

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 June - Winter Members Forum
- 27-28 June - Brassmonkey
- 7-8 Aug - Winter Fun Tournament
- 28 Aug - Ladies 9-hole Tournament



**Congratulations to
Lanie for her recent
Hole In One on #14**

CLUB PRESIDENT • PETER WILLIAMS

The Club's annual Winter Forum is on Tuesday, June 10 at 7pm.

This is your chance to hear the Board and the Committee outline the Club's current situation, talk about our future plans and give you the chance to put forward your views.

This is not a General Meeting of any sort, so nothing can be moved or passed at this gathering but it is a chance for you to hear about where the Club is at and where the current leadership would like to take it.

Without giving too much away I can say at this time that the Club, thanks to some outstanding financial stewardship from the previous board, is now in a very healthy financial position. We have over \$300,000 in Term Deposits but we are a golf club, not a bank and the current board believes it is time to invest some of that money in facilities for members, visitors and our staff.

At the Winter Forum we will tell you about the current Board's thinking which, without going into too much detail, means putting the bar and the kitchen together in the current kitchen area and adding some space out through the back wall, then removing the current bar to open out the internal space to make it a much larger area across two levels.

We also would like to remove the current Manager's office and Pro Shop buildings and replace them with one structure incorporating both the Pro Shop and office looking out onto the practice green.

With the Club's ability to borrow money rather limited, we have to fund these projects through cashflow and at the moment we are in the healthy position as outlined above and our income, especially from green fees, continues to run ahead of budget. But you will have the chance to comment on these ideas, and other issues about the Club, next Tuesday.

Milestone Unlocked!
700+ Members!
Thanks to each and every one
of you for being part of our
growing community.

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Even though we are heading towards the depths of winter, we have started making some initial plans for the Club's biggest annual event, the Legends Tournament. As you know, Willie Moore decided to step down as the Tournament Director after this year's event and as there were no takers/volunteers for the position, it seems as if it has fallen to men to lead the team to put the event together. Already Sandy Crofts has provided some fantastic assistance and we will be co-opting others as we get nearer the event in early spring. The tournament will be on the third weekend of January in 2026, that is the 17th and 18th on the month.

I sent a survey out to all the teams who played in this year's event and we'll be taking on board the responses to that survey as we plan the 2026 Legends. But what has come through strongly in the responses so far, and 29 of the 60 teams have replied, is that the preference is for the event to continue on the Saturday and Sunday and that your team stays and plays together for both rounds. There is also an appetite for a social event on the Friday night featuring some of the better known Legends playing in the tournament.

Our wonderful and very supportive major sponsor of recent years, Jonathan Usher of Z Cromwell (magician extraordinaire), is keen to be involved once again and together we're hoping we can attract more famous names to take part in the event.

There are still issues with safety on the 10th and 18th holes. Many tee shots from the 10th fly over to the 18th endangering players coming up the 18th who of course cannot be seen by those hitting from the 10th. While we have sometimes shifted the white tees back on the 10th and forward on the 18th, there is still a potentially dangerous situation. The Board and the Committee are suggesting a warning system be installed on the 10th tee that would prevent players teeing off till the area is clear. Just how such a system would work is not yet properly determined but it will be some kind of sensor with a red and a green light. We will make it in keeping with the surrounds but the proximity of the two holes and the blind spot made by the mounds between them does present a potentially dangerous scenario which as a Club we have to mitigate as best as possible.

WINTER MEMBERS 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



WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Pennants: The zone competition has been completed. This wraps up the season for Cromwell as unfortunately we didn't make it to the next level. Thanks to all those who put their hands up to fill the teams.



Pink Ribbon Cancer Appeal: The 9 & 18 Hole women collaborated to raise funds for Breast Cancer. A great day was had by all with donations totalling \$530. Thanks ladies!



The **LiquorLand Shootout** Qualifier for May is Carol Sanford.

Interclub: This was recently played at Millbrook. An enjoyable but challenging day resulted in a credible effort, with Cromwell placing 5th out of 10 teams. Well done to Jane Swire who took out the Best Gross in Bronze Division and Rose Braid had a two.



MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

The She Loves Golf Ambrose (sponsored by Mount Michael Wines) was held on Mothers Day, with a full field and excellent feedback received from the women who took part.



MOUNT MICHAEL
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The membership committee are currently working on a number of initiatives to support potential, new and current members.

We will be improving the new members induction process to the club and include more resources on the website to help those new to the club, get the most out of their membership and to feel as welcome and supported as possible.

We will be holding a **Cromwell Golf Club Open Day**, with the tentative date being 14th September to showcase who we are as a club and what we have to offer. The main objective being to introduce and encourage potential new members of all ages. Keep an eye out for more details!

