



### UPCOMING EVENTS

6 April - Buffalo's Junior Ambrose

5 May - CO Vets

11 May - Futures Junior Golf

27-28 June - Brassmonkey

7-8 Aug - Winter Fun



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### CLUB PRESIDENT • PETER WILLIAMS

I'm writing this from the Mornington Peninsula, south of Melbourne, where I'm on a six course trip among some of the best golfing country in the world. We're a group of 12 with a handicap range from scratch to 13 but anybody who can score more than 30 points on any given day is a good bet to be on the prize list – we're paying out for the top four each day.

What the experience here does show is that you do not need excessive length to make a golf course challenging. For example we played at Cape Schanck (is that the worst name ever for a golf course?) which was only 5281 metres from the blue tees, yet none of us scored 36 points. A combination of well-designed greens with challenging approaches and surrounds, and demanding bunkers, makes golf in this country a lot more difficult than in New Zealand. It's quite probably one reason Australia produces far more top-quality professional players per capita than New Zealand does. You have to be a consistent shot maker in this country to score well. At Cromwell we're fortunate that our course is a good challenge because of the greens and surrounds and while we'll be taking some trees out soon, and planting some new ones, the number of trees on a golf course does not have a major impact on how most people score. More of your golf is played around and on the greens than anywhere else so having well designed and maintained greens and surrounds will always be a top priority.

One of my colleagues on this trip is Terry Carr, currently chairman of the board at Wanaka GC. It's been good to talk with him about the issues facing our two clubs but we've agreed that both Cromwell and Wanaka should first and foremost be members clubs. That means members should always have playing priority over non-members and while we like green fee income (which is getting healthier every year) and we're happy to host some charity and competitive events, the playing calendar will always be compiled with the wishes of the members as the most important. You might think that while this is an obvious statement to make, you may like to talk on this subject with some club members not too far from us down the Kawarau Gorge.

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There has been a bit of discussion recently about raffles on men's competition days on Wednesday and Saturday. Our previous raffle convenors Gary Pankhurst and Gerry Conlan have stepped down after many years of fantastic service and for the moment Dougall Weilly and me have started running Wednesday with Jeff Tamblyn and Jeff Swale doing Saturday. But if anyone has a desire to be an occasional operator of the raffles please let me know and maybe we can start a roster. By the way, for the sake of convenience and after some pushback against the price increase, we've reverted to \$2 a ticket. We have quite a stock of frozen chickens, whitebait and pork chops to distribute

as prizes for the next few weeks. Then we'll have a rethink about what the raffle prizes should be. I'm keen on some feedback on this. Would you like fresh meat? How about cash ? Wine ? The plan is to keep between 50 and 60 percent of the raffle take for club funds – in other words we pay out between \$40 and \$50 in prizes for each raffle.

We're still looking for a Tournament Convenor for the Legends tournament next January. It would be great to have this position filled before the winter. Please contact either Jolanda, Tracey or me if you're keen to get involved in this rewarding role.

## REMINDER OF THE DRIVING RANGE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- No hitting when there are golfers adjacent to the driving range on holes 1 and 12.
- No hitting while ball retrieval is being undertaken anywhere, on the range or adjoining areas. The balls must be physically put away to ensure they are not used during the retrieval process.
- Driving Range shall be closed on competition days from the start of competition until the field is underway
- Collecting balls from in front of the mats is prohibited
- All spectators must be behind the mats while people are hitting balls.
- Range users must hit from the mats only. No hitting from the grass is permitted.
- Driving range balls must be purchased from the pro-shop BEFORE use.



There was lots of social media engagement on the Club's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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if you missed the action!





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## WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

National Competitions:

Coronation medal, Aotearoa Cup, Best Gross and Veterans Cup – both Judith Soper and Jean Harradine shot net 68s, so we have two lovely cards being sent in for consideration.

Nancy McCormick 36 Hole Foursomes – Elaine Whiting and Suz Allison shot 143, one under par. Nice work ladies!

As the mornings get chillier, the end of daylight savings times brings a change to weekday golf starting times, so from Tuesday 8 April:

- 18-hole competition - 11am start
- 9-hole competition – midday

The tee booking sheets will be updated accordingly.

