



RIVERSDALE BEACH GOLF CLUB



MEMBER'S HANDBOOK

A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Dear Member

Welcome! On behalf of the Committee and wider membership, we are happy you have you join us here at Riversdale Beach Golf Club - the best little course in the Wairarapa.

Whether you have chosen to become a full playing member, or a non-playing member, we encourage you to enjoy the facilities and activities that our club provides. This handbook sets out some key information to help you get the best from your membership. A digital copy, and other useful information, is available on the club website www.riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz. This is updated regularly, and is a good place to start if you wish to find out anything about the club. Be sure to follow us on Facebook as well to stay up with the latest events and news.

Our Club Manager is Rebecca O'Neale (Bec). She is in and out of the office throughout the week, as she has a young family to work around. If the office is unattended, you can contact her via email (riversdalebeachgolfclub@xtra.co.nz) or call through to leave a message on the club answerphone. Either myself, Bec or any committee member is available to help you with queries you may have. A full list of your committee and their contact details is available at the back of this handbook.

We endeavour to keep in touch with our membership via regular email communications and a seasonal newsletter. Be sure to add us to your safe senders list so that you receive these.

We really hope you enjoy your membership and the friendly nature of our club. If you have any questions feel free to speak with me.

Best wishes,

Karen Barbour

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Full Playing Membership

As a playing member, you enjoy the right to play golf at any time.

This membership includes full use of the clubhouse, free use of the tennis courts, membership to NZ Golf and a current New Zealand handicap index, and discounted member rates over the bar.

If a guest plays golf with you, they enjoy a discounted green fee.

Full playing members have the right to attend and vote at all general meetings of members, and to serve as an officer or committee member.

We have reciprocal rights with the following clubs;

Mahunga

Carterton

Kapiti

Eketahuna

Castlepoint

If you wish to play at any of the above, simply mention when booking/paying your green fee that you are a member of RBGC to ensure you receive the correct rate.

Full Playing Members are issued with a member tag to attach to their golf bag. Please ensure you display this while on the course.

Secondary Playing Membership

This is essentially a full playing membership, but caters for those that hold a playing membership and handicap at another club.

Junior Membership

A playing membership for those aged 18 years and under.

Non Playing Membership

As a non-playing member, you are entitled to full use of the clubhouse and tennis courts and will receive the member discount rate over the bar.

If you wish to play golf, you may pay a (reduced rate) green fee. You may not play in the Xmas Cheer tournament.

You are encouraged to attend and may speak at general meetings, but you can't vote or serve as an officer/committee member.



Ladies Day - Wednesday 9:30am

Every Wednesday, the ladies start with a cuppa and then play golf. All members and visitors are very welcome.

We have a small and friendly competition, with golfers of all abilities taking part. There is no need to book, just turn up.

We finish golf at about 2:00pm and gather for an informal prize giving in the Clubhouse.

Men's Skippers - Friday 1:30pm

Every Friday, the men play golf in a skippers competition. All members and visitors with a handicap are welcome. We are also very happy for ladies to play if they wish. No need to book, just turn up.

Skippers works with the player having best gross score on each hole being the winner for that hole.

All other players pay that person at the end \$0.20. If 2 or more players get the same best gross, then the hole is halved and the money for that hole goes forward to the winner of the next hole.

If that is also halved, it goes forward until there is one clear winner.

Combined Club Day - Saturday 1:30pm

Every Saturday, both men and ladies play Club Day. No need to book, entry is just \$4pp. Come along 15 minutes early and you will be allocated into a random group of 4.

Visitors with a golf handicap are welcome, green fees apply. Prize giving and drinks take place in the Clubhouse at about 4:30pm.

Please note that during Daylight Savings, Club Day starts at 1:30pm.

During winter, this changes to an earlier time of 1:00pm to allow for the shorter daylight hours.

CLUB GOLF COMPETITIONS

For those members with a current handicap, we run several annual match play competitions.

Separate competitions are held for men's senior, intermediate and junior (based on handicap), women, silver and bronze, mixed pairs, pairs and vets (ages 55 and over).

Both the men and women also run an annual shoot out. You join the shoot out at the beginning of the year in January by paying in to the pool. When you play a club day (ladies Wednesdays and Saturdays, men Fridays and Saturdays), you can opt into the shoot out by paying \$2 allowing you to record your net score. A record is kept of your best 5 net scores achieved at any club day, all money collected is returned to the members in prizes on the final day.

