



## Captain's Column

It's been a busy few months since our last newsletter. Winter is finally over, and we are looking forward to a bit less rain and (hopefully) some sunshine soon!

Your committee have been working on a strategic plan for the Club since August. We are reviewing management of the club as a whole, including tournaments, match, house, facilities, governance, finance, membership and communication/marketing. Obviously, this is a lengthy process with so much to discuss - we will endeavour to keep you informed of updates and outcomes as available.

Already, some significant changes have been made around accounting and managing our membership; most of these changes made will not directly affect you as a club member, but will help us to manage our resources in a more sustainable way (particularly within the administrative process).

This is a big task and will take some time to complete but we want to remain relevant in a changing golf world.

Simon Johnston, our new caterer, is proving very popular with good numbers having a meal on a Friday night. If you haven't had a chance to sample his fare make sure you do, it is well worth it.

I am looking at the history of our club's cups and we are trying to get a history of them. If you have any knowledge of the following people or cups and how they came to be I would appreciate hearing from you.

*Men's 4 ball Ships Wheel, Mixed 4 ball – Hamish McLean Memorial Trophy, Men's Open – Vaughan Carrington Cup, Men's Open – Fielding Cup, Ladies Silver Bunny Cup, Ladies 4Ball – Brown Wall Hanging.*

Remember, the boys play skimmers at 1.30pm every Friday (all welcome) and the Wednesday Ladies would love to have you join them at 9.30am for a tee off at 10.00am.

Good golfing everyone, KB (Captain)

## Tech Update

As part of the strategic plan, the administration systems and media platforms are receiving an upgrade. Hopefully by now you have received an email/letter outlining the new membership system that is being put

in place for this year's subs renewals – if you haven't, please contact the club via email to request a copy. Along with the new membership system comes the ability to book tee times online (for both members and visitors), this will make things much easier come summer time.

We also have a brand new website that is now up and running, so make sure you pop online to have a look. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest news and events.

As Karen has mentioned, these administration upgrades are a major undertaking. We are trying to keep things as simple as possible for you as members, and are always available to answer any questions or concerns that you might have.

Yours, Bec (Club Manager)

## Green Fees

Please note that our green fees have changed slightly. To keep things simple and current, we now offer a 9 Hole fee. The new prices are below;

**All Day Play/18 Holes \$25**

**9 Holes/Playing with a Member/RR Members \$15**

**Junior \$5**

It is timely that we remind you of our reciprocal rights arrangements with the following clubs;

*Masterton      Mahunga      Carterton      Otaki  
Eketahuna      Castlepoint      Martinborough*

Be sure to take your RBGC membership card with you when playing any of these clubs and ask for your RR greenfee.

## On the Green

The course is in good condition and playing well at the moment. Placement on short cut grass continues, coring of the greens will take place after Labour weekend. The winter months have been a good opportunity to catch up on maintenance, including tree trimming and stump removal.

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The course committee welcome Paul Williams and John Strahl to the team. Their input and experience will be of great use moving forward.

We are aiming to have the extension of the green for holes 5/14 in play by early next year. Upcoming major projects will be the installation of a path to tee 3 from green 2/11, and a start in summer of the construction of a new green for holes 2/11. This will be to the right and slightly behind the current green, which will remain in play during construction. The new green will be elevated with drop offs to the right and rear. Fill for the new green will come from the removal of the large mound in fairway 5/14, this will improve the view of green 5/14 and of the bunker from the tee.

Please remember to replace your divots on tees and fairways during autumn – spring. In summer, the divots need to be discarded as they wither and die within a couple of hours. Those that wish to practice their tee shot should do so away from the tee box.

The rubbish pile has been moved nearer its original location. This is for golf club use only, please do not ask to dump personal waste.

## Dates to Note

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| 10 September    | Lifeflight Fundraiser<br>(Invite only)         |
| 14-15 September | Women's Open 54 Holes                          |
| 28 September    | Fishing Club Prize Giving<br>(FC Members only) |
| 27 October      | Labour Weekend Ambrose                         |
| 5 November      | Melbourne Cup Day                              |
| 13 November     | Ladies Christmas Cheer                         |
| 23 November     | Shootout Final                                 |
| 14 December     | Christmas Cheer<br>(RBGC Playing Members only) |
| 15 December     | AGM<br>(All Welcome)                           |

## Tournaments

The Ladies Open is filling fast and we are going to cap numbers at 64, so be sure to register asap if you haven't yet.

Our Labour Weekend Ambrose information and registration will be available in early September, keep an eye on the Clubhouse noticeboard, the website or Facebook for updates.

## Match

Most matches are being played by the due date, thanks golfers. Please remember if matches can't be played on time due to unforeseen circumstances you should ring either Geoff Brewer (0274464668) or Maxine Moss (0273360423). A reminder to those involved that the Finals of the Club's Championships are being played on the 12th October and the Shootout Finals are on 23rd November. Refer to your programme for other Club competitions.

We recently had the Triple Club Challenge, instead of three separate Sundays playing the Combined Services Club, Horseshoe Club (previously the Cossie Club) and Castlepoint Golf Club; we combined all three for the one day. This proved a very successful format with 50 players and a full clubhouse. Castlepoint are keen to do the same next year when they host. Unfortunately R.B.G.C was not successful in winning any of the trophies on offer but it was very close. R.B.G.C = 31.6 average vs. Castlepoint Golf Club = 31.7, they retain the Phyl Perry Painting, R.B.G.C average 29.5 vs. Horseshoe Club average 30.9 they retain the Wally Hepburn Shield. R.B.G.C average 31.0 vs. Combined Services Club average 31.8 they retain the Challenge Shield.

Thanks must go to Daniel Ingham for his 40 Stablefords that kept us in the running at least.

This is one example of how a change in format can create a more relevant competition. Moving forward with the strategic plan, we will be keeping an open mind around how other small changes can improve both play and enjoyment for our members and guests.

## Joke

What is the difference between a golfer and a fisherman?

When a golfer lies, he doesn't have to bring anything home to prove it.

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