



# NEWSLETTER

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**CROMWELL  
GOLF CLUB**  
EST 1903 - NEW ZEALAND

## CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT by *Peter Williams*

### Upcoming Special General Meeting (SGM)

We are now just days away from the Special General Meeting (SGM) on Tuesday, September 9th at 7pm, which will set the annual subscriptions and present the club budget for the 2025–26 financial year beginning on October 1st.

### Proposed Subscription Changes

It's proposed that the Full Playing subscription for next year will increase from \$825 to \$865, a 4.62% increase or an additional 76 cents per week. While this increase may be double the rate of inflation, the Board believes it still represents excellent value for the quality of the golf course and club environment compared to similar clubs in our region.

(For reference: Arrowtown, Queenstown, and Wanaka clubs have all set subscription levels over \$1000.)

### Early Payment Rebate Update

As mentioned previously, the \$50 rebate for subscriptions paid by the end of October will not be returned in cash, but instead credited to a member's account. While the club is not obligated to offer an early payment rebate, the Board sees it as a worthwhile incentive—encouraging early payment and ensuring the rebate is spent within the club.

### Match Fees Collection Process

Starting August 30, match fees for club days are now being collected in the pro shop. Willie and his staff will accept payments via cash, EFTPOS, and member accounts.

### Encouraging Budget Outlook

The budget for the upcoming year reflects the strength of the Cromwell economy, the appeal of the golf course, and the global growth of golf. While revenue is not forecast to hit \$1 million, we are approaching that milestone and expect another healthy surplus from operations.

### Clubhouse and Course Improvements

We aim to invest in club facilities, including clubhouse upgrades. Progress has been slow due to the high demand in the construction industry, but some promising developments are emerging. Members will be consulted once plans are available.

Additionally, a six-figure sum will be spent on course improvements in the next financial year. Early work includes the removal of old pine trees near the greenkeepers shed beside the 12th hole and along the right side of the 13th.

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## Membership Category Changes

The Casual membership category will be retired. While current Casual members can continue, no new members will be admitted under this category. Casual membership was originally introduced for those not interested in club competitions but wanting full-week access at a discounted rate. However, this has led to growth in Casual membership while Full Playing numbers have stagnated. The Board hopes this change will encourage more Full Playing memberships.

## New AI Tee Time Announcer

Members playing on Wednesday and Saturday club days will have noticed the new “announcer” calling tee times. This initiative, led by Vice-President Tony Taylor, uses an AI programme to streamline the starting procedure and reduce reliance on office volunteers. Combined with the pro shop collecting match fees, these changes aim to improve efficiency.

We look forward to seeing you at the Special General Meeting on September 9th.

*Peter Williams*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR GOLF DIARY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9 Sep - Special General Meeting
- 5 Oct - Cromwell Open
- 13-15 Oct - Coring
- 21 Oct - She Loves Golf evenings start
- 23 Oct - Twilight Golf starts
- 24 Oct - Cromwell College Fundraiser

### - Upcoming Meetings -

- Special General Meeting (SGM) on Tuesday 9 September at 7pm
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 1 December at 7pm

## CATERING FEEDBACK – WHAT’S YOUR PICK?

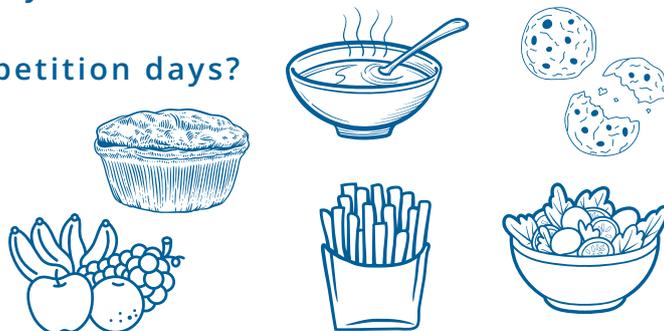
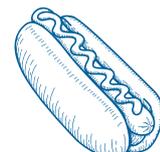
We’ve noticed steady support for the pies and occasional fries, but our sandwich selection often goes untouched – and ends up in the bin. As we look to refresh the cabinet for spring, we’d love to hear from you!

What would you like to see available on competition days?

Let us know your go-to snack or meal for:

- Men’s comps – Wednesdays & Saturdays
- Ladies’ comps – Tuesdays & Thursdays

Your input will help us serve up options that hit the spot. Drop your suggestions in the office, email us, or have a chat with the team next time you're in!



## WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE



With the worst of the Wintry weather behind us and the arrival of lovely sunny days, albeit following frosts, we are having healthy numbers of women turning out for competition golf.

