trophy is presented to the player who scores the least putts (men only and best 8 scores for the season). The nearest-the-pins (NTP) are kindly sponsored by Moore Golf. A recent change is that every player in the field is eligible on all four par-3's, i.e. prizes are no longer related to tee, division or gender.



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Waitangi Day Medal:

Thursday the 6th February - 11am tee off to get around before the Twilight competition. All full members welcome.

J E Webb Trophy:

This coming Sunday 2nd February is the 4BBB par mixed round. Open to all 9 hole and 18 hole members. Note 9 hole members will need to pay a \$10 green fee on top of their \$10 match fee.

A par round is a game against the course where, if you have a net birdie or better, it is logged as a win, a net par is a half and a net bogie or worse is a loss.

We strongly encourage all players to enter a mixed team; this is a great opportunity for new and emerging members to be involved in a club day.

JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

Term 1 Junior Golf sessions

- Wednesdays 4-5pm -

Open to all Primary school students

Equipment supplied

Experienced coaches

First session - Wednesday February 5th

\$100 per student per school term

Minimum of five students required



COLLEGE GOLF LESSONS

Term 1 College Golf sessions

- Thursdays 4-5pm -

Open to all Secondary school students

Experienced coaches

First session - Thursday February 13th

\$90 per student per school term

Minimum of 5 students required



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GREENKEEPERS



Thank you to the volunteers who helped on the greenside of things leading up to Legends Tournament - the course looked great on the day.

We kindly remind members to refrain from starting play at random holes in the mornings.

To ensure the course remains in great condition for everyone, our Greenkeepers need this time to perform essential course upkeep when temperatures are cooler.

PLEASE GIVE WAY to Green staff when mowing - there have been 3 incidents in the last fortnight of us getting hit on mower!

Available tee times can be viewed and booked through the Golf NZ app and website, or directly at the ProShop.

For any other instructions (spray works etc), check the board near the Manager's office for guidance before starting play.

Also, the new tees on 1 and 3 have opened for all play now. We ask that you sand over divots taken out of the tees please.

COURSE CONVENOR

Not a lot of work has been undertaken over the holiday period. The focus has been watering to ensure grow-in of the newly grassed mounds on fairway #15. Irrigation lines have been installed in this area but will not be made operational until trees (12) are planted in Autumn.

Other work undertaken includes: removal of 3 dead trees, tidy up of the topsoil stockpile on #15 fairway, #15 tee approach topsoiled and resown, and the tree irrigation line behind the carpark containers has been automated.

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*Entries close January 31, 2025. T's & C's apply.





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CATERING UPDATE

We've had an exciting holiday period and start to the year at Buffalo's Cafe at the CGC! From Boxing Day through January 6, we were open every day, welcoming both members and the public. We served up freshly brewed coffee, baked treats, creamy ice cream, and our regular menu, and we're thrilled with the fantastic support and turnout. Many visitors shared great feedback about the new sliding door and the stunning views of the course – a wonderful first impression for those visiting the Club for the first time!

Golfers were especially pleased to see the catering cart making rounds on the course, offering cold drinks and snacks to keep them fueled. To our knowledge, only Millbrook and The Hills offer this service in Central Otago, making it a real highlight for our members and guests.

The Legend's Tournament weekend was another huge success. On Saturday, we kept everyone energized with coffee, breakfast, lunch and evening meals, and on Sunday, we served 240 golfers a delicious sit-down lunch and dinner – a massive team effort!

Looking ahead, with Spring Fling and Twilight underway again, we'll be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5–8 PM, Wednesdays from 1:30–5 PM, and Saturdays from 11:30–5 PM. Outside of these times, we'll have cold drinks, snacks, and other items available for purchase on the honour system via EFTPOS, club account, or cash. Plus, this week we're excited to start stocking Cromwell's famous Sanga's Pies!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported Buffalo's! Your encouragement and enthusiasm drive us to keep delivering the best service and food. We look forward to seeing you at the café soon!

Kind Regards
Alex & Paula Moore

NZ OPEN VOLUNTEER INFORMATION EVENING

Cromwell Golf Club traditionally has the greatest number of volunteers helping at the NZ Open (Feb 27 – Mar 2 2025), so Volunteer Coordinator Benn Ashworth is holding a Volunteer Information evening for our members here:

**MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY AT 7PM
CROMWELL GC CLUBHOUSE**



Interested in volunteering? Contact Joy and John MacDonald,
jjmcdonald49@gmail.com



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Golf New Zealand is excited to bring She Loves Golf to the New Zealand Open for a special event designed for women to experience golf in a fun and welcoming way.

Location: Millbrook Resort & Country Club

Date: Saturday, March 1st, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The She Loves Golf Event is an opportunity for women to try and play golf in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether you're completely new to the sport or looking for a fun way to play, this free event is for you!

Participants can choose from two experiences:

- **Challenges:** These activities are ideal for beginners or those wanting to try golf for the first time. Fun, approachable, and open to all ages & skill levels.
- **Women's 6's:** For women who are confident on the course, this is a chance to play six holes on the stunning Millbrook course.

This women-only event is free of charge and a fantastic opportunity to connect with other women, learn more about the game, and experience a unique golf event at one of New Zealand's most beautiful courses.

Spaces are limited—register now to secure your spot!

[Register Here](#)

For more information, feel free to reach out to Participation@golfnz.org.



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