

JULY 2025



CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT by *Peter Williams*

Presidential Decree: Sand Buckets Are Now Mandatory

Cromwell's sandy soil—gifted to us by the last glacial period—is free-draining and ideal for golf. But it's also vulnerable. When we take divots and don't replace them with sand, we damage the very foundation that makes our course so playable.

Add to that the reality of a Cromwell winter: grass doesn't grow. So any damage done now won't heal until spring. And when the season changes, we want our turf in top shape to handle the busy months ahead.

But when we dig it up, we must put something back.

So here's the deal: Every player, every round, must carry a sand bucket.

Grab one from the racks at the 1st tee and again at the 10th. Use it to fill any divots you make—fairway or rough. No need to replace the turf; just fill the hole with sand.

Worried about running out? Don't be. Each tee has a half barrel of sand for refills.

The Club Committee has made it official: Sand buckets are compulsory. Keep your group accountable. If someone forgets, remind them (and yes, hassle and shame them if needed!).



Confession: as someone who's been carrying his bag recently I offer a mea culpa for not taking a sand bucket for the past few weeks. I pledge to change my habit!

Course Safety Update: Proposed Tee Adjustment on the 10th

Our course design consultant Greg Turner paid a visit on July 8 and among the issues we discussed with him was the dangerous situation which can arise as a consequence of shots from the 10th tee being hit left onto the 18th fairway. Greg's simple suggestion, which we are likely to take up, is to move the white tee on the 10th back to where the blue tee currently is.

While this will make the hole longer and more difficult and give an interesting short par 4 a more demanding second shot, it's the most straightforward solution to the potential danger. It's envisaged the white tee on the 18th won't be shifted. In due course the stroke index for the 10th may have to change to reflect its increased difficulty.

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Hole-in-One Insurance: A Tradition Worth Celebrating

This year your membership subscription will have \$5 added to it for Hole-in-One insurance. This means that if you are skillful (and lucky) enough to make a hole-in-one during club competition or tournament play, you can shout the bar up to the value of \$200.

This applies to all membership categories except School and members under 18.

Shouting the bar after an ace is one of the great traditions of golf and in recent times at our club it has been a charge on the golfer to buy a few drinks. We usually have up to five holes-in-one each year and this small addition to the annual sub will take the pressure off what should always be a fun celebration for a memorable shot.



House Account Update: More Flexibility for Members

The Board has received some feedback on our previous decision regarding how the proceeds from a member's House Account (HA) may be spent. After considering the matter once more, we've now decided the proceeds in your HA may be spent at the club in any way you wish – at the bar, in the shop or to pay part (or all) of your subscription. The previous idea of only being able to pay 50 percent of your subscription with your HA balance has now been rescinded.

Paying for your purchases using your HA is the club's preferred option. You should have either a club membership card or have downloaded the Golf NZ app, both of which have your own QR code which can be swiped on the reader at the bar. We will of course continue to accept EFTPOS and Paywave (and cash). Many 2024/25 membership cards remain uncollected. If you haven't picked yours up, swing by the ProShop and grab it next time you're at the club.

Cromwell–Dunstan Reciprocal Agreement Ending

Golf courses are expensive to maintain, so it's only fair that everyone who plays contributes – either through a club membership or by paying a green fee.

At some point, with the best of intentions, Cromwell and Dunstan agreed to offer each other's members complimentary access. While this has been convenient for some, it no longer makes economic sense for either club. As a result, this reciprocal arrangement will end on July 31st.

From August 1st, Cromwell's relationship with Dunstan will be the same as with other clubs in the Central Otago Reciprocal Agreement. That means Cromwell members will pay 50% of the affiliated green fee, plus any match fees on competition days. If you plan to play on a club day, please contact the host club in advance to ensure there's space.

Of course, there's nothing stopping members of either club from joining the other. If you're a Full Playing member of any New Zealand golf club and your primary residence is at least 20km from Cromwell Golf Club, you're eligible to join Cromwell as a Country Member.

WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Despite the winter chill and a few members still enjoying warmer escapes, July has been ticking along nicely for our Women's Golf group.

❄️ Winter Fun Tournament

Planning is well underway for our upcoming Winter Fun Tournament, and we're

☕ Next Social Catch-Up

Mark your calendars! Our next social outing is at Forage Café on 31 July at 10am. Come along for a warm drink, good chat, and a break from the frost.

🏌️♀️ Interclub Action

Interclub continues, with our next round taking place in Queenstown later this month. Best of luck to all players heading over the hill!

📧 Club Champs Survey

A quick reminder to check your inbox (and your spam folder!) for the Women's Club Championship format survey sent on 3 July. We're aiming for a 100% response rate, so if you've played in the past - even if not currently involved - your feedback is incredibly valuable.



The **LiquorLand Shootout** Qualifiers for July are Laurel Brent and Bruce Terry.

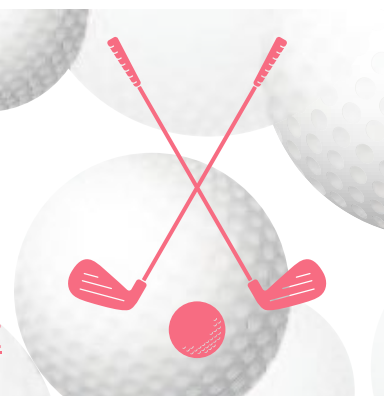


NEW: GET INTO GOLF GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS

Golf NZ and Craigs Investment Partners have designed an updated Get Into Golf Guide to celebrate their sponsorship partnership.

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BAR CONVENOR UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Shayne Cross for his valuable contribution in the role of Bar Convenor as he steps down.

And we'd like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to Craig Lunn for stepping into the role. Your support is greatly appreciated.



🔥 CALLAWAY DEALS AT MOORE GOLF – UNTIL AUGUST 31!

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Book in for your free club-fitting session and take full advantage of these limited-time offers. Whether you're looking to fine-tune your game or treat yourself to new equipment, this is a great opportunity to get expert advice and top-quality gear.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR GOLF DIARY



UPCOMING EVENTS

7-8 Aug - Winter Fun Tournament
28 Aug - Ladies 9-hole Tournament
8 Sep - Special General Meeting
5 Oct - Cromwell Open
13-15 Oct - Coring

- Upcoming Meetings -

Special General Meeting (SGM)
on Monday 8 September at 7pm

Annual General Meeting (AGM)
on Monday 1 December at 7pm

COURSE MAKEOVER MAGIC! ✂️🔧

Winter is ticking along steadily, and before we know it, we'll be back in the thick of the season. In the meantime, our course team has been hard at work keeping things in shape and preparing for spring.

✂️ Fairway Tining

This essential process is underway, with six fairways completed so far. It helps relieve compaction and improve turf health across the course.

✂️ Dry Area Treatment

Fine tining is also being applied to stressed areas to boost turf consistency and resilience during the colder months.

🚩 Tee Marker Upgrade

You may have noticed a fresh look on the tees - new cherry wood tee markers have now been installed across the course, adding a touch of Central Otago to the course.

💧 Tree Irrigation Expansion

Over the past two weeks, 1,300 metres of arterial tree irrigation line have been installed. This major upgrade will support tree health and growth, especially through the dry season.

BATTLE OF THE GORGE STANDINGS

Name			Score
1	Tyler	Oliver	5780
2	Peter	Reinke	4050
3	Gerard	Conlan	3500
4	Alan	Anderson	3325
5	Jeff	Swale	3200
6	Philip	Seaton	3175
7	Alan	McDill	3000
8	Ian	Rive	2955
9	John	McIlhatton	2900
10	Bernie	Scoles	2900
11	Allen	Whiting	2750
12	Chris	Young	2750
13	Denis	McEntyre	2725
14	Kent	Maynard	2600
15	Alex	Moore	2580

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