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a slice from the driver

A reminder that subs are due Wednesday 31st March. The system will automatically resign those unpaid on Tuesday 6th April.

Now under the heading of "I thought I'd never have to mention this".

1/ We still don't and never will have an honesty system operating in the bar. Bar opening hours are displayed in the lounge.

2/ Only food or beverages bought from the café or bar may be consumed on the premises.

3/ If you are joined up with another player for a round, you may not refuse to play with them! Apart from common courtesies, we promote inclusion and camaraderie amongst members.

We are trialing a divot repair box on the 10th tee, and have completed the formation of the bunkers on 14. New signs are in place to direct player traffic from the 7th green to the 8th tee. Please observe these directions rather than wander off in front of the 3rd green. We are concerned about your safety, and also wish to minimise wear and tear on this section of the course.

The new DotGolf website has worried a few of us. You may need to update to a newer version of Windows. This is free, easy and safe.

You may need to re-save it as a Favourite, by starting again here at www.golf.co.nz

Registration is as follows:

- the reason for registering on the new site is to secure your details and information behind a password. This protection allows you to use some new enhanced features and 'Tee Booking'. The reason for an e-mail is to validate that you are the correct person registering.

- when visiting the 'My Golf' section of the website for the first time, if you did not previously have a 'Tee Booking' password registered on the DotGolf site you are regarded as a 'New User' and should 'Register Now' as follows:

click on 'My Golf',
click on 'Register Now',
follow Steps 1, 2 and 3 (note password must be minimum 6 characters – alpha or numeric or a combination of),
click on 'Submit' – your handicap record will appear on screen.

Once Registered – To Login

click on 'My Golf',
enter your seven digit membership ID, followed by your password,
click 'Submit' or use 'Enter' key.

Changes to Profile

log in as above,
click on 'Profile',
click on 'Edit' to make changes to address, e-mail, telephone numbers.

Click on "My Clubs" to see winners and prizes of weekly competition or scramble.

eagle eye

It is important to note that as we get towards the conclusion of Daylight Saving, sunrise is getting later and later. It will be necessary, therefore, over the final two weeks of this month to start later than the usual 7:00am. On Good Friday and on Saturday 3rd April, just before Daylight Saving is removed, sunrise is not until 7:36am so the first tee times will be 7:21am.

The draws for men's Captain's Trophy and Vice-Captain's Trophy have become a bit of a mission. The draw was originally posted based on the players who either ticked the Qualify box on their scorecards or selected the competition on the touchscreen in the golf shop. Since then it is become apparent some players are not available to compete for these two match play trophies. The draw has been removed from the tee booking system and the top 40 players who registered their interest have been contacted by e-mail enquiring as to their availability. This has resulted in another dozen players requesting to be excluded from the draws. Of those in that 40, we would like to hear from the following: Paul Bartley, Anthony Dell'Isola, Emrys Williams and Graham Peters.

As we are going to have to go further through the list, the following players finished in positions 41 to 53 and it is highly likely some of you will make it into the 32 who are required to make up the two draws. These players are Mike Dwan, Stephen Rod, Dave Lane, Owen Young, Sam Sik Kim, Garry Olliver, Chris Dominick, Trevor Prendergast, Derek Wallwork, Quinn Harris, Peter Seton, Philip Williams and Howard Mace. If any of you gentlemen are available for the 1st round next Saturday (20th) and, if winning that day, for the 2nd round on Saturday 27th March, please contact the management office. The semi-finals are on Saturday 17th April with the two finals being played on the following Saturday, the 24th.

A couple of weeks ago a rather unusual occurrence took place. What do you think would be the highest number of stableford points that could be scored on one hole? Well, Brian Oborn scored 6 points on the par-5 13th hole when he holed his approach shot for an eagle-3. As he received two handicap strokes on the hole he scored a nett hole-in-1, not bad on a 432-metre par-5. Well done, Brian.

Congratulations to Barry Williams on his victory in the 4-round Summer Cup that was played on the four Saturdays in February. His score of 193 nett was made up of 60, 66 and 67 as the winning score is the best three out of four rounds. The runner-up was Wayne Moffat on 197 (63, 67, 67) and Rob Taylor was 3rd on 200 (62, 67, 71).

The sign-up sheets are in the breezeway for the George Gair Trophy, the 1st round of which is on Sunday 21st March. This is played as 4BBB Stableford with the best two of three rounds counting. The 2nd round is on Sunday 18th April with the final round on Sunday 16th May. The names of the couples who have signed up in the breezeway will be entered onto the tee booking system this weekend.

The Women's Open Pairs Day will be held on Thursday 1st April, shotgun start at 9:00am. Entry forms are in the boardroom on club days and also on the tournament noticeboard in the women's locker room.

Entry is \$40 per Waitemata pair, \$45 for a Waitemata member with a guest from another club and \$50 for two non-Waitemata members. Ladies, call your friends from other clubs and get them along to play.

Tomorrow's golf competition is all Nett Medal. The women's competition is LGU (2nd round), the 1st round of the Lucy Segar Memorial Plate and the 1st round of the Stephen's Putting Trophy. For the men it is the 2nd round of the Pengelly Trophy (Monthly Nett Medal).

