



Your “Wake Up!” Call



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS – HO, HO, BAH, HUMBUG!

Tomorrow's November already and the run-up (or run-down) to Christmas is a stark reality, whether you're a Santa lover or a Scrooge. Of course, the good news is that your Christmas shopping's made easy in our well-stocked Golf Shop, full of items for every golfer – from tees, balls and gloves to sunglasses, electric and push trundlers, shoes and apparel. Check it all out before you go heading for those big city malls where your money disappears faster than your hopes of a good round.

And speaking of disappearing – John and his greens team are still searching for the solution to the irrigation problems. Anyone who has a map of where all the wires go, where the valve boxes are could do us a great favour and potentially save us a fair bit of time and money. In the meantime, manual irrigation continues and all players are asked to be aware that the watering system is being operated green by green and tee by tee rather than happening automatically. If you see water spraying, please keep playing – don't wait for someone to come and turn it off.

TWILIGHT'S HIGHLIGHTS

It looks like 90 is the number – 91 the previous week, 90 this past Friday which equates to very strong turnouts for Summer Twilight. Summer Twilight goes all day, last tee time at 4.28pm, and we have two starting tees in use between 3.30 and 4.30pm (although this may vary week by week depending on demand). So get your bookings in early – those that leave it till Friday to make a booking might find themselves out of luck. Sponsor for November Twilight is John Merrick's TimberWorld Warkworth – thanks to John for his ongoing support.

Last Friday saw 56 Men play in two divisions and a really good turnout of 34 Women. Judi Boonham continued her strong form to take the **Women's** section with 22 points, followed by Anne-Marie Hughes and Annie Gentry on 21, Heather Haynes and Jewel Sterling on 20, Liz Mulcahy and Barb Chitty on 19, then Kath Holloway, Sherrill Glen and Debbie Ogilvy just out of the prizemoney with 18 points.

In **Men's Division One** Keith Routledge delved almost into the realms of fantasy golf with a remarkable 26 points, comfortably ahead of Stew Speed and Don McLean with relatively mediocre scores of 22, then Pat Butler and Des Chitty on 21. Tony Vale, Shayne Stuart and Duncan Chisholm all scored 19. **Division Two** was headed by (and we say this with great respect for the aged) John “Toby” Morgan whose 24 was good enough to win on countback from Chas Routen and John Saunders. Then came Paul Alexander, Gary Lister, Colin Carey and Steve Keogh, all with 22, then Gerry Hogan and Mike Howard on 21. Hot scoring all round, tough enough without getting yourself DQ'd, wouldn't you say Malcolm? Don McLean took home a fistful of vouchers for having the only **Two** while Murray Glen (Front 9, 7 points) and Colin Carley (Back 9, 7 points) won the **Hidden Holes**. The Member's Draw saw the Ohope Outlaw Larry Renner's name pulled out of the hat. Naturally enough he was absent from the clubhouse so the pool now jackpots to \$900!

And never forget – the big travel prize, generously donated by Bill and Jono Mabey of Experience Golf, will be up for grabs at the end of the Summer season. Every 5 times you play earns you one entry in the draw, so don't miss a week!

MAKE ROOM FOR HOWDO



As he and Ali become homeless – their North Ave house has sold (they move out early December) and the new home won't be completed for a few months yet – they're looking for somewhere to store some gear (fridge, beds, lounge suite, cabinets BBQ, etc.) that would take perhaps up to 75% of a single garage.

If you have suitable space available, or know of someone who has, please have a conversation with Howdo at mike@mediathink.co.nz or phone 021 720556 (be ready to bargain - having just had a birthday he may be looking for SuperGold Card rates).

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Our course was chosen to host this year's Northland Women's Champ of Champs and fortunately the weather was in a sufficiently benign mood to make this an outstanding day. OK, it blew a bit but that's one of the hazards of playing an outdoor sport. Thanks to the organising committee, headed by Sherrill Gen, who did such a great job in making sure every aspect was well organised. We haven't, as yet, seen the full sheet of results so will not prematurely rush in and acclaim winners in any section, but will keep you posted later in the week.



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"If you're going to practice, don't shag around!" - Lazza

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TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER – ARE YOU READY TO RACE?

Tomorrow, as any punter worth his or her nosebag knows, is **Melbourne Cup Day** and we're all saddled up here and ready to party! If you haven't already put your name on the start sheet in the Golf Shop, do it now! (*We need a good idea of numbers so we can sort out catering.*) The programme sees a Champagne Lunch served from 11.00am, then onto the course for a round that will give you the chance to earn dollars to invest on your choice of the racing field.

The Big Race will screen at around 5pm, suitably interjected with cheers and jeers as we see our dollars fade to a slow shuffle up the home straight – so all in all it's going to be a brilliant day out.

There'll be prizes for the sturdy stallions and matronly mares, plus a lot of other novelty items to make sure you go home a winner in some way or other.

Please – contact the Golf Shop NOW if you're planning to be here – don't just roll up tomorrow or we'll run short of oats and hay to feed you. Visitors are welcome, so bring your friends along and enjoy!

Donald Trump was delayed on the first tee yesterday due to fog.

At one point the fog was so thick, Trump's fans couldn't even see who they were punching.

THINGS COMING UP SOON

It's a pretty busy November coming up, with lots of visiting groups choosing Mangawhai as their favourite golfing venue. As well, we've got a few members' events that you need to note in your busy little diaries:

RUGBY vs LEAGUE – Saturday 5 November. This is a Mixed Day which means – outrageously!!- that Men and Women can play together in the same group. When you play, your preference of which code you support will be noted and the winning sport will be decided by the best aggregate scores. Join in and make it even better than a game of two halves or some other such ridiculous cliché.

KK's FOURSOMES – Saturday 12 November. Men members only. This is a very busy day so if you want to play (it's 36 holes on that day) you'll need to book soon. Start sheet in the Golf Shop.

TOLHOPF TROPHY – Saturday 19 November. Vern and Lesley are once again very generously sponsoring this event which will be held in place of our usual Saturday haggles. It's a Mixed Pairs (best ball stableford) event over 18 holes and the Tolhopf Trophy will be awarded to a Mixed (Men/Woman) pair. There'll also be a Men's Pair section so get you and your partner organised and get your names on the start sheet in the Golf Shop.

TOM BONNINGTON TROPHY – Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November. This is open to all players, members and affiliated visitors, with a maximum handicap limit of 36.4. Entry is \$60 for the two days (18 holes Saturday afternoon and 18 holes Sunday morning) and there is an outstanding prize table to help yourself to.

And, in December ...

Our annual Christmas Cheer is being sponsored by Molesworth Four Square. This is scheduled for **Sunday 11 December** and, as usual, will be very popular. No entry sheet open yet, but make a note of this date to be sure you're in the field.

Remember, too, that our AGM is coming up soon (Sunday 4 December) and there are vacancies to be filled by people who believe they have what it takes to keep our club at the forefront of NZ Golf. Have a think about it – you don't have to have Trumpesque self-belief or Clinton-like skills of concealment, just a commitment to working with like-minded others to secure our future.