Our two-day Winter Fun Tournament was held on August 7 & 8. Lots of fun was had by all. Special congratulations to Jane Harris from Maniototo, who scored a hole-in-one on #3.

Thanks to all our many sponsors and those who volunteered as helpers.

Talking of hole-in-one's.....club member Laa Seaton also achieved this milestone on July 29 on #3. Congratulations Laa!



Congratulations to Jackie Hamilton who recently scored a Gross 71 off the yellow tees during competition play. Well done Jackie !

Radiance Voucher. Another congratulations to Jackie Hamilton who scooped the pool, this time with a Nett 71.

Interclub at Dunstan Golf Club took place on Sunday , August 24.

## CROMWELL WOMEN'S WINTER'S END 9-HOLE TOURNAMENT



65 players from 7 clubs registered for our Winter's End tournament on 28 August. The dire weather forecast and illness resulted in several late withdrawals. Pouring rain greeted the women on their arrival but after a delicious morning tea and rush of raffle buying, the weather cleared to a perfect day, in time for the 11 am tee off.

Lots of fun and some good golf was had on the course. The women then enjoyed a tasty lunch, provided by The Kitchen Garden, a thought provoking quiz, drawing of amazing raffles and the prizegiving. We are so grateful to our 9-hole women, 18-hole women, Golf Club staff, and even a couple of 18-hole men, for their wonderful help and support. Our sponsors are outstanding. All the participants were in awe of the range of magnificent prizes. Thank you all!

### Local CGC prizewinners

Division 1 – Best Net

1<sup>st</sup> Erin Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Merle Roughan

6<sup>th</sup> Gael Condon

Div 1 - Stableford

2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Mulholland

3<sup>rd</sup> Raewyn Whitworth

4<sup>th</sup> Cecilia Norman

5<sup>th</sup> Linda Heath

Division 2 – Best Net

3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Forde

Div 2 - Stableford

2<sup>nd</sup> Berta Meredith

4<sup>th</sup> Margaret Clark

Longest Drive -

Ellen Clutterbuck

2s – Wendy van der Krogt



**Alison Deaker TROPHY for best net local player – Helen Forde  
Runner up – Erin Hall**

**Best gross over both divisions –  
Erin Hall**

**Congratulations to all!**



The **LiquorLand Shootout** Qualifiers for August are Marion Clark and John McIlhatton.

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## MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Great month of golf with the Colin Cowie Cup being played on the 9th August with some extremely good scores posted and consequently Tarras took the trophy home. The contest was played in great spirits with a great meal afterwards (thanks Mars and Tracey) and a few refreshments enjoyed.

Catherine Cowie presented the cup on behalf of her late husband Colin to the winning Tarras Club Captain, Gus Chapman Cohan.



We also hosted the Mens Interclub this past Saturday on a stunning day. The golf was very good with Cromwell putting up the best score and moving into 2nd place overall.

The Smuggler competition was concluded earlier in the month with Les Topping and Ian Rive taking the title for 2025. Well done guys.

Despite a strong season and determined effort, our Senior A Pennant team fell short in the final against Queenstown, going down 4-2 at Alexandra last Sunday.



Well played, team - your commitment and sportsmanship were outstanding. We're proud of your journey and look forward to building on this momentum. Onwards and upwards!

A big congratulations to Queenstown, whose win not only secures the Central Otago title but also marks their second consecutive championship—a fantastic achievement.

## BAR CONVENOR UPDATE



A big thank you to our dedicated bar volunteers - your time and effort behind the counter are truly appreciated by everyone at the Club. Your support helps keep the Clubhouse welcoming and well-serviced on our main competition days, Wednesday and Saturday, as well as tournaments.

As we head into a new season, we're always keen to **grow the team**. If you've ever thought about giving it a go behind the bar - **even just as a backup or occasional helper** - we'd love to hear from you! No experience necessary, just a friendly attitude and a willingness to pitch in.

If you're interested, please get in touch with our Bar Convenor Craig Lunn at [craiglunn60@gmail.com](mailto:craiglunn60@gmail.com) or pop by the office next time you're at the club.

# COURSE UPDATE: AUGUST WORKS & PLANS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



As we wrap up the final month of the financial year, several key improvements have been completed on the course:

- Automatic controllers have been installed on the new tree irrigation lines, enhancing water efficiency and coverage.
- Macrocarpa sleepers have been placed in front of the #2 white tees, adding both function and aesthetic appeal.
- The area surrounding the #2 tee has been sown out, and we kindly ask all members to keep off this area to allow the new grass to establish properly.

These works mark the completion of planned course improvements for the current financial year.

