

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7-8 Aug - Winter Fun Tournament
- 28 Aug - Ladies 9-hole Tournament
- 8 Sep - Special General Meeting
- 14 Sep - Locals Open Day

CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT

The Club's annual Winter Form was a congenial and successful evening on the 10th of June.

Board member Dave Harper was able to report a likely surplus for our financial year ending September 30 of approximately \$180,000. This is a quite astounding result considering the budgeted surplus was less than half this number. As well, the Club has just over \$300,000 on term deposit.

The major driver of this position is a significant increase in green fee income. Till the end of May we'd taken \$237,259 from visitors to the Club. That's nearly \$60,000 ahead of budget for that particular period and actually \$20,000 more than budget for the full financial year. While the winter season sees green fee income reduce, our dry playing conditions still make us an attractive golf course to visit so we expect a steady flow of cash from our visitors for the final three months of the financial year.

But as I have reported before, the time has come to invest that income in better facilities and services for the Club. While we are first and foremost a members' club, we need to offer a better experience before and after golf for our visitors too.

So the Winter Forum was presented with some possibilities to improve the clubhouse and pro shop/administration area.

Essentially, the plan is to install a new building to house the pro shop and manager's office facing the practice green and then change the entrance to the club from its current position to have us walking through the hedge from the car park and across where the practice bunker currently is.

In the clubhouse, the plan is to combine the bar and kitchen in the current kitchen area, extend the back wall of the clubhouse to provide a food preparation and chill store area and then remove the current bar to open up the clubhouse floor space area, albeit on two levels.



Congratulations to Jackson for receiving the OBHS Sports Blue Award for his golfing successes!

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Board chairman Bob Scott has had preliminary meetings with a club member involved in the building industry and moves are underway to get some drawings started.

While we would all like the project to be completed yesterday, and we will be moving with haste, demands on the construction industry in our area mean we will have to be patient to get these jobs done.

The final stage of the project at this stage will be to give the clubhouse a good paint! It's time we said goodbye to the 1970s brown summerhill stone and unpainted concrete blocks!

The mood of the Winter Forum was very supportive of the Board's ideas and we feel that has given us a significant mandate to start making some moves.

That is not to say we are neglecting investment on the course itself. Les Topping presented to the Forum and told us of his Course Committee's plans for the next year which include improving the fairways through the use of a newly acquired turf cutter and

removing many of the old pine trees near the greenkeepers' compound on the right of the 12th hole, and on the right side of the 13th fairway.

Cromwell Golf Club is by some distance the biggest sports club in the Central Otago District and, as those green fee numbers suggest, we are a not insignificant contributor to the local economy. With Cromwell's projected growth and the demand for places to play golf in Queenstown and Wanaka not slowing, our attractiveness as a place to play is not likely to decrease anytime soon so we need to provide the best on and off course facilities possible.

However we may have to indulge your patience as there will no doubt be interruptions to our normal flow of activity while this work is undertaken.

I would like to thank the approximately 70 members who attended the Winter Forum and we thank you for your support of the Board's initiatives.

Peter Williams



UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

- **Subscription Changes for 2025/26** From next season onward, only up to 50% of a member's subscription may be paid using funds from their house account balance.
- **Early Payment Discount Update** The early payment discount will now be applied as a credit to your house account, rather than as a direct deduction from your subscription fee. This means the full subs amount must be paid before the end of October in order to receive the credit benefit.
- **Staff Leave** With winter being our quieter season, some key staff will be taking well-earned leave:
 - Greenkeeper is away until 15 July – Manager is away from 24 July to 23 August
- Upcoming Meetings – **Special General Meeting (SGM)** on Monday 8 September at 7pm
 - **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on Monday 24 November at 7pm





We're enjoying a pleasantly mild winter on the course—and what a season it's been so far! A huge congratulations to Julie Weily for her spectacular Hole in One—an incredible achievement and a moment to remember. Well done, Julie!

Our ladies recently gathered for a delightful evening at Black Rabbit, a wonderful addition to our social calendar that brought plenty of laughs and good conversation. We're also looking forward to the June Interclub, which will be held in beautiful Wanaka.



The **LiquorLand Shootout** Qualifiers for June are Natalie Franklin and Laurie Doyle.

Preparations are well underway for our Annual Winter Fun Tournament, which is shaping up to be another standout event. With a full field and a growing waiting list, it's set to be a highlight of the season once again. We do need some more helpers though - see below.



HELP NEEDED: WINTER FUN TOURNAMENT

We're looking for a few (male) members to help out during the Ladies Winter Fun Tournament on **Thursday 7th and Friday 8th August**.

