



Monday 20.2.17

Your "Wake Up!" Call



WHERE DO WE BEGIN???

It's the week the drought broke and the grass began to grow again ... the week a prominent person attained an age of significant maturity (physically if not mentally) and another prominent person, a Life Member to boot, racked up even higher numbers the week the Ladies 2-Day Open finally came together and Jewel finally went home for a wee nap ... and so many other life-changing events occurred.

Just for a moment there we thought we might have had a nuptial celebration on our hands but the answer was a brief "nup!" when we sought confirmation. However, we have been granted exclusive rights to the story when it breaks and we hope to bring you paparazzi shots of the pre-emptive "time away together" as soon as the connubial couple emerge from their lodgings somewhere up north.

So, putting aside the disappointment of not being able to break with a super story, let's look at the daily goings on here at our wonderful, unbeatable Mangawhai

LADIES 2-DAY OPEN OUTSTANDINGLY SUCCESSFUL

Apart from a prizelist glitch from the typically erratic golf operations personage, this was a highly successful event and we pay tribute to the organisers who worked tirelessly to ensure it all came together. An excellent field of 96 took to the course on a seriously humid Saturday, playing in 3 divisions and generally playing very well. The course had dried out brilliantly after the heavy rains and the greens, while not overly quick, were running truly. Sunday was more of the same, a little cooler as the competition heated up. The field had only a couple of defections from the first round and the shotgun start at 8.30am saw a lot of serious game faces head to the tees. The pace of play was good, allowing for the tenseness of the competition and the prizes at stake, and all cards were in before 1.30pm.

And now, we bring you the winners and the nearly winners (an abbreviated list)

DIVISION 1

Best Gross – Kylie Jacoby (Waipu) 148 (78-70). Gross Runner-Up – Samantha Dangen (Whangaroa) 153 (74,79)

Best Nett – Aprilie Everitt (Omaha Beach) 146. Nett Runner-Up – Suzette Eastmond (Omaha Beach) 147.

Best Stableford – Belinda May 68. Runner-Up Stableford – Sandra Doherty (Bay of Islands) 67.

Third Stableford – Pam Greenhalgh (65).

DIVISION 2

Best Nett – Jane Browne (Thames) 144. Nett Runner-Up – Adrienne Hopping (Mayfield) – 146.

Best Stableford – Sue Reading (Warkworth) 70. Runner-Up Stableford Betty Southgate (Northern Wairoa) 70.

Third Stableford – Tally Moorhouse 67.

DIVISION 3

Best Nett – Frances Warren (Waipu) 145. Nett Runner-Up – Jody Shrubsall (Thames) 146.

Best Stableford – Barbara Chitty 70. Runner-Up Stableford – Val Saunders (Thames) 68. Third Stableford – Nadine Fitness 68

NEAREST THE PIN

Day One: Div 1 – Samantha Dangen. Div 2 – Karen Person (Omaha Beach). Div 3 – Nelda Hick.

Day Two: Div 1 – Aprilie Everitt. Div 2 – Sarah Hartles. Div 3 – Samantha Walters.

TWOS: Samantha Dangen, Sharon Haslam (Whangamata), Pam Brown (Northern Wairoa), Raewyn Marshall (Whangamata), Belinda May, Sandra Doherty, Kylie Jacoby, Jewel Sterling, Colette Kraus (Waitemata), Jackie Wells, Betty Southgate, Brenda Whitehead (Wainui), Pauline Pullman (Ngunguru), Diane Dunlop, Nelda Hick, Frances Warren.

As the above list shows, a pleasingly large number of visitors from clubs (Mayfield is just west of Ashburton so that's probably furthest away) took part in the event and we especially commend the ladies from Thames who overcome the hindrance of a broken-down van to feature strongly on the prize list.

Special thanks to the event's sponsor, Winger Group (Subaru, Jeep, Chrysler, Dodge). Your contribution certainly underwrote the success of the tournament.



From left: Best Gross winner Kylie Jacoby thanks the organisers; Tony Vale with Best Nett (Div1) winner Aprilie Everitt;

Jewel Sterling shows lingering patrons where the exit is.

SATURDAY MEN @ OMAHA LAST SATURDAY

This barely rates a mention but we have been asked to publish the following: "Wayne and Gerry played magnificent golf to overcome the not-so-dynamic duo of Duncan and Nick. Both Wayne and Gerry played supremely from tee to green and, while humble in victory, deserve universal acclaim for their exceptional talents". There, we've said it. In truth, that's a bit of a Trumped-up ("false facts") statement and the reality is that Wayne got extremely streaky out of bunkers and Gerry showed an annoying ability to play well at the wrong time. And some others played too, but no-one's overly interested in that.