Well done to Danielle Davis who was selected to represent Central Otago in the Silver Division of the recent Central Otago v South Otago fixture. Unfortunately, Central Otago was unsuccessful in both divisions but Danielle fought hard, losing her match on the 18th.

Pennants and Interclub fixtures continue. There has been some difficulty recruiting the full complement of players for these events.

Robyn Pearson was the winner of the Liquorland Shootout Qualifier for March.



## MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

We are getting through club champs with only the semi finals to play before the finals in the first Sunday of May. If you in the running to play in the finals can you make sure you can play it this Sunday as it makes it a good fun day if everyone is there from all the divisions.

We have had a few incidents of members practicing on the coarse with several balls from the same spot and damaging the fairways. We do have a policy of no more than three balls and please repair your divots. Our members and green staff take great pride in the presentation of our coarse so let's keep it as tidy as possible.

The entry form for the Smuggler is still up on the upstairs and downstairs notice boards so get yourself a partner for this competition played over the winter. The format is a 4BBB Knockout. (In the event of a tie- sudden death playoff).

We held the John Hayes Trophy a couple of weeks ago and the winners were Marg Cochran/Howe Anderson and Kay Dixon and John McIlhatton.



Our interclub team of Laurel Brent, Sandy Crofts, Jacqui Rose-Anderson, Trish Linton, Laa Seaton and Natalie Franklin had a thoroughly enjoyable day at Alexandra on Sunday with a result of 6th equal with Hawea. A big thanks to those who once again stepped up to help us present a team of 6 who were very grateful there was no rain!

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## SILENT AUCTION FOR COPTHORNE VOUCHERS

Two vouchers from the Legends Tournament have been returned, and we're putting them up for silent auction!

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Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park Wairarapa

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Hi everyone,

To enhance our club's services, I'll be sending out a brief survey about our adult golf programs and coaching services. Your feedback, thoughts, and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Over the next month or two, I'll be setting up practice stations around the putting area with fun challenges and prizes. Keep an eye out for more information soon!

Lastly, if anyone is interested in testing some new practice games I'm developing, please stop by the shop and let me know.

Thanks and happy golfing!  
Greg

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- The Golf Cart is not to be driven in a careless or reckless manner, including no sharp turns, sudden braking, joy riding or disregard of traffic signs.
- Damage caused by negligent use of the Golf Cart is the hirer's responsibility.
- Failure to observe any of the above conditions of hire may result in the immediate cancellation of the Golf Cart hire and forfeiture of the Golf Cart, with no refund of any portion of the Golf Cart hire fee

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## COURSE HAPPENINGS

Jud says it's good to be back on deck and thanks to all who have helped Mark last week.

Last month's work centred around tidy up for the New Zealand Open qualifying round, mainly clean-up of gum tree debris. And some areas on fairways have been spiked and fertilised as well.

The GUR between #12 & # 15 has been removed - the new trees look great on the new mounds!

There's a mandatory relief from all staked trees to help them establish themselves.



## UPCOMING WORK

- Removal of 13 gum trees that are encroaching onto fairways and affecting grass health. This will start 8 April at no cost to the club. We will also remove old marram grass growth next to the #5 tee block.

Follow all instructions of ground marshalls - the course will remain open but play will be paused temporarily when the trees are coming down.

- Tree planting: A total of 43 trees are being planted this autumn; 14 new trees & 5 donated Kowhai trees have been planted in March. The irrigation system for these trees is automated & operational. 8 trees will also be planted along the #18 fairway to block fly balls onto adjacent properties. Temporary irrigation has yet to be finalised for these trees. A further 10 donated Kowhai trees will also be planted in various locations to enhance the course environment.
- A total of 1.5km of irrigation is also planned to be installed in Autumn to irrigation existing trees and for future replacement trees. The following locations have been identified: fairways 4/5, 2/6, 6/7, 7/Gate bdy, 8/ SH bdy, 11/16, and 17/road bdy.
- Fairway repairs will start when the new turf cutter arrives late April and continue as weather permits. The turf nursery has been sown in preparation for this work and we are pleased with the strike rate so far.