## STAY HYDRATED – FOUNTAINS ARE FLOWING AGAIN!



Good news, golfers! The water fountains on the course are back on and ready to keep you refreshed during your rounds.

Whether you're powering through a comp or enjoying a casual game, be sure to take advantage and stay hydrated out there.



## BATTLE OF THE GORGE STANDINGS



	Name		Score
1	Tyler	Oliver	5930
2	Peter	Reinke	4450
3	John	McIlhatton	4025
4	Gerard	Conlan	3800
5	Jeff	Swale	3650
6	Richard	Bryant	3630
7	Denis	McEntyre	3550

8	Alan	Anderson	3425
9	Ian	Rive	3255
10	Philip	Seaton	3225
11	Bernie	Scoles	3200
12	Alan	McDill	3150
13	Doug	Harradine	3100
14	Bob	Brent	2900
15	Allen	Whiting	2900

# WE'RE HIRING – JOIN THE TEAM THIS SUMMER!



We have three paid positions coming up at the Club, and we'd love to hear from anyone keen to get involved before we open up applications to the public.

Please contact the office if you or anyone you know is interested in more details about any of these positions.

## **Summer Greenkeeper**

A hands-on role helping keep the course in top shape over the busy season.

- Duration: 3 months (either Dec–Feb or Jan–Mar)
- Ideal for someone who enjoys working outdoors and being part of a great team.

## **Bar Staff – Twilight Thursdays**

Help keep the good vibes flowing during our popular Twilight Golf evenings.

- When: Thursdays from 23 October to 19 March from 5-9pm
- Have a break over summer - last play on 11 Dec, restart on 22 Jan
- A great opportunity for someone friendly and reliable who enjoys a social atmosphere.

## **Clubhouse Food Magician**

We're on the lookout for a part-time food magician to help keep the clubhouse kitchen humming.

This 15-hours-per-week role is perfect as a top-up job or for someone semi-retired who wants to stay active and connected.

You'll be whipping up simple, tasty meals and lending a hand with general kitchen and clubhouse tidying.

Plus additional hours for event catering, so flexibility is a must.

If you love food, enjoy a bit of variety, and want to be part of a friendly team, we'd love to hear from you.



## **NEW COMP FEE PAYMENT PROCESS – STARTS SAT 30 AUG**

Starting this Saturday 30th August, competition fees for Wednesdays and Saturdays will be collected in the Pro Shop.

You can pay using 💰 Cash, 🏠 EFTPOS or 🏠 House Account.

This new system is designed to streamline the process and make things easier for both players and volunteers.

Thanks for your support as we roll it out!

## **PRO SHOP SPECIALS & NEW ARRIVALS**

### **Free Tokens Alert!**

Buy 10 Driving Range tokens and get 2 FREE  
Perfect for sharpening your swing without stretching your wallet

### **Just In-Store:**

Titleist T-Series Irons – precision meets performance.  
Callaway Opus SP Wedges – dial in your short game.  
Golf Pride Grip Fitting – get the feel just right.  
Callaway Chrome Tour Triple Diamond Balls – rated among the longest balls in golf

Whether you're upgrading gear or tweaking your setup, we're here to help you get the most out of your game. Pop in or reach out – we're always happy to assist! 😊

**CALL OR EMAIL THE PROSHOP TO BOOK**  
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# Community Open Days at The Hills

22 & 23 September 2025

## Play The Hills whilst supporting Southern Lakes Sanctuary

Golfers – this is your chance to join us for a one-of-a-kind community event at The Hills – a unique opportunity to play The Hills Championship Course before it closes in 2026 for a two-year renovation.

### PLAY THE CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE

Play 18 holes on The Hills famous Championship Course. Donation is \$165pp, or \$195pp to include golf cart. Note: golfers must possess a current NZ Golf handicap. Be quick, bookings are limited to 100 players per day: [golf@thehills.co.nz](mailto:golf@thehills.co.nz)

### PLAY THE FARM

Enjoy the sights and fun of this outstanding 9-hole, par 3 course with family and friends. Minimum donation is \$30. Bookings essential: [golf@thehills.co.nz](mailto:golf@thehills.co.nz)

Not a golfer but keen to explore The Hills? There's also a sculpture tour and lunch in the Clubhouse on offer during the open days.

All proceeds go directly to Southern Lakes Sanctuary, a collaborative conservation initiative working to restore biodiversity and protect native species throughout the Whakatipu Basin and surrounding Southern Lakes region.

For more info visit:  
[southernlakessanctuary.org.nz/thehills](https://southernlakessanctuary.org.nz/thehills)

Don't miss out,  
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