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### CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANTS GO FURTHER AHEAD

Another outstanding result from our Men's Championship Pennants Team yesterday as they well and truly put Warkworth to the sword to record an 8-1 win on the Whangaparaoa course. They now head the North Harbour West Coast Division Pennants by 3.5 points from Redwood Park with 3 rounds to play. Wins were chalked up by Scott Wightman, Sean Blomquist, Lee Newman, Zane Hinton, Max Olson, Alan Madigan and Geoff Finlay. Our other Men's Pennants teams had the weekend off, probably relieved that we can't mis-report their results.

### MEN'S HANDICAP PENNANTS THIS WEEKEND

As mentioned above, these teams had the weekend off to give selectors time to mull over their highly-detailed form guides. The 18-hole selectors have just emerged from their secret enclave to announce the following line-ups to play Waipu this Sunday, with first tee times at midday: **Mangawhai 1** – Colin Carley, Gerry Hogan, BK Kim, Warren Mulcahy, Duncan Chisholm, Wayne Watts. **Mangawhai 2** – Ole Iversen, Dave Foster, Ray McIntyre, Tarrin Rous, Greg Quinn, Greg Furnell. We haven't received 36-hole selections but they will play at Whangarei this Sunday, first tee time at 7.50am.



Shotgun Start @ 10.00am

Played in 6's (3 pairs)

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**Get Your Entry In Soon!**

**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**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**



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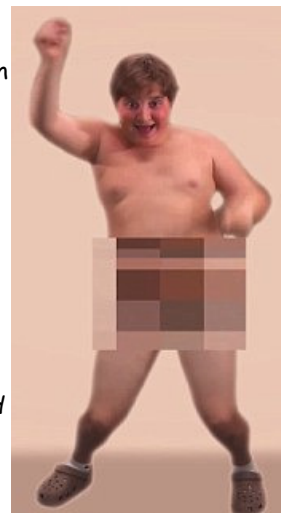
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### WE'RE NOT SURE IF "SKINNY DIPPING" IS AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION???

Rumour has it - and never let it be said we ever let a good rumour pass us by - that a certain senior administrator of our highly-respected club was witnessed taking a naked plunge into a water hazard on the Waitangi course not so long ago. The photos we received to support this story are a) too graphic for a family publication, and b) too blurred to allow 100% identification of the culprit but our well-placed source tells us, without a Flicker of doubt, that the incident took place in full-frontal view of a passing foursome.

However, we cannot truthfully describe this as an instance of skinny dipping as' if it is the person we know but cannot name, "skinny" may not be the best word to fit the figure.

*(Right: our body model re-enacts the triumphant and moderately titillating pose of our person in question. Our apologies to readers who are offended by this flagrant flaunting of the mature male body. And please do not send us pictures of similar goings-on by other members. There are websites for that sort of thing.)*



### ON TO (GREATER?) THINGS

As we tragics cling to hope that our cricketers will gain some consistency, those who watched the recent One-Dayer at Eden Park may have noticed that the Turf Manager was one Blair Christensen. Members may recall that Blair did his apprenticeship at our very own Mangawhai Golf Club. He was the first apprentice to complete his time here, when Paul Stanaway was Head Greenkeeper. (Thanks to Rob Hastie for this snippet.)

*We won't in any way apportion any blame to Blair for the Black Caps' inability to rack up a decent score. Enough to say that the NZ selectors' thought processes on who's up to it leave a fair bit to be desired. In the meantime we hear that Colin Carley is prepared to come in from his long run-up to add a bit of ginger to the bowling attack (and will be the subject of a tell-all biography currently being penned by noted cricket historian and Mangawhai member Bill Francis.)*

## A LITTLE BIT OF CLUB HISTORY, A LOT OF CONTRIBUTION

We have a number of regular groups who make contributions to the club in many different ways. One group with a long history of doing this is our Wednesday Mixed Group. This was started in 1982 by a number of retired golfers who wanted to establish a group that would play regularly to raise funds for course improvement while maintaining the enjoyment and comradeship of the game.

Colin Palmer and Leon Butler Snr were two of the early leading lights, back in those halcyon days when the club was based in the old tin shed, adjacent to the new greenkeepers' shed. At the beginning, the weekly entry fee was pegged at \$3 and prizes comprised tins of Baked Beans and Peaches (not all in the same can). Now, some 35 years later, the aims remain the same – the organisers may have changed but the principles and objectives of enjoying the game and raising funds continue just as strongly. Some years after the establishment of this group, Quads was added as part of this fundraising.