Score Compilation Help

The format is similar to the Legends event and involves manually collating scores over two days:

- Thursday (Day 1):
- Only 30 scorecards to process – this can easily be handled by one person.
- Friday (Day 2):
- A bit more complex. Ideally, we need a team of three to:
 - Process the scorecards
 - Check for any anomalies
 - Merge the Ambrose and Net results



This support will allow one of our regular volunteers to finally enjoy playing and socializing with her team during the event.

Bar Volunteers Needed

We also need two volunteers for the bar on each day:

- Thursday: Field starts coming in around 3:00 PM
- Friday: Field starts coming in around 2:30 PM

If you're available to help with either task, please let us know – your support makes a big difference!

Email manager@cromwellgolf.co.nz 😊

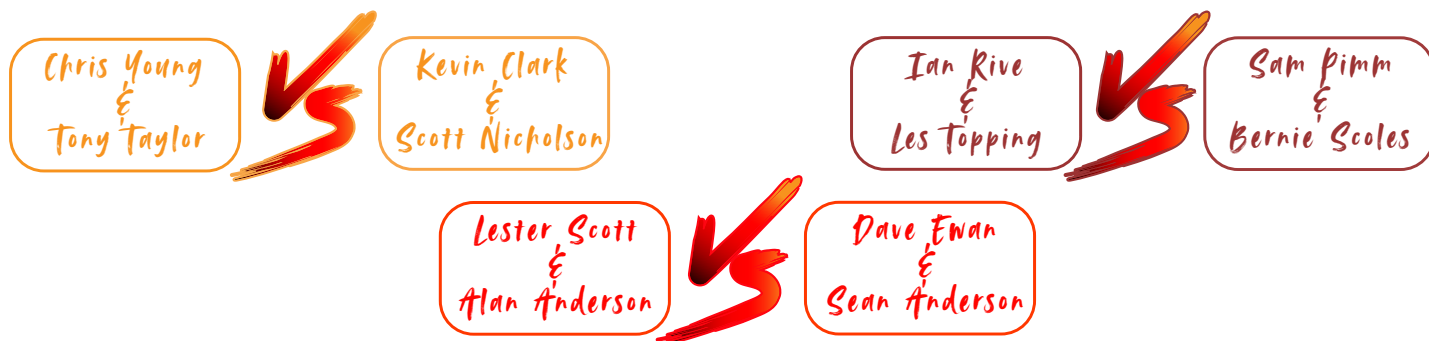


MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

We're now getting down to the pointy end of the **Old Smuggler Competition**.

All matches are currently up-to-date, and there will be some epic quarter-final battles occurring over the next few weeks.

Matches for the **3rd round** need to be played by 12th July. The contenders are:



In the 4th quarter final, **Garry Pankhurst** and **Gerry Conlan** are somehow already through to the next round, where they lurk in wait for the winner of Match 3. Get your bets on early!

Participants, please note that the semi-final matches are due by 26th July, and the final showdown will take place on 9th August.

Entries for the **Goodalls Memorial Trophy** close on the evening of Saturday 5th August, so please remember to write your name on the entry form. Please approach myself or someone on the match committee if you want to know more about this competition.

Happy winter golfing! *Simon Prentice*

🏆 SUMMER PLATE COMPETITION



This 18-hole Medal competition runs over the summer months, featuring four rounds with your best three scores counting.

A great way to test your consistency and enjoy some friendly competition over the summer months!

Congratulations to Vice President Tony Taylor for winning the Summer Plate this year, pictured with Vice Captain Simon Prentice.

REMINDER: FROSTY MORNINGS = NO GOLF

Golf and Jack Frost don't mix — if there's frost on the ground, play is delayed until it clears.

This applies to carts on the course too! If you're coming over early from home, please keep them off the greens until conditions improve.





The Central Otago sub-association pennants qualifying series has finally come to a climax, and I'm delighted to announce Cromwell Golf Club has five teams in the finals.

The last team to qualify was the Senior B Cromwell2 team of Sam Pimm, Liam Robertson, Andrew Smith, and Marius De Jager, skillfully lead by Kylie Mills. They entered the last round needing a 4-nil win, and some other results to go their way; they delivered clean sweep and had a nervous wait to confirm their success. Well done team!

We believe they will be up against Wanaka2 in the first round finals match and once successful will meet Lake Hawea or Alexandra2 for Central Otago supremacy. The venue and date for the senior B finals series to yet to be confirmed.

I have a correction to my last update. The Senior A team will be playing Queenstown in the finals.

Season 2025 summary...

Senior A

Cromwell finished second place on countback to Queenstown. Will play Queenstown at Alexandra on 24th of August.