SUBSCRIPTIONS – A GENTLE REMINDER

For those whose subscriptions are due at the end of February (just 8 days away!) we remind you that if Sub Loyalties apply the due date of renewal needs to be met to ensure your discount.

PLAY THE LIE IS BACK WITH US!

As of today, the requirement is for you to Play The Lie. In case you've forgotten due to the sustained period of "Clean & Place" we've all enjoyed, this means you play the ball as it lies, without sitting it up on a nice nearby tuft of grass, Through The Green – which means all parts of the course except hazards, tee blocks and putting greens. To celebrate this progressive move John and his team are out mowing fairways and generally keeping the course in the outstanding condition we all love. Play The Lie is printed on your scorecard and is published outside the Golf Shop – so no excuses, only penalties (see Rules 13 and 18).

ON COURSE WORK

Those who played in the last week or so will have noticed the work being done on Holes 1 & 2. Sand has been placed and grass seed has been sown and a fair bit of water is being applied to encourage growth. Please keep off these areas, defined as GUR, so we can get the grass established and the new areas in play. (Last week we noticed a group – men of course - of 4 all trampling across the newly seeded area looking for a ball that was lost in the hazard to the left of 3. Basically, unless you can see your ball and it is easily reached by just 1 person, abandon it and play on.

CHAMPIONSHIPS PENNANTS

Our Men's Championship Pennants team remains unbeaten after a tight 4-1/2 – 4-1/2 draw with RNZAF at Helensville yesterday. Wins to Scott Wightman, Lee Newman, Zane Hinton and Alan Madigan were balanced by losses by Sean Blomquist, Max Olsen, Geoff Finlay and Jams Finlay. Currently we top the table with 18 points after 3 rounds, just one clear of Whangaparaoa and 3 ahead of Redwood Park. This is a great effort for their first year in the competitive North Harbour West Coast Trophy league and we look forward to their success continuing.

BARFOOT & THOMPSON TWILIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

The Wednesday/Thursday rain put a few off but a hardy 90 turned up and showcased their skills, however modest these may be. The **Women's Division** was won by Nadine Fitness (20), followed by Liz Mulcahy (19), Maggie Cameron (19), Brownwyn Reynolds (19), Debbie Young (18), Cheryl Hobin (18), Chrissy Burrows (18) and Sarah Hartles (18).

Men's Division 1 saw a storming return to the course by Latham (No Limping!!) Tobin who racked up 23 points to win from Shayne Stuart (22), Julian Rous (22), Campbell Rae (21) and Tony Vale (21). **Division 2** saw Bob Stevenson pilot his way to 23 points to lead Vaughan Sampson (22), Ron Gillan (21), Malcolm Davey (20) and Glyn Smalldon (20).

Twos were scored by Fleur Reynolds (Muriwai) who had two, Bob Stevenson and Gerry Richardson.

Hidden Holes were won by Chrissy Burrows (6 points, Front 9) and Maggie Cameron (6 points, Back 9). These two names were drawn from a poultice of others with the same score.

The **Members' Draw** remains unclaimed as Gavin Hunt's name was drawn but he was absent (probably starring in another TV commercial) and so jackpots to \$1,100 this coming Friday.

And let's not forget the ongoing opportunity to win a golfing trip to Australia, generously provided by Bill and Jono Mabey of Experience Golf.



INTERNATIONAL DAY

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Sponsored by our flock of visiting "Snowbirds, Godwits" in appreciation of the warm welcome extended to them each summer, joined by a growing number of Club members, mainly ex-pats wishing to recognise a personal international connection.

OPEN ONLY TO MANGAWHAI GOLF CLUB MEMBERS - ALL CATEGORIES

MODIFIED TEXAS SCRAMBLE

(You'll be given the rules on the day, in fluent Canadian English)

Drawn Teams - 3 Men & 1 Woman (depending on playing numbers)

NO ENTRY FEE - CHECK-IN BEFORE 8.30 FOR A 9:00 START

ENTRY SHEET IN GOLF SHOP - ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY



Get your entries in for these two highly popular events.

And, as we wind up this rambling monologue, we wish to thank all the ladies who have been waving so pleasantly at our greenstaff.

Keep the love coming, girls.

And ... Play The Lie!



Shotgun Start @ 10.00am

Played in 6's (3 pairs)

Maximum Team Handicap (40% of Combined Index) 28



FIRST PRIZE: \$300 per pair
SECOND PRIZE: \$200 per pair
Prize Pool payout to top 10 teams (subject to entries)

ENTRY FEE

\$30 PER PAIR

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