



UPCOMING EVENTS

5 May - CO Vets

11 May - Futures Junior Golf

11 May - Mount Michael Wines
Mother's Day Ambrose

27-28 June - Brassmonkey

7-8 Aug - Winter Fun



**The Australian
Digest's Top 50 NZ
course rankings are
out, and we're excited
to be ranked 28th!**

**It's a fantastic
achievement among
many prestigious
courses.** 🏌️🏆

CLUB PRESIDENT • PETER WILLIAMS

Board chairman Bob Scott and myself met with the Central Otago District Council Mayor Tamah Alley and Chief Executive Peter Kelly in late April in order to get some clarification about the lease for the land that some of our golf course is situated on.

As you will be aware, the Club owns freehold the property used for the front nine but the clubhouse, pro shop, carpark and back nine are on land that we lease through the council.

We have a lease on the land till 2044 but there has been some consternation among club members that the so called "Spatial Plan" for Cromwell as part of the "Eye to the Future" suggested that the back nine should be developed into housing - as happened with the former camping ground which is now Prospectors Park bordering the 18th.

However, we have researched the status of the land and found that in 1984 it was designated a Recreation Reserve by the then Minister of Lands and named Golf Park. We lease the land through the Central Otago District Council because they are what is known as the Administering Body.

Under the Reserves Act, a reserve cannot have its classification changed unless approval comes from the Minister, although these days the relevant portfolio is Conservation.

We have legal advice that our lease document states, provided we pay the appropriate rental annually - money we can claim back for club projects anyway - and otherwise fulfill the terms of the lease, then the lease will be renewed in 2044.

The Council officials we met with were unaware of the land's reserve status and while they wish to do their own due diligence on the matter, we have provided them with the New Zealand Gazette notice from 1984 which clarifies the situation in full.



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The CEO Mr Kelly did state that while there is pressure on every council in the country to release more land for housing, he did admit that there is a very high bar set to reclassify any reserve land.

Mayor Tamah Alley, who said she enjoyed driving the approach to Cromwell past the golf club, told us that while she couldn't speak for any future councils, there were definitely no plans to have housing on any golf club land in the foreseeable future. She also doubted whether any elected representatives would ever consider attempting to reclassify reserve land.

Therefore, Bob and I are very confident that we have long term tenure on the leased land beyond 2044 and the Club can therefore make some plans to develop the course and other facilities.

The Board has discussed at length what sort of development the Club should undertake, in what order, at what cost and how it should be funded.

But we want to hear the views of you, our members so therefore Club development plans will be a major topic at the Mid-year Member Forum on June 10th at 7pm.

Thanks to the diligent work of previous Boards and the increasing popularity of the course, we have some money in the bank. While we are elected to make decisions, we want to make sure that we have the backing of the Club before pressing ahead.

So, come along to the Mid-year Member Forum and have your voice heard!

MID-YEAR MEMBER FORUM

TUE 10 JUNE, 7PM

Mark the date in your calendar and come along.

Topics to be discussed:

- Clubhouse Visions and Costs
- Course Development Update
- Mid-year Financial Position
- Draft 2025 Constitution presentation
- Q&A session with the Board



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WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Recently our very own Jackie Hamilton represented both our club and Otago in near perfect conditions at the Ashburton Golf Club for the NZ Masters. Jackie qualified 2nd for the Otago Team with the team finishing 12th out of 14 teams, beating Aorangi and Wellington. Narrow fairways and lush grass under tree-lined rough is not something many Otago players are accustomed to! Jackie put up two good gross stablefords on rounds 2 and 3 with 29 and 26.



The LiquorLand Shootout Qualifier for April was Cheryl Cross.



Pennants - Round 2 was played early April. The team of Rose, Carol, Jane, Paul, Laa and Robyn competed against Lake Hawea on our home course. Good golf took them to a well-fought battle resulting in a draw. One more round to go on 18 May!

A fun day out at Alexandra for the National Teams event last Monday - a team of four represented our club: Laa, Robyn, Elaine & Jackie. Well done to Tokorahi for winning the Otago division, for a third time in four years. Congratulations to Jackie Hamilton who shot a Gross 76.



Interclub - A jolly team of 6 went to Lake Hawea for the third round last Sunday: Janet, Jackie, Raewyn, Delwyn, Laa & Natalie. The ladies would like to report that the Hawea men cooked an outstanding BBQ afterwards complemented by salads in every colour of the rainbow. Huge apologies to our fellas back home who had to feed themselves that night. Golf, what golf? The food was by far the standout result of the day!



MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Please note the local rules board beside the starters office has been updated. You should take a drop out of green-keepers workings around the tree removal areas - nearest point of relief from obvious wheel marks etc. Please don't hit through the newly planted trees.

The ANZAC Day medal was played last Friday - congratulations to Bryce Hyde and Jean Harradine, pictured below with local RSA rep Denis Ryan. The club was able to donate \$330 to the RSA, thank you to all players that contributed.



Club Champs finals are scheduled for this Sunday 4th and we wish all the participants the best of luck. If you are out playing on Sunday, please be aware and give way if necessary to the club champs players and feel free to follow along and support them.

Cheers Al

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JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

🏌️ Term 2 Junior Golf Lessons Are Back! 🏌️

Join us for fun and engaging junior golf lessons this term! Perfect for young golfers of all skill levels. Improve your game and make new friends on the green. Sign up today! 🚩

Our golf lessons

See you on the course! ☀️

include:

- Experienced coach Greg Overall, PGA
- Equipment supplied
- Personalized instruction
- Practice and play

Primary school students

April 30th - June 11th

WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM

Secondary school students

May 1st - June 12th

THURSDAYS 4-5PM

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DATE **14TH MAY** TIME **9AM - 2.30PM**
LOCATION **CROMWELL GOLF CLUB**

Driving Range Etiquette - Play Smart! 🏌️🚩

- ✓ Holes 1 & 12: No hitting when players are in range—patience makes for safer play!
- ✓ Competition Time: Irons only, please. Keep the big guns holstered till later.
- ✓ Please avoid taking carts down to the driving range.
- ✓ Respect the rules for everyone's safety, and we all benefit.

Thanks for keeping the range
safe and enjoyable for all!



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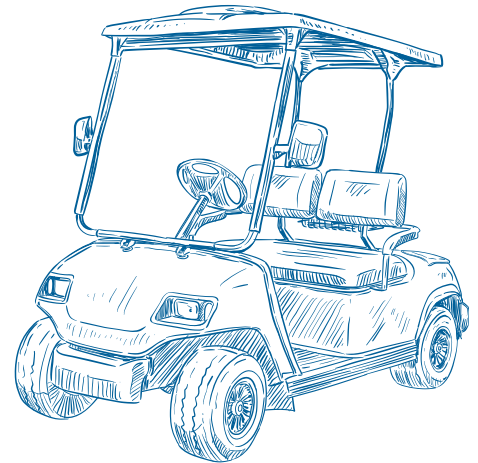
FROSTY FAIRWAYS & CART CATASTROPHES!

Attention, Lucky Cart Owners! 

We get it—you're living the dream, cruising straight from home to the course in style.

But when frost hits, taking the sassy shortcut across the grass is a recipe for damaged turf (and very unimpressed greenskeepers).

Do the right thing: Take the long way round and keep our fairways happy, healthy, and free from frostbite.



A little extra driving now means better golfing later—fair trade, right? 

MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

Firstly, a big welcome to all our new members! We're thrilled to have you join our community.

It is well known the game of golf has been more popular with men and boys, so it is exciting to see an increase in women and girls playing on the course and using the practice green and driving range. Last month new female members made up 49% of the total in-take for the first time. Some of you have come through our 'She Loves Golf' programmes, which makes our efforts to improve women and girls' participation in golf well worthwhile.

Our membership committee has been listening to new and not so new members thoughts on how we can improve the experience of becoming a member, as we understand it can be a bit daunting learning how things work, not only for beginners but also for experienced golfers coming from other areas. We are currently progressing several projects to help new members find their feet, including an 'Induction Video' which will be available when our refreshed website is in place.



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COURSE MAKEOVER MAGIC! ✂️🔧

- The greens are breathing a little easier after 13 towering gum trees were bid farewell—no more tricky tree trouble for your fairways!
- Over by #5 white tee, we've ditched the old marram grass in favor of something fresher, giving the area a tidy upgrade. Meanwhile, #13 tee's toilet is now surrounded by carefully planted grasses—because even the most essential facilities deserve a touch of landscaping love.
- And let's hear it for the lady volunteers putting in the hard yards, staining screen fences around the site toilets. Their efforts are keeping things looking sharp—because presentation matters, even when nature calls!
- Big thanks to everyone involved. Next time you tee off, take a moment to appreciate the little things that make the course just that much better!