Senior B

Cromwell2 qualified 4th for the finals series against Wanaka2, Lake Hawea and Alexandra2. Cromwell (Captained by Steven Thomson) finished 3rd in their zone and just failed to make the finals.

Intermediate

Cromwell top qualifier in grade. Cromwell2 qualified 4th in grade. Both teams to play finals at Alexandra on 21st of September.

Junior A

Cromwell finished second in zone and qualifying 4th and will context the final in Alexandra on 21st of September.

I would like to make special mention of Steven Thomson who at the 11th hour took on the captaincy of the Senior B team and has done a fantastic job leading his young team. I look forward to next season when I know the results will go your way and seeing you challenging in the finals.

Lastly a note to captains and players of finals teams; I will be calling you for a pre-finals meeting to best prepare you for the finals. Setting expectation of how you represent our club, finals etiquette, what to expect on the day of final, and a rules session and advice from resident Pro Willie Moore. I will be in contact soon with further details.





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Next Social Sunday – July 13th at 11am

Social Sundays will continue on the first Sunday of each month.

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.

Coaching with Greg Overall

COLD AIR, LONG CLUBS, AND SMART ADJUSTMENTS

It's that time of year again—shorter days, brisk air, and that frustrating feeling that the ball just isn't traveling like it used to. Cold weather can seriously affect distance, and it often means pulling a longer club (sometimes even two!) than you normally would.

Most of us tend to come up short of the target rather than overshoot—even on our best days—so winter is the perfect time to make thoughtful adjustments.

If you're using a GPS, consider aiming for the back of the green. Using a laser? Try adding 10–20 metres to your target distance when choosing your club.

And don't ignore what your game is telling you. If your early approach shots are falling short, take more club until you're consistently reaching the target.

Lower scores and more fun are well within reach. Happy golfing, everyone!

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- ✓ 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!

CROMWELL GOLF CLUB *Last Minute Gin* **BRASS MONKEY TOURNAMENT**

FRI 27TH & SAT 28TH JUNE 2025



Congratulations to the winners!

**Tony Taylor and Chris Hatton,
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Runners Up

**2nd Darren & Scott Fairweather
3rd Kent Maynard & Brent Horne**

Full results are on the website.



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While it's been a relatively quiet month on the course, but a few key updates are worth noting:



Tree Work

Two trees have been removed - one near the #14 yellow tee block, and a pine from the left rough of #12 fairway. This has yielded a modest supply of firewood, which has been split and is now available to members.



To order, please contact the office.



Branch Trimming

Ongoing trimming of low-hanging branches is underway to improve visibility and playability across several areas.



Topsoil Delivery

A major task this month was the import of 500m³ of high-quality topsoil, now stockpiled along the boundary near the #7 fairway.



This area is clearly marked and should be treated as GUR (Ground Under Repair).



Dunes Boundary Mowing

A big thank you to Tyler and his employer Gary Ford from Vinewise Machinery for tidying up the Dunes boundary - the area is looking much sharper thanks to their efforts!



🏌️ HELP KEEP THE COURSE LOOKING MINT!



Our greenkeepers do a fantastic job, but keeping the course in top shape is a team effort. Here's how you can help:

- Replace or Sand Your Divots
 - On fairways: Replace your divots or fill them with sand.
 - On tee blocks: Just sand them - no need to replace.
- Always book your tee time ahead and check in with the pro shop on arrival. This helps us keep you updated and allows greenkeepers to schedule maintenance without disrupting your round.
- Repairing Your Pitch Marks is especially important during the cooler months, when grass growth slows down. A quick fix now prevents long-term damage.



Let's all do our part to keep the course looking good this winter - every little action makes a big difference!



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Teams of 3, playing in a group of 6
Time: Shot gun start 1.30pm
Venue: Otago Golf Club
Entry Fee: \$300 per team
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Peter	Reinke	3450
Jeff	Swale	3050
Gerard	Conlan	3000
Alan	Anderson	2975
Ian	Rive	2605
Alan	McDill	2600
Philip	Seaton	2600
Bernie	Scoles	2525
Allen	Whiting	2425
Alex	Moore	2280
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Te Anau Golf Club

11th July | 11am | \$20



Are you ready to challenge your game, gain competition experience, and have fun in a supportive and relaxed environment? This event is perfect for junior golfers who already have a handicap and are looking to take their skills to the next level.
18-Hole Event
A current handicap is required to participate in this full 18-hole competition.
Same Day Events
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Te Anau Golf Club

11th July | 12pm | \$10



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Build your golf skills in a fun, relaxed environment. Whether you're just starting or have some experience, there's something for everyone. Please note entries close at midnight on Wednesday the 9th July.

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Te Anau Golf Club

11th July | 12:30pm | \$5



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