



## Captain's Column

Well, we have had quite a time since the last newsletter!

COVID 19 required us to adapt quickly to the myriad of changes and regulations. Thanks to all that supported the club and followed the \*many\* rules imposed upon us, both on course and in the Clubhouse.

Our Book and Play booking system came in for some criticism, but we were actively adapting it to the regulations - often with requirements it was never designed to perform. Now we are back to normal conditions, the system has reverted to its original purpose and is working well. Thanks to all those that are regularly booking in your tee times, please continue to do so as come summer we will be using the system during the busy season. If you are struggling, contact Becs and she can guide you through. We understand that a number of our community are reluctant to take on this technology, so we continue to have the paper and cash-based system for green fees working alongside the new innovations.

During the lockdown, the club took up the government wage subsidy to support our staff. This has enabled us to maintain a reasonably healthy financial position, although we certainly are watching our spending. Luckily the lockdown came at a time when the club is traditionally quiet.

As a result of increased work load due to the COVID pandemic, Simon Kerr (our head of tournament) has resigned from the committee. I thank him for all his work and time given to the club and the committee.

Thanks also to those both local and weekenders that have supported Simon Johnston and his team from SALT catering. The COVID rules were trying I know, but not all of you disliked the table service for both bar and food! Back to normal now though and very happy about it.

The planned special meeting at Easter to ratify our new Patron Shirley Simpson, had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and so it will now happen at our Annual General Meeting in December.

Olive picking this year was cancelled due mainly to the drought and poor fruit set, but in the end with the shut down we would have been unable to pick anyway. Gus and Cec used the time for tougher pruning and

fertilising of the trees and are hopeful for a bumper crop next year.

The Committee have continued to push on with the Strategic Plan Review post COVID. We have made a number of changes already around processes, many that will not affect the members but ensure that the club will be more robust going forward. All tournaments have been reviewed and we now have a comprehensive booklet for new members explaining all the events and competition we run. We have reintroduced the Keeper of the Greens Tournament in a format that will be open to all RBGC members, this was to be held during the lock down but has been rescheduled for November.

Those with a keen eye will notice we have a flag pole and flag in place at the Club. This is thanks to the Brewer family in recognition of Geoff and I think you will agree a wonderful addition to our club.

Stay safe and well, see you on the course! Karen Barbour.

## World Handicap System

This is in force now and hopefully you're all getting used to the new way of doing things. Be aware that your handicap may change overnight, so be sure to check your current index before you tee off. This can be done using the DotGolf txt system (text your ID number to 3673) or by logging into your DotGolf account online.

To find out more please visit [www.golf.co.nz/whs](http://www.golf.co.nz/whs). Posters are also displayed in the clubhouse.

## Office Chit-Chat

Phew! What a crazy few months we've all been through. It's a relief to get back to normality, and to see you all back playing the course and enjoying the clubhouse again. Covid really tested us, with strict rules applying to the use of all our facilities so I just wanted to say thank you for the patience and support you all showed during that time. I'm happy to report that we are back to business as usual!

Winter is here, and with it the Super Rugby season. With this in mind, we have amended the Sunday bar opening time to 3.30pm to allow those that wish to watch the games to do so.

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As always, if you have any feedback or suggestions around the Clubhouse operations you are encouraged to forward these through to me. I'm always available to help with technical issues also.

Cheers, Bec

## Tennis Courts

The tennis sub-committee is underway! Big thanks to members Kate Twigg, Cath Green, Marquerite Vierstaete-Williams and Geoff Summers for putting their hands up to volunteer time and effort. They have some exciting ideas around tournaments, so stay tuned for further details.

## On the Green

The Grounds committee will be starting a planting programme of trees around the course, we have opted for larger specimens and will install watering so that our investment in these trees will not be wasted. If members wish to donate \$100, to cover the cost of the tree, they will be acknowledged with an engraved brass tag in recognition. Please contact the club if you are interested in donating a tree.

The Greens are very soft at the moment, please ensure you repair any pitch marks. It has been noted that some people are walking on the course, and also using quad bikes. This behaviour is discouraged, as there are many hazards to pedestrians and the turf is very soft so prone to damage.

## Dates to Note

**August 29 Whareama School Quiz Night**

Note that the Clubhouse and bar will be closed for non-quizzers from 6pm. For tickets, please contact Flick Tatham on 021378872. Teams of 4-6 people, \$20 per person entry. Places are limited, so be in quick!

## Tournaments

Sadly, Covid put the brakes on many of our tournaments and events but we have managed to reschedule some.

19 July – Shoe & Services Day Competition

22 July – Ladies 27 Holes Tournament

24 July – Cockies Classic (invitation only)

16 August – Phyl Perry Painting match @ CPT

12&13 Sept – Women's Open

For details and results of our tournaments, you can visit our website

[www.riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz/latest-news](http://www.riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz/latest-news).

## Match

All match draws have been set and are available on the clubhouse noticeboard (these have also been emailed). Please ensure you play your match on time, finals to be played on 10 October.

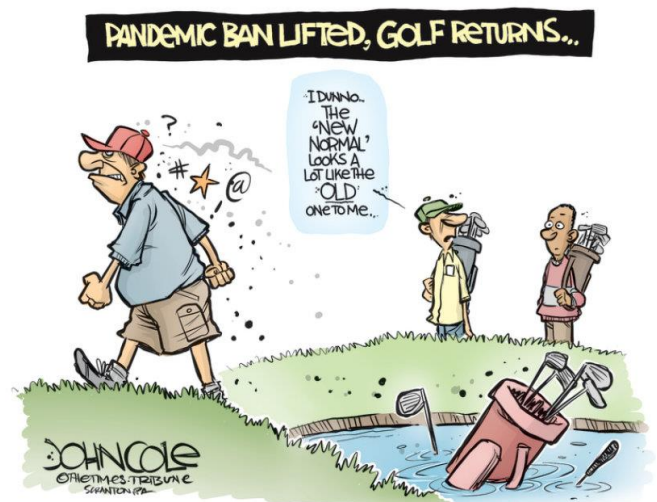
Remember, for the Shootout you must submit 5 scores to get on the board.

## 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](mailto: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*