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## CATERING UPDATE

### Buffalo's Café – Now Open Regularly!

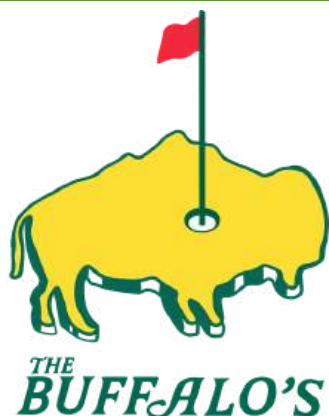
We're excited to announce that Buffalo's Café is now open every week from Wednesday to Saturday, and it's open to everyone—not just golfers or club members! So whether you're out for a round or just after a great coffee and bite to eat, come on in and say hi.

#### Hours:

- Wednesday: 10am–5pm
- Thursday: 10am–2pm
- Friday: 10am–2pm
- Saturday: 1.30pm–5pm

We're proudly serving barista-made Switch Espresso coffee, along with fresh-baked muffins and scones, mousetraps, bacon & egg pie slabs, Sanga's pies, sandwiches, plus more, and of course our Buffalo's fresh-made favourites from the menu. One of our regulars, long-time member and 9-hole golfer Alfred, summed it up best: "The coffee I had was really good—and I'm hard to please!"

One of the greatest golf tournaments on the planet is coming up...The Masters! Keep an eye out for our Masters Monday Breakfast. We'll be serving breakfast and showing the final round of the Master's to your viewing and eating pleasure. Tell your friends and pop in sometime soon—we'd love to see you!



Follow **@buffalos.golf** on social media to keep up to date with the latest news and happenings.



### The First Annual Buffalo's Open – Junior Ambrose

This coming Sunday, 6th April, we're hosting the first ever Buffalo's Open Junior Ambrose on the back 9—and it's already sold out with a full field of 24 families! All funds raised from the event will go toward purchasing a brand-new set of junior golf clubs for the club's junior program.

Big thanks to Moore Golf and High Cut Golf Brand for sponsoring prizes—and for the older juniors, don't worry, we've got something planned for you later in the year!

### Junior Golf – Exciting Things Ahead

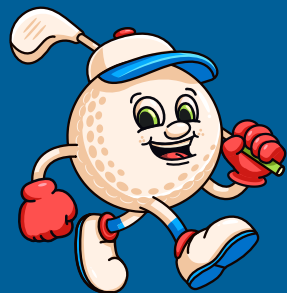
Speaking of junior golf, we recently took a trip over to Clyde with Laurel and Bob Brent to see how they run their junior program. We were incredibly impressed and left feeling inspired. We're now working on bringing a similar, exciting junior initiative to Cromwell Golf Club—so stay tuned for more to come!

### Thank You for the Support!

A massive thank you to all the Ladies Summer Series golfers and Twilight golfers for your support this season! We've also had the pleasure of catering several great events recently including the Bayley's Charity Tournament, Brandhouse Final Tournament, Men's Senior Champs, and the Central Otago Autumn Classic, with more events lined up for autumn and winter. If you haven't popped into the clubhouse in a while, now's the perfect time—grab a coffee, enjoy a bite, and say hello!



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We've had raving reviews about the course recently - thanks to all who have told us in passing, posted on social media and generally walked around with a big smile on their faces.

Check out [@the\\_grass\\_barber's](#) recent [review](#) as one example of an awesome independent writeup of his course experience.



## CROMWELL BULLETIN ARTICLE 20 MARCH 2025

### Cromwell Women's Golf 'She Loves Golf' shines for International Women's Day

After being almost thwarted by the weather, a blue sky arrived just as the first teams got ready to tee off - and from then, it was all a black-and-white world. Over a hundred women joined in the theme with an amazing display of black-and-white creativity on the course.

In celebration of the finale of another She Loves Golf event, the women were ready to enjoy themselves. The first group to tee off was the Partee Queens who arrived in a Royal flush and set the scene. There were Nuns on the run, Polka dotted rockers, WomEn in Black, Pussy Cats, Bandits, Top Hats and Tails to name just a few. Finally, the Best Costume award went to The English Gentry of 'No Clubs' and the runners up were the WomEn



Celeste Lane and Jessie Brown of 'Par then Bar'

in Black of team Par then Bar.