Pam Broadhead and Sandy Crofts will lead a newly formed She Loves Golf organizing committee that will support this program over spring and summer.



MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE



Club Champs Finals were held at the beginning of May, and on behalf of the Match Committee I would like to congratulate the winners of each match, Junior Division: Kent Maynard, Intermediate A Division: Tyler Oliver, and the Senior Division: Troy Scott. The Intermediate B final was played later in the month, where Paul Kahukura emerged victorious against Devon Mathieson.



With the arrival of winter, **11am starts are underway for the Saturday field**. As a friendly reminder to any early-birds playing first thing on a Saturday morning; please remember, if your tee time is delayed due to frosts, it will likely mean you lose your playing slot entirely, due to the main field having right of way.

Old Smuggler matches are progressing well, but please ensure your matches are up to date, especially if you are planning to hide from the cold over in Australia during the next month or two. If you've already been eliminated, don't worry, as this is the time of year to register your name in the **Goodalls Memorial**. The Goodalls works in a similar way to the Old Smuggler, except that it is an individual knock-out competition, so you don't have a partner to bail you out if you find yourself in trouble! If you want to know more, and are interested in participating, please talk to someone in the Match committee. It is good fun, and an easy introduction to the magic of match-play.

Good golf, best of luck for the month ahead.

Simon Prentice

ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS – HELP US HELP YOU



To keep the course running smoothly and fairly for everyone, we kindly ask all players to follow these simple steps:

 **Book Your Tee Time on DotGolf** – Even if you're only playing a few holes! This helps us manage:

- Course traffic Maintenance schedules Overall pace of play

 **Check In at the Pro Shop** – Please don't head straight from the car park to the first tee. All players must report to the Pro Shop before starting their round.

 **Print & Lodge Your Scorecard** – This lets us know:

- Who's on the course
- How the course is being used
- How we can improve your playing experience

Thanks for your cooperation—it makes a big difference!



BOOKING FOR A GUEST? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If you book a tee time for a guest on the Golf NZ website, you can assign the green fee payment to them directly.
- If you're using the DotGolf App, this option isn't available—you'll need to pay the green fee on their behalf.

Plan accordingly and choose the platform that works best for your needs!

PENNANTS REPORT by *Brett Haugh*



In this 2025 season, we have six teams competing across 5 grades with 4 teams already securing a finals spot and the chance to be crowned Central Otago Pennant Champion.

The Central Otago Golf pennant season is coming to the end of the round robin stage with the Senior A and Intermediate divisions completed, leaving the Senior B and Junior A divisions with one round to go.

I'm proud to report the Senior A has qualified for the final. They finished tied first on equal points with Wanaka dropping back to second on count back. I know they will be determined to switch places in the final and place the Pennant Trophy in the cabinet beside the Dewar Cup!

Cromwell has dominated the Intermediate division with both teams qualifying for the final. The Cromwell 1 team lead by Jeff Swale (in the absence of Don Agnew) took top spot with a 75% win ratio and Cromwell 2 team securing the last place by count back and will be looking to go back to back as defending Central Otago finals champions.



Senior A Pennants Team

Back row from left - Willie Moore, Mark Atkins, Chris Young (Captain), Kevin Clark, Troy Scott. Front row from left - Will Brown, Bryce Geary, Jason Mann



Senior B Pennants Team

From left - Xander Geustyn, Mitch Decke, Steven Thompson (Captain), Caleb Madden

Our Senior B teams have one round to go and have a better than mathematic chance of making the final series if they collect 3-4 points in the ultimate round.

Our Junior team has amassed enough points with one round remaining to all but confirm a finals position and with a solid performance in the last round will qualify them top of their zone.

In summary, the mid season report card shows a solid B+ and more success to come.

Free Group Coaching – June 7 (full) & 14

We're excited to offer two free group coaching sessions on
Saturday, June 7 and 14, starting at 11:00 AM.

Sessions will run for 30-60 minutes, depending on numbers.

If you'd like to join, simply drop by or call the Pro Shop and let us know
which part of your game you'd like help with.

Spaces are limited, so it's first in, first served!

Social Sunday Stableford – June 8

To help newer members feel more confident and connected,
we're trialing a **Social Sunday Stableford on June 8.**

Each group will include one or two experienced members
playing alongside newer members, offering guidance on rules,
etiquette, and scoring.

Whether you're new and keen to learn, or an experienced
member happy to mentor, please get in touch with the pro shop
to be part of this fun and supportive event.

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Practice Challenge Stations – Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out over the next few weeks for practice challenge stations popping
up around the practice area.