At the end of the year in November, the top 10 men and top 10 women with the lowest average net score achieved play off in the shoot out. This is played on a net basis with the player with the worst score dropping out on each hole until there is one winner left. Great fun for all involved, and the chance to win some money ensures this is a popular competition!



GREEN & TENNIS COURT FEES

Visitors must pay green fees and court fees. Prices listed below;

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

9 Holes/RR*/PWM** \$15

*RR = Reciprocal Rights; **PWM = Playing with a RBGC Member

Tennis Court Fees \$10 per court, per hour (4 players per court)

You can book and pay for green fees by visiting <http://www.bookandplay.com>. This system enables you to pay securely via a credit or debit card. We also have an honesty box system if you prefer to pay cash and the office is unattended.

If paying green fees, please ensure that you complete a green fee tag and display this on your golf bag. We periodically conduct checks of players on the course, please do not be offended if you are asked for proof of payment.

COURSE BOOKINGS

During the summer season, we operate a tee booking system. This is to ensure that our course doesn't become overcrowded and allows both members and visitors to enjoy their game to the full.

To book a tee time, please visit <http://www.bookandplay.com> and select Riversdale Beach. You can then follow through the steps to book as a member (no charge applies) or a visitor.

Hire of Golf Cart and Clubs

The club has one golf cart which is available for hire to both members and visitors. It is best to book in advance by ringing the office on 06 372 3416. Hire fee is \$25.

A limited number of clubs and trundlers are also available. Hire of clubs is \$15 (includes trundler), please note that these are of average quality. Trundler hire on its own is \$5.

Bar Opening Hours

The Clubhouse features a fully stocked bar available for members, their guests and daily green fee players. Visitors must be accompanied by a current member and complete the sign in book.

The following hours apply;

Friday, Saturday, Sunday..... 4:00pm opening

Tuesday 5:00pm opening

During the Christmas holiday period (Boxing Day to Wellington Anniversary Day), the bar is open every day from 4:00pm.

All members are required to have their membership card with them to take advantage of the discounted member bar pricing.

A large screen TV is available to show relevant sporting events when the bar is open. We also have a pool table and dart board for members and their guests.

Friday Meals

Our fabulous caterer Simon (SALT Streetfood) and his team provide a range of meals for members and their guests on Friday nights year round. The kitchen is open from 5:00pm until around 8:30pm.

There is no need to book, although it is worth noting that during the summer and over holiday periods the kitchen can get very busy so be prepared to enjoy a drink and social time while you wait. If you have a large group (12 people +), we do ask that you let us know to expect you so that we can plan for this.

The average cost of a main meal is between \$20 - \$25, seasonal specials are usually available. The full menu is available for download on the website. Children are welcome with their parents, kids meal options are provided.

During summer, we sometimes have extra nights that meals are available. These dates are advertised via the website and Facebook.

Function Hire

The Clubhouse is available for private hire, subject to dates and committee approval. Preferential rates for club members apply. If you would like to enquire about hiring the facility, please contact the Club Manager for details.

Visitors

We welcome visitors! Green fees and court fees are payable by non-members. Green fee players may use the clubhouse and bar on the day they golfed, but general visitors may only use our bar if they are accompanied by and are signed in by a current member of the club.

Community Hub and Fishing Club

In addition to being the home of our golf club members, the clubhouse also hosts the Riversdale Beach Fishing Club. Throughout the year they hold a Club Day on the second Saturday of every month, with the leaderboards and various trophies displayed in the clubhouse.

If you would like more information on the fishing club, please contact Pete Barker (secretary) on peter.barker@fairwayresolution.com or 0273 133 453.

The clubhouse is also the Community Emergency Hub for the local area. The RBGC (with support from the local community, Council and Trust House) has recently installed a generator that we are able to use during extended power outages.

A VHF radio is available for communication in the event of a Civil Defence emergency.

TOURNAMENTS

We have a full calendar of very popular golf tournaments, both 'serious' and fun. Check the website for full details, registrations for our events are essential. The main ones with a brief explanation follow;

Ambrose - 2nd January

This is a fun tournament open to members, visitors and part time golfers (including golfers with no handicap). There is a focus on fun and the golf is rather secondary. All players are encouraged to dress up and prizes for the best three groups are awarded, plus prizes for the best golfers.