A fun-putting competition was laid out, and an appropriately evil placement of safely covered and disguised bottles on the green made for a decent challenge. No one managed to hit the bottle of whiskey but one of the Magnums was struck by Jenny Pirie and 10 other women managed to score themselves a bottle of local vino.

The fun continued out on the course with Bridget Collins from Golf NZ handing out She Loves Golf spot prizes from a golf cart. There were also special incentives, such as the longest drive and nearest to the pin challenges on several holes.

Back at the clubrooms, welcome food by Buffalo's awaited and the raffle table was bulging with donated goodies.

But of course, the main reason for being there was the golf. The teams played an Ambrose in two divisions, with a healthy number of pars and birdies in the mix.

The winners were:

5/6 Hole Competition: 1st Swing and Look Out, 2nd Tee Rexes, 3rd Can't Drive.

9 Hole Competition: 1st Hit & Hope, 2nd Happy Swingers, 3rd Who's your Caddy? Congratulations to those teams and well done to everyone who took part.

The She Loves Golf team would like to say a massive thanks to all of the players - for turning up each week in all sorts of



Charlotte Radley, Caitlin Dykes, Kate Andrew and Sophie Jackson - about to show they can play golf in handcuffs?

weather, and to their sponsors who help to make it all possible: Moore Golf, Gary & Jacqui-Rose Anderson, Buffalo's, On Point, Hair Apart, Tannacrieff Wines, Brush Strokes & Barrow & Bloom. The She Loves Golf team looks forward to doing it all again, starting in October.

Participants in the She Loves Golf programs this year, thoroughly recommend the experience. Cheryl Cross says, "It's a really good activity and a great way to meet people." The Par then Bar team joined for the hockey off-season and said, "We're much improved and we've had fun".

The evening was marked by a special occasion when Joy McDonald was thanked for her stewardship of the She Loves Golf events before retiring early this year.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Cromwell Golf Club and Otago Eagles member Laurel Brent was surprised to be awarded as joint recipient of the Halberg Cup for National Eagle of the Year in Invercargill late last month.

The cup and certificate, for Services to the Eagles Golfing Society of NZ, were presented by Halberg CEO Tom Smith at the National Eagles Convention dinner. J

Julie Cargill, a Bay of Plenty Eagle, shared the award.

The award recognised Laurel's work as co-ordinator of the Eagles National Under 17 Boys and Girls Championships in Cromwell last October.

And also her leadership of the fundraising golf tournament held in Cromwell in April to raise funds for the Halberg Foundation's Activity Fund which is



used to support disabled young people to take part in sport and active leisure.

"Neither of these events would have been possible without the support of the Cromwell Golf Club management and members and also the work of Otago Eagles and their wives/partners. We are also very grateful for a number of generous grants and donations we received from local businesses and individuals," Laurel says.

"Yes all this did take up a lot of my time last year but it was so very satisfying to receive such amazing feedback from the teenagers and their parents/supporters involved with the Under 17 event and also to raise such a large amount for Halberg – adding it into the \$207,000 Eagles nationally gave the fund for 2024 (bringing the total raised since the 1960s to more than \$6M). "

## BATTLE OF THE GORGE STANDINGS

	Name		Total Score
1	Peter	Reinke	2150
2	Gerard	Conlan	1950
3	Tony	Taylor	1500
4	Philip	Seaton	1400
5	Bernie	Scoles	1275
6	Trent	Ainsley	1250
7	Simon	Prentice	1250

8	John	McIlhatton	1200
9	Tyler	Oliver	1200
10	Allen	Whiting	1125
11	Robin	Pimm	1050
12	Stu	Taylor	980
13	Samuel	Pimm	955
14	Peter	Silvester	950
15	Michael	Yurak	950

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

In recent weeks, the Club has encountered a few code of conduct incidents that required disciplinary actions. This code aims to help members and guests of Cromwell Golf Club understand the expected standards of behaviour, which apply at all times when at the Club or representing it. The Club takes breaches seriously and will act accordingly for the benefit of all.

The Board and management would like to remind members that the expected standard of behaviour includes demonstrating sportsmanship, integrity, courtesy, and respect towards the Club facilities and all members, competitors, officials, and the public.