These will focus on putting, chipping, and bunker play, with prizes up for grabs!
Entry is free – just visit the Pro Shop to check the leaderboard and get involved.

Driving Range Etiquette – Play Smart! 🏌️🚗

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

Thanks for keeping the range safe and enjoyable for all!





Stump grinding has been completed for the recently removed gums and the root footprint dressed to remove (spread) accumulated gum seed. These areas may need further work in the spring to provide grass cover if they don't recover naturally.



The turf cutter finally arrived and we have started repairing small areas of fairways while the weather remains relatively mild. We also purchased an auger and greenstaff will progressively install vertical drains to address areas where water ponds.



The next improvement work planned is installation of irrigation lines between fairways for future tree replacement.



Greg Turner will visit next month and advise on tee improvements for #5, 9 & 10 tee blocks

🏌️♂️ HOW WE CHOOSE PIN PLACEMENTS ON THE GREENS



Ever wonder how we decide where the hole goes each week?
Here's a quick look behind the scenes:

Our greens are divided into three zones—front, middle, and back.

We rotate pin placements on a 6-week cycle:



- 2 weeks in the front third
- 2 weeks in the middle third
- 2 weeks in the back third

This rotation helps spread out wear and tear and keeps the greens in top shape.

When choosing a new spot, we make sure it's:

- 2 to 2.5 meters away from any recent hole
- At least a mower width from the edge of the green
- On healthy turf that's had time to recover

In the lead-up to tournaments, we may adjust placements to protect premium spots for the event.

🚩 Pro Tip: If your ball lands near an old plug hole that hasn't fully healed, you're allowed to take relief without penalty.

And during deep winter, if the ground is frozen solid (permafrost), we might leave the pin in place longer than usual—cutting new holes just isn't possible when the ground's like concrete! In winter, plugged holes take longer to recover, so pin placements can be a bit more of a challenge.

Thanks for playing, and we hope this gives you a better idea of what goes into keeping your greens fair and fun!



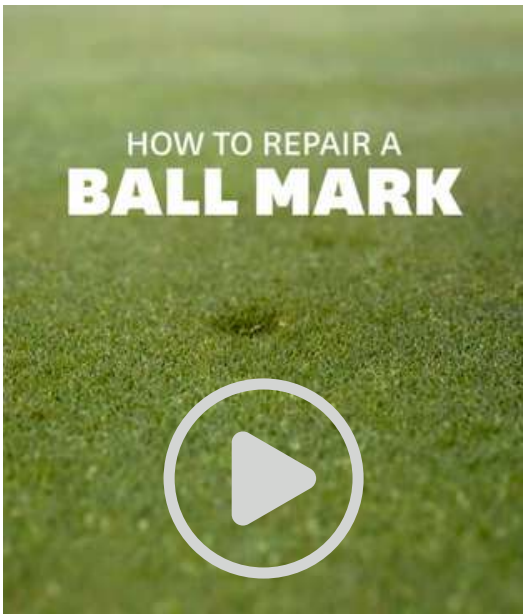


PITCH MARKS ON THE GREEN – A WINTER REMINDER



As we head into the cooler months, it's more important than ever to repair pitch marks promptly. With firmer greens during winter, unrepaired marks take longer to heal and can affect the smoothness of the putting surface. A quick repair helps maintain the quality of the greens and ensures they continue to roll true for everyone. Please do your part—repair your pitch marks and help keep our greens in top shape this season!

Check out this video from the USGA on how to do the job right:



BATTLE OF THE GORGE STANDINGS

	Name		Score				
				8	Jeff	Swale	2150
1	Peter	Reinke	3300	9	Allen	Whiting	2125
2	Gerard	Conlan	2825	10	Tony	Taylor	2100
3	Alan	McDill	2600	11	Jeff	Tamblyn	2050
4	Tyler	Oliver	2580	12	Doug	Harradine	1975
5	Philip	Seaton	2450	13	John	McIlhatton	1950
6	Ian	Rive	2350	14	Simon	Prentice	1900
7	Alex	Moore	2280	15	Ken	Ludemann	1850



FAREWELL TO BUFFALO – AND WHAT’S NEXT



As many of you know, Buffalo’s last day as our caterer will be Saturday, 31 May 2025. We’re incredibly grateful for their service and the delicious offerings they’ve provided over the last year and wish them continued success with their food truck.

While we work on a long-term catering solution, we’ve got you covered in the meantime. Our hot and cold cabinets will remain stocked with a selection of snacks and light meals to keep you fuelled on and off the course.

Thanks for your understanding and continued support—we’ll keep you updated as plans progress!





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