

RBGC NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2020



Captain's Column

Since the last newsletter we have returned to (almost) business as usual, I wish to encourage you to continue booking a tee time as we stride into summer this system is now back to normal.

Lovely to have everyone returning to the club and beach. Labour weekend was busy with the local market a success by all accounts and glorious weather making for a fun weekend.

We are currently in the process of selling two more of our sections, we have been offered the asking price and currently the buyers are doing due diligence. All other sections have now been removed from sale.

The Women's Open was played post-COVID with a full field and some excellent golf being played over the weekend (unfortunately none of it by me!). Congratulations to Checoda Cocks, the winner from Renee Fowler.

We have also had the finals of our club champs, congratulations to all the winners, and good luck at the Champion of Champions. I was delighted with the member turnout playing for the Shirley and Colin Simpson 27-hole trophies that was played in conjunction with the finals. We also had good numbers competing at Castlepoint for the Phyl Perry painting, but we were unfortunately out-played again. Successful Halberg and Sponsors days again well supported, many thanks.

Coming up, scheduled for Saturday 7th November the new Keeper of the Greens two-person scramble where handicaps are irrelevant. This is open to only RBGC members both full playing and non-playing. Get a team of two and register early.

Christmas Cheer this year is Saturday the 12th and as usual is open to RBGC playing members only – always a fun way to complete the golfing year. Remember this is followed by the AGM on Sunday the 12th and will include appointment of our new Patron Mrs Shirley Simpson.

I am expecting this summer to be busy with everyone taking local holidays (as has already been proven with house rentals of late), so take time to enjoy our special piece of paradise.

Karen Barbour.

Office Chit-Chat

It's been a little while between newsletters, hopefully you've all been receiving our email updates. If you aren't, please make sure you get in touch so I can help resolve any technical issues!

We are now into the new Subs year 20-21. With around 50% of the membership opting to pay via auto renewal on their card, our new system is working extremely well. Thanks to those cash members who have already paid their subs, and a wee reminder for those that haven't to please make contact and do so.

New membership cards for those that have paid (via auto renewal or cash) are waiting for collection at the bar. If you would prefer these to be posted, please let me know and I will arrange it.

You will notice that this year's cards don't have an expiry date listed. As the Club attempts to reduce our environmental footprint, not printing membership cards every year is one of the ways we are making a difference. Playing members will still receive a coloured bag tag yearly, but the barcoded member cards will stay active until you resign or your membership is overdue (at which point we take you out of the system and they will no longer work).

Finally, we are excited to announce that we will be taking delivery of some new tables and chairs for the Clubhouse. Hopefully these will arrive late November/early December in time for the Christmas holidays. The new furniture will increase capacity and ensure that we are better equipped for functions and events going forward.

Bec O'Neale.

Summer Bar/Office Hours

The office will be manned between Boxing Day (26 Dec) and 8 January 2021. You are encouraged to book online for the course, but can also contact the office on 063723416 to reserve a tee time or tennis courts.

The Bar will be **closed** Christmas Day (Friday 25 Dec) but reopen daily from 4pm on Boxing Day through to 10 January 2021, before reverting to normal hours (Tues 5pm, Fri – Sun 4pm).

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Tennis Courts

Our tennis group are excited to announce their first events and tournaments are coming up! Tuesday tennis is underway, if you're keen on a hit then come down 10am-noon and enjoy a social game.

We also have a new 'tennis only' family membership available. For only \$100, the membership includes use of the courts and facilities for 2 adults & up to 3 children between the months of December-February. Don't forget that every playing member, non playing (social) member and junior Golf Club membership already includes use of the courts so you don't need to pay extra.

Thanks to some very generous sponsorship, we are expecting delivery of new nets and poles in December. This is the start of our court improvements, and the tennis committee would like to continue to upgrade the facilities in the coming years. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or would like to contribute in some other way, please contact Kate Twigg via tennis@riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz.

Corks & Courts Tournament – Thursday 7 January '21

Keep the date free and dig out your best 80s kit for our inaugural 'Wimbledale' tournament! This event is 18+ and includes lunch. More details to come, make sure you keep an eye on Facebook and the website.

On the Green

Our Pohutakawa planting project has been completed and the trees are thriving. We do still have a few available if anyone would like to sponsor a tree. The cost is \$100 and includes a named plaque – a lovely way to honour a loved one or special person. Please contact the office for more information.

Sadly, the course suffered some vandalism during the school holidays in early October. This matter was passed on to the authorities, and is a timely reminder that there are undesirable characters around. Please keep an eye out when you're visiting the beach and be sure to report any bad behaviour.

Aside from the extension of the irrigation lines for new planting along the 4th fairway and top-soiling and re grassing the end of the path by the first tee and the walk up to the 7th tee, our main focus will be the redevelopment of the 2nd green.

As suitable fill becomes available, it will be deposited to the right of the existing green and will be identified as GUR.

Stu will be creating a temporary green directly to the front of the existing green.

The intention is to reform the existing green with an extension to the right, in order to provide a better approach shot and the potential for a 2nd flag.

Dates to Note

Tues 3 Nov – Melbourne Cup

From 2pm, dress to impress and join us to watch the racing action. Sweepstakes available, please bring a plate of finger food for afternoon tea.

Sat 7 Nov – Keeper of the Greens

All welcome (handicap/non handicap players), teams of 2. Shotgun start at 1pm, \$10 entry fee. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Weds 11 Nov – Women's Xmas Cheer

Everyone welcome to join our lady golfers. Shotgun start at 10am, includes NTP and Longest Drives. Morning tea from 9am, entry fee \$25.

Sat 12 Dec – Xmas Cheer

For all playing members of RBGC, 18 hole Stableford. \$25 entry fee, must have current handicap index. Please bring a plate for shared afternoon tea.

Sun 13 Dec – AGM

All members welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting. This year we will be ratifying our new Patron also, as the Special Meeting got cancelled due to Covid.

Sat 2 Jan '21 – Fancy Dress Ambrose

Our annual New Year Ambrose tournament. Teams of 4, tee off times from 7am – 2.30pm followed by prizegiving. Great prizes, entry fee \$10 members/\$35 non members. Register early so you don't miss out.

Weds 6 Jan '21 – RBSLSC Quiz Night

Clubhouse closed in the evening for this event.

Fri 8 Jan '21 – Junior Open

Competition for handicapped and non handicapped players. Great prizes and a super fun day for the kids. \$5 entry fee. Free coaching available, please register with office.

Sat 9 Jan '21 – RBSLSC Fish Auction from 3pm

– Club Competition resumes

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Match

A reminder that Club Day and Skinners now tee off at 1.30pm due to daylight savings.

Congratulations to the winners of our Club Champs, held on 10 October;

Senior Men – John Strahl

Intermediate Men – Neil Cobb

Junior Men – Gary Herrick

Women's Silver – Karen Barbour

Women's Bronze – Dawn Goode

Simpson Cup winners - Wendy Moore and Peter Thomas.

The final day for shootout scores to be entered is 21 November, with the SALT Streetfood Shootout Final held on Sunday 29 November at 10.30am for our top 10 men/women. Please bring a plate to share.

Social Media

Those of you that are Facebook users, make sure you "like" our page to get all the updates and happenings about the club. Our website is also constantly being updated and has all competition information.

Please feel free to send any photos to office@riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz. We always love seeing your snaps.

Joke



That's all folks, we look forward to seeing you at the club soon! RBGC

