



Monday 3.4.17

Your "Wake Up!" Call



A DEGREE OF NORMALCY RETURNS

Things here rarely plateau into normality (which is a state of mind that depends on your own state of mind, warped or otherwise) but we're as close to that as we usually get. The Pro-Am's behind us, Daylight Saving has ended, competition golf is well under way and certain (or uncertain?) members have recommenced their sniping at, as most of us see it, all things bright and beautiful.



But before we wander too far off topic, pause to view this superb shot of the Pro-Am field assembled before tee-off.

We continue to receive favourable feedback from participants - players and sponsors - and we've heard from several of the Pros that played that our event ranks right up there with the very best.

By going the extra mile in many areas we delivered a day that, from flawless weather to some outstanding golf, showcased Mangawhai at its very best.

Now, back to more everyday things. With the competition season in play we see our first final this coming weekend as our more mature men (in some cases, over-ripe) complete the **Vets Matchplay** rounds. In the younger division (60-69) **Iain Butler** and **Peter Cornes** face off, while the marginally more wrinkled 70+ group will see our own Peter Pan, **Colin Carley**, go head to head with the serene approach of **Ron Horsfall**. Good luck to all. Your designated tee-off time is 9.00am - but, like many of our trophy events, there is an "on or before" option.

SPECTACULAR SUNDAY

Yesterday our course was very busy, hosting Mens 18-Hole Pennants - and a very colourful group of ladies clad in various forms of queenly costume and beachwear. This latter grouping comprised Pupuke Princesses who arrived to take on our wildly attractive Beach Babes in what is hoped will become a regular annual event. The Princesses ("Frozen, but not frigid!" one was heard to claim) had to bow to the superior skills of the Beach Babes who, under Marion Bilton's superb organisational direction, produced golf to match their attire and took out the team Stableford score by a convincing 47 points. Among the locals to shine was Pam Greenhalgh who shot an outstanding 69 off the stick. The impressive trophy was duly stripped of its royal attire and then clad in appropriately modest beachwear and will now reside in Mangawhai until next year's return event to be played at Pupuke.



Colour in abundance as the two squads pose before tee-off. The positive humour continued through the day and into the trophy presentation. Our congratulations to organisers, both here and at Pupuke, and all who took part with such sartorial elegance. The trophy will take pride of place in our new cabinet.

With more sedate dress on display, the Men's 18-Hole Handicap Pennants saw the two Mangawhai teams drawn to play each other. The clearly misnamed Mangawhai 1 had to bow to the superior playing power of Mangawhai 2 by 5.5 to 3.5. From henceforth, the teams have been redesignated as Mangawhai 1L (for loser) and Mangawhai 2W (for, as you've probably guessed, for winner). While questions are being asked as to whether 1L is too stacked with over-the-hill gnarly veterans, the youthful skills of 2W were clearly on display. Highlights were the "hot and throbbing" issues endured by the 2W captain and the "just a bit too late!" eagle recorded by BK on his final hole, with the match well and truly settled (and not in his favour) before his spectacular but inconsequential feat.

This next round is to be played at Ngunguru this coming Saturday and the selectors are mulling over their choices, with several heads clearly on the block.

Meanwhile, at Sherwood Park our 36-holers had a strong 7.5-2.5 win over Northern Wairoa, playing at Sherwood Park.

OUR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM LOOKS LIKE CHAMPIONS

Reality returned yesterday as our Championship Pennants team, competing in North Harbour's West Coast division, returned to winning form with a 7-2 blitzing of Whangaparaoa at Redwood Park. With one round to play, Mangawhai is has a narrow 0.5 lead over Redwood Park on the points table. This team has done incredibly well and has done our club proud, regardless of where they finish. They are at least assured of a semi-final spot and we wish them well as they get down to the last bit.

WHO'LL WIN THE BIG "EXPERIENCE GOLF" TRIP?

As the Summer Twilight season has now ended we prepare ourselves for the big draw this coming Friday. Those who've played Twilight through the Daylight Saving period have earned 1 entry in the draw for every 5 rounds they've played. Kathy is busily collating records and the draw will be held after this Friday's **Bayley's Twilight**. We hope **Bill and Jono Mabey** will be present to participate in the draw and to receive the acclamation of members who are immensely appreciative of their generous donation of a golfing trip to Australia. Get yourself along – but, for those of you who have earned entries but cannot be there this Friday, relax ... if your name is drawn you don't have to be in the clubhouse to collect the Big Prize.

Speaking of big prizes, **John Wells won the Members' Draw** last Friday and pocketed a cool \$800 which quickly became \$400 when wife Jackie sidled up and claimed her pre-nup share. As a relatively new Full Playing member here, John is now well ahead of things and, we're sure, has only kind things to say about our unbeatably generous club.

In comparison, John's win the Men's Division in Bayleys Twilight

pales somewhat in monetary comparison but his 23 points deserve congratulation. Close behind him was David Lett (22), Shayne Stuart (22), Geoff Finlay (22) and Tony Vale (22). The Women's field was topped by Kathy James who leapt from behind the counter and recorded a winning 21 points, closely followed by Maureen Taylor (20), Sherrill Glen (18), Lyn Williams (18), Ngaire Evans (18), Carol Lett (18) and Liz Mulcahy (17).

In all, the field totalled 91 entries and we anticipate a similar number this coming Friday as Bill and Jono pull out the winner's name. Be here!



SUNDAY 16 APRIL

- Men - Two Divisions Women - 1 Division
- GROSS (MEN DIV. 1 & WOMEN)
 - NETT
 - STABLEFORD
 - NEAREST THE PIN
 - LONGEST DRIVE
 - TWOS

MORNING START: 7.15 - 7.55am (two tees)

AFTERNOON START: 12.45pm (SHOTGUN)

Mangawhai Members: \$30

Affiliated Visitors: \$45

OPEN ONLY TO AFFILIATED MEMBERS OF NZ GOLF CLUBS WITH CURRENT HANDICAP
(Please pay at time of entry to confirm your place)

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Respective captains Raewyn Stanaway and Nancy Teale posed with the Princess Beach Babe Trophy.

"Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five."