NEXT ON THE COURSE MAKEOVER LIST... 🧑‍🌾✨

Farewell to the Stumps! 🌳

This Thursday, 8 May, we're saying goodbye to the stumps as we pave the way for smoother fairways and fresher landscaping. If you see our hardworking crew in action, give them a nod of appreciation—they have the right of way!

Next Week's Greens Maintenance 🌿

Following the successful tining of the greens last week, next week, we'll be giving the greens surrounds their turn for some much-needed breathing space. Rest assured, the fairways will receive their attention over the winter.

Irrigation Update 📺

Heads up! The course irrigation will be decommissioned soon, which means the water fountains will be turned off. Be sure to fill your water bottles at the clubhouse before heading out.

🌞🏌️ Did you know that Bernie has been meticulously fluffing up and grooming our sand bunkers for an impressive 14 years? His dedication and expertise ensure that our bunkers are always in top-notch condition, providing the best experience for all our golfers.

Let's give a big shout-out to Bernie for his incredible work!



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WEBSITE REDESIGN

We have started on the website redesign project. The primary goals are to enhance integration with the Golf NZ system and database, improve site navigation, and ensure consistent branding throughout.

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

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

Can you help with any of these areas? Let us know! Email manager@cromwellgolf.co.nz

BATTLE OF THE GORGE STANDINGS

	Name		Total Score				
				8	Bernie	Scoles	1550
1	Peter	Reinke	2800	9	Allen	Whiting	1525
2	Alan	McDill	2400	10	John	McIlhatton	1500
3	Gerard	Conlan	2350	11	Tyler	Oliver	1480
4	Philip	Seaton	2250	12	Trent	Ainsley	1450
5	Jeff	Tamblyn	1650	13	Jeff	Swale	1450
6	Tony	Taylor	1600	14	Doug	Macgillivray	1350
7	Simon	Prentice	1550	15	Kevin	Hurley	1325

CATERING UPDATE

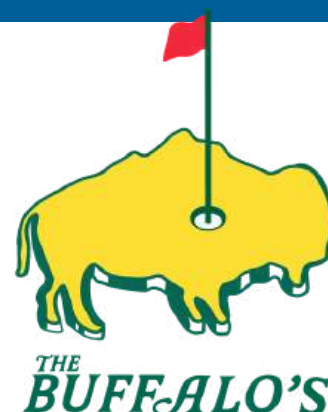
Hello Winter Golfers,

As the cooler months roll in, our winter hours are now in effect for the month of May. We'll be open on club days during the following times:

Wednesdays: 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Saturdays: 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM

To keep you warm during and after your round, we've brought back a winter favourite – hearty beef chili, perfect for the chilly season. You'll also find hot barista coffee, sandwiches, Sanga's pies, and selections from our hot cooked menu available too.



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MOUNT MICHAEL MOTHER'S DAY AMBROSE



She Loves Golf.
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\$45 Entry
Includes Brunch
For Mum!

SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025 - TEE OFF 10AM

TEAMS OF 4: Register as a team or individually (we'll team you up)

FORMAT: 6- or 9-hole Ambrose

OPEN TO: Casual/new lady golfers (no membership or handicap required)

BEST DRESSED PRIZE: Mother/Child Outfit (max 1 child per player)

ADDITIONAL MEALS: Available for purchase on the day at \$15pp

WINE SPECIAL: Offered by Mount Michael Wines

REGISTRATION: Register online before 7th May!: bit.ly/4jOOiVq

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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! 😊

MARCH 2025

JOIN US FOR THE CROMWELL FUTURES OPEN!

The Futures Open: A Chance for Young Golfers to Shine! 🚩

The Futures Open is all about giving young golfers, whether they have a handicap or are working towards one, the chance to engage in friendly competition.

For the 18-hole event, having a handicap is preferable but not mandatory. The 9-hole event is perfect for those with some on-course experience, regardless of whether they have a handicap or are still working towards one.

**Cromwell Futures Open:
Register Here!** 🏌️ 🏌️

Don't miss out! Entries close on Tuesday, 6 May.

If you encounter any issues, you can also find the registration link 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
Register via link below:
<https://forms.office.com/r/pYMBcaikiJ>

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

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