The full policy can be found on the [Club's website](#) under the Governance tab as well as the Members Only section.

## CLUBHOUSE REFURBISHMENT

The refurbishment project has officially started. The Board has initiated conversations to develop concept plans, which will be presented to the members in due course.

## PERFECTING YOUR GAME

Please note that playing on the course with more than two balls is considered practicing and is not allowed.

For practice, please use the driving range and putting green.



## EASTER TRADING

Due to Liquor Licensing requirements, the Clubhouse will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.





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## WEBSITE REDESIGN

We have begun the process of redesigning our website. Our main focus is to achieve better integration with the Golf NZ system and database, along with revamping the site navigation and ensuring branding consistency.

**To progress the project in an efficient and timely manner, we need your help!**

- Course Photography and Videography
- Project management
- SEO experience
- Website wireframe and structure
- Story telling and content creation
- I can help with all of the above

Can you help with any of these areas? Let us know! Email [manager@cromwellgolf.co.nz](mailto:manager@cromwellgolf.co.nz)

## COMMITTEE CALL FOR ACTION

The Club Committee is working on making recommendations to the Board regarding membership categories and subscription rates.

Please email your thoughts to [manager@cromwellgolf.co.nz](mailto:manager@cromwellgolf.co.nz) by Thursday 10 April.

## CENTRAL OTAGO RECIPROCAL GOLF CLUBS

Cromwell has reciprocal rights with the following Clubs:



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Wanaka Golf Club  
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Dunstan Golf Club  
Waimairi Golf Club



Details are on our [website](#) under the Members Only section.

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## QUIZ NIGHT WITH PETER WILLIAMS 2025



Local favourite Quiz Night with Peter Williams is back at the [Cromwell Golf Club](#) on Thursday 15th May, guaranteed to be an evening filled with plenty of fun and brain-twisting rivalry.

A fantastic event, with all proceeds utilised by Cromwell Promotions Group to continue running free community events such as Light Up Winter, Cromwell Street Party & Fireworks, and Cherry Festival to name a few. With a stellar line up of prizes up for grabs, gather your friends, family, and colleagues, and get ready to challenge your wits in the ultimate battle of trivia supremacy.

And to add to the excitement of the night, we are securing a fantastic line-up of auction and raffle items generously donated by our amazing local businesses.

Please note that all proceeds raised from the night are used by the Cromwell & Districts Promotion Group to continue to deliver family-friendly & free-to-attend events.

Limited tickets, so [book your team today!](#)

Will you emerge victorious, or will your rivals reign supreme? The only one way to find out, is to let the quizzing commence!

We look forward to seeing your smarty-self there! 😊



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## JOIN US FOR THE CROMWELL FUTURES OPEN!

The Futures Open is designed to provide an opportunity for young golfers, whether they have a handicap or are working towards one, to engage in friendly competition.

For the 18-hole event, it is preferable for participants to have a handicap, though it is not mandatory. The 9-hole event is ideal for those with some on-course experience, whether they have a handicap or are working towards one.

Cromwell Futures Open: [Register Here](#)

If you encounter any issues, the link is also available on the [Futures Whakatipu Facebook](#) page

Let's make this event a memorable experience for our junior golfers! 🏌️👧👦



**Futures Open Cromwell Golf Club**  
**Sunday 11th May | 9am**  
18-Hole Gross and Net prizes  
\$20 for Futures Whakatipu members  
\$25 for non-members  
  
9-Hole Gross and Net prizes  
\$10 for Futures Whakatipu Members  
\$15 for non-members  
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**Futures Open Easter Tournament Queenstown Golf Club**  
Queenstown Golf Club Sunday 20th April  
18H registration 11.30am-First tee 12.10pm-\$25/\$20 for members  
9 H registration 12.30pm-First tee-1pm \$15/\$10 cash payment  
18H white/yellow tees/strokeplay  
9H red tees/strokeplay/fun day

**futures WHAKATIPU**



**Futures Open Easter Tournament Arrowtown Golf Club**  
Arrowtown Golf Club Monday 21st April  
18H registration 8am-First tee 8.30am-\$25/\$20 for members  
9 H registration 9am-First tee-9.30am \$15/\$10 cash payment  
18H white/yellow tees/strokeplay  
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