2010 Pennants Update:

Juniors: A Section - Waitemata Black 38½ v Huapai 33½ at Huapai;
B Section - Waitemata Blue 33½ v South Head 38½ at South Head; Waitemata Blue 34½ v Redwood Park 37½ at Huapai; Waitemata Blue 35 v Huapai 37 at RNZAF.

Waitemata Black play Whangaparaoa at Pupuke on Sunday.

Women's "A" - Waitemata 3 v Peninsula 17 at Pupuke.

Women's "B" - Waitemata 26 v Warkworth 28 at Warkworth.

Women's Midweek 18-Hole - Waitemata 49 v Peninsula 59 at Pupuke; Waitemata 52 v RNZAF 56 at Whangaparaoa.

Women's Weekend 18-Hole – competition starts on Sunday, Waitemata v North Shore.

We host the Weekend 18-Hole competition on Sunday and "A" Pennants on Monday.

Men's Pennants:

Frank Nobilo Trophy - Waitemata 7 v Waitakere 2 at Peninsula; Waitemata 5½ v North Shore 3½ at Pupuke.

West Coast Trophy - Waitemata 6½ v Waitakere 6½ at Pupuke; Waitemata a bye at Waitemata; Waitemata 10½ v South Head 2½ at Whangaparaoa.

Sunderland Trophy - Waitemata 4 v Pupuke 7 at Muriwai; Waitemata 5½ v Peninsula 5½ at Waitakere.

Inter-Club - Waitemata 38 v Helensville 34 at Helensville; Waitemata 35½ v Waitakere-1 36½ at Waitemata.

We host Omaha Beach on Sunday in the 3rd round of the Inter-Club competition.

out of the rough

On Saturday evening I was presented with a travel voucher in recognition of my 30 years of employment with the club. It was totally unexpected and on behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank the Board and the members for this gift.

On Monday and Tuesday last week our coring and sanding programme was completed without any problems and special thanks go to Scott Oden and Brent La Franchie who provided valuable assistance to Owen, Nick and me. The programme has a tight time-frame without their help, and being one staff member short, it would have been difficult to complete everything on time.

The construction of new fairway bunkers is well underway on the 14th hole. When these come into play they will certainly test player's driving accuracy. We have put three bunkers in this time so you will have to think about how you are going to take them on, be it rising to the challenge or laying up.

We are trying out new mowers for the rough to see which one is best for our conditions. So far the mowers we have used have saved us at least two days in manpower which is a big help for our small team.

Any questions on the course please send to waitemata@golf.co.nz

sand wedge

Giddy everyone.

Hasn't it been a nice long summer. Things are still going at a hectic pace and it's good to hear the positive feed back from the corporate days that we have had over the summer, not just the catering but everyone involved, like Bruce, Ian and the greenstaff. Well done.

Some of you of you may have noticed that one of my original staff members is missing. Mish (Mishenka) has moved on and Adele, I and all the staff wish her the very best for the future. We will miss you very much Mish.

I still have three more Twilight golf nights to go before Daylight Saving ends and I would like to say it is a very enjoyable night. On the last occasion we had nine teams competing for the prizes but there can only be three teams on the podium. There are two more corporate golf days this month, Marist North Harbour Rugby and then the Westlakers on the next two Thursdays.

In-house we still have Quiz Nites on Wednesday (dinner is also available) and Friday and Sunday Night dinners. Great prices, excellent food and a perfect ambience, what else could you ask for!! Complimentary drinks but only on Fridays.

The quiz question in the last "word" was "Who is Ryan Nelsen?" Of course, he is the All Whites captain for the World Cup. There were plenty of correct answers and Shirley Elliott was drawn as the winner of the bottle of wine courtesy of quiz sponsor, Having Gold.

The question this time is: IPK (France) and P1 (New Zealand) are what? Get your weight behind this question.

Till next time,
Ciao

casual lies

According to Rule 2: Match Play, "a match consists of one side playing against another in a stipulated round...the game is played by holes...a hole is won by a side that holes its ball in the fewest strokes." Rule 3: Stroke Play indicates that "the competitor who plays the stipulated round or rounds in the fewest strokes is the winner." This difference in objective, to defeat a particular opponent by winning the most holes, as opposed to shooting the lowest score against the entire field, leads to some interesting differences in the Rules themselves.

Practicing: Practicing on the course before a round is permitted in match play; in stroke play, a player practicing on the course on the day of a competition is disqualified. (Rationale: In a stroke play competition, players teeing off late in the day would have an advantage over earlier players if they could practice on the course. In match play, your only relevant opponent has the same time as you to prepare for the match.)

Order of Play: While the earliest known code of Rules established that the ball lying farthest from the hole is to be played first, there is no penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play unless it is done to give a player an advantage. In match play, a stroke played out of turn can be recalled and ordered to be replayed, at the discretion of the opponent, without penalty. (Rationale: Do we really want tournament players to wait before tapping in?)

(to be continued)

The last word goes to top Irish amateur of yesteryear, Joe Carr: "Stroke play is a better test of golf, but match play is a better test of character".

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