Over the years, the Wednesday Mixed Group's contributions to the club have included:

- purchase and planting of trees for the course
- \$5,000 toward the cost of painting the interior of our clubhouse
- a \$500 donation to redecorate the Ladies locker and toilet area
- \$6,000 to install a toilet on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole
- ... and now – \$6,000 for the provision of a new toilet installation on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole.



The group's contribution is not merely financial as many of the Wednesday regulars lend their expertise and labour to ongoing working bees around the course.

The group welcomes players of all abilities, even those beginners who have yet to attain a handicap. All those who play can win a meat pack or go into the free raffle. In the words of Barbara Partington, who provided the above information and who rules over the Wednesday morning registration, "We aim to carry on the philosophy of the original members – even if the charge is now \$5!!".

*(An early prototype (see left) planned for the new installation was rejected by the committee who, while commending its ability to blend into the manuka surrounds, felt it did not match the current aesthetics of our club. Construction has now commenced and we expect this new facility will be much appreciated by our members and visitors.)*

**Many thanks to our Wednesday Mixed group – long may your efforts and contributions keep coming through!**

## PROPOWER TWILIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

A good field, considering the humidity and almost oppressive heat, took part comprising 32 women and 50 men (in 2 divisions). Sharyn McLean was in sparkling form to come in with 20 points to win the women's section, followed by Annie Gentry (19), Heather Tobin (19), Nadine Fitness (18), Jackie Wells (18) and Bridget Meredith (17). Men's Division 1 was headed by Peter Bridge (24), winning on a countback from BK Kim, ahead of Steve Hinton (22), Len Bilton (22) and Campbell Rae (21). Division 2 went to Ian Dunlop (21), on a countback from Geddes Westn and Don McDowell, then Peter Meredith (20) and John Wheat (20). There were no Twos. Hidden Holes were won by John Wheat (Front 9, 7 points) and Peter Bridge (Back 9, 6 points). **Thanks to our ProPower sponsors, Kevin, Michelle and Jake Hassall.**

The **Members' Draw** saw, after 15 previous attempts, a winner finally discovered. Dragged in from the smokers' deck to claim his \$1,200 prize was a jubilant Paul Volkov who immediately declared he would put it on the bar for the next Wednesday Mavericks Day ... dream on! So now we're back to \$500 for this week's draw – remember you have to be in the clubhouse to win should you be fortunate enough to have your name drawn out.

And each time you play you have the ongoing opportunity to earn entries in the end-of-summer-season draw for a golfing trip to Australia very generously donated by **Bill and Jono Mabey of Experience Golf.**

## UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

**Men: Vets Strokeplay:** Round Two (final round) this Saturday (in two divisions: 60-69 and 70+), played concurrently with Round Two of the Patron's Trophy and Wightman Putting. (Remember to record your putts per hole on your scorecard.)

**Saturday & Tuesday Women:** Round 2 of LGU, Cullen Cup, Patron's Putting, Wightman Eclectic, plus Vets, Wintle Trophy and a Nett haggle.

**Signature Homes Canadian Foursomes:** entries are still being received for this popular event, to be played on Sunday 10 March. Great prizes and a really enjoyable format, with divisions for Mixed Pairs and Men's Pairs.

**Mangawhai Surf Club Fundraiser:** enter in the Golf Shop for this event scheduled for Sunday 26 March. Special discount entry fees for Mangawhai members – just \$35 (\$45 for others).

**Partners Life Mangawhai Pro-Am:** this event is just over 3 weeks away – on Tuesday 28 March - and we look forward to it with great anticipation.

## PRO-AM COURSE PREPARATION

**With our first Pro-Am for some time coming up in just a few weeks John and his team are hard at work with preparation and grooming. Fortunately the rain has decided to bless us, with a solid downpour giving the course a drenching last week and more forecast in the next couple of days. Entries from Pro's are coming through and we are confident there will be a number of players well worth watching. There'll also be a Hole-In-One prize on the 17<sup>th</sup>, with our sponsor Winger risking a new Subaru as a reward for the perfect shot. The playing field is now full and we hope to release a draw in the near future.**



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