You play in groups of 4 with usual Ambrose rules. All tee off, and you then take the best ball, and all 4 hit again taking the best ball until the ball enters that little hole on the green.

Tee times operate from 7am until 3pm, with all gathering at the clubhouse for prize giving at 6pm. It is essential to book as this event is always full.

Junior tournament - January

Open to all junior golfers (aged 18 and below), whether members or visitors. Handicapped players play 18 holes and players without a handicap play 9 holes.

We encourage all juniors to give this a go. Everyone is welcome whether you are a regular player or not.

Handicap players start at 1:30pm and followed by non-handicapped division from about 2:00pm. Family members and friends are very welcome to walk around with the players.

All entrants receive a prize, with some great prizes for the best players. Drinks and nibbles are provided at the end.

Men's 54 hole match play - February

This is a more serious format for golfers with a handicap, but caters for all abilities. Everyone plays a qualifying round on Saturday, with the player's gross score determining the groups for the next day's match play. Saturday night features a meal and fun. At 8:00am on Sunday we tee off in groups for match play both morning and afternoon.

Prizes for best gross (total number of strokes) and best stableford (calculated with handicaps). Members and visitors welcome.

Kerry Ell Mixed Canadian Foursomes - March

This is played in pairs, one man and one lady playing Canadian Foursomes. Open to all golfers with a handicap, both members and visitors. A two day tournament, with one 18 hole round on Saturday afternoon and one 18 hole round on Sunday morning.

Both players tee off and then you choose the best ball and the other player takes the next shot and you then take alternate shots until the ball is sunk.

Women's 54 Hole Match Play - September

Same golf format as for the men's tournament. However, the women also stay for a fun time on Sunday night (meal is provided).

A very popular tournament so essential to book in advance. Open to all members and visitors with a golf handicap.

Members Xmas Cheer - December

This is a fun day restricted to full playing members of RBGC. All golfing abilities are encouraged to play, with the main criteria being fun. There is a shotgun start at 1:30pm and prizes for everyone in the field. Essential to book, a 'must play in' tournament.

Other tournaments

We have several other, mainly fun tournaments, on during the year. Check our website and Facebook for full details.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Golf Club hosts many exciting activities during the year which all members are welcome to take part in. Keep an eye on our social media and website for details. Some popular, regular events are;

January

Fish Auction - The local fishing club provide freshly caught fish which is auctioned at 3:00pm at the club to raise funds for the Riversdale Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

Quiz Night - A fun night, again to raise money for the Riversdale Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. Essential to book.

May

Olive picking. A fun day where we all join in to harvest the local olives, lunch and drinks provided to all pickers. The olives are processed and the oil bottled, with a number of the bottles donated to the club for sale over the bar. The quality of this oil is outstanding.

July/August

Mid winter entertainment, usually a good band comes to provide a fun night. Watch the website for details, ticket sales apply.

November

Melbourne Cup day. Join the fun and watch the race.

December

Club AGM. This is held on the Sunday morning after Xmas Cheer. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President

Paul Greenlees	027 444 7227	Sponsorship
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Vice President

Don Thomson	027 452 6275	Grounds
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Club Captain

Karen Barbour	027 428 2851	Sponsorship
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Vice Captain, Women's Captain

Dawn Goode	027 876 1244	
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Treasurer

John Strahl	027 254 4559	Junior Golf
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Committee

Simon Kerr	021 674 752	Tournament
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Geoff Brewer	027 446 4668	Match
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Maxine Moss	027 336 0423	Match
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Paul Williams	027 489 6129	Tournament, Grounds
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Ray Hintz	06 372 3611	Grounds
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Geoff Summers	027 445 5000	House
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Penny Stonyer	021 242 9255	Tournament
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Roger Tweedy	022 108 8140	PR
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Paul Coltart	027 442 8695	Tournament
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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee - continued

Shorty Johnston	027 493 580	House
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Norm Kelly	022 028 9599	H&S
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Club Manager

Bec O'Neale	06 372 3416 021 447 960	Club Office URGENT MATTERS ONLY
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Green Keeper

Stu Adamson	06 372 3305 020 458 8300	Greens Shed URGENT MATTERS ONLY
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