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Club Newsletter 7th February 2025

Café

This Saturday is Dihan's last day out on the course he will have Maggie with him who will looking after the Wendy house moving forward, after Dihan heads to University in Christchurch next week, so please go and

introduce yourself to Maggie and wish Dihan all the best for his study, oh and don't forget to buy a sausage or a couple of beers!

Office

This has been a short week where we have been chasing our tails a bit, we still have a few people that are outstanding for their membership which we will start chasing in earnest next week.

Women's Vests

Golf Club Vests available for collection see Cath or Tony in the office, please collect in the next week.

Volunteers Tournament

Volunteers Tournament is now scheduled for the March the 9th at 2pm please let Tony or Cath know in the office if you can make it so we can start to build a list and get sorted for the big day!

Pace of play

I've been wanting to address the pace of play in the newsletter for the last couple of weeks, over the summer months with lots of visitors playing the course, it is certainly not only members playing slowly, but I've also seen several groups of five on the course and many slow groups not allowing faster ones to pass. While everyone plays at their own pace, it's crucial to keep up with the group ahead or let others play through if they're waiting. Having said that it is also

important to have patience with other out on the course.



Putting Green re-opening this week

The Putting Green is open, Greg is very happy with the Putting Greens progress he put a final dose of fertilizer on again, it will be slightly slower than the greens on course for the next couple of weeks.

The team will leave the cut holes on both the other practice greens for the next few weeks which will be the same pace as the other greens on course so we encourage you to use the other greens in the interim.

As we will have a smaller area, please be patient with other users of this area, we apologies for any inconvenience this causes.



Rep Season kicks off this week.

Sloan this Sunday

The team to play Greenacres at Golden Downs this Sunday at 11am is:

1. Tony Watkins
2. Paul Harding
3. James Watson *
4. Eddie Paurini
5. Peter Hay
6. Luca Barney *

*Making their debut for Nelson Golf Club.

Old Hickory Kicks off next week on Thursday at Nelson Golf Club

The team is:

1. John Dow
2. John Ayers
3. Ray Grubb
4. Peter Churchill (captain)*
5. Joe Mason *
6. Grant Core*
7. Paul Matete *
8. Ken Howden

*Making their debut for Old Hickory

MEN'S and LADIES PENNANTS.

Rep season for both the Men and Women is just around the corner. Sheets are in the Men's and the Women's locker rooms to sign up.

Tasman Cup is off the stick competition that is held between the top golfers in the Nelson region and is open to everyone, we are looking for players with a 7 or less handicap as it is off the stick competition, we currently have 4 teams so are looking for 20 players to put their names forward. If we don't have enough players we might reduce this to 2 or 3 teams.

Playing dates for this are: March 2nd, April 13th, May 4th, June 15th, July 13th, August 31st, September 14th Final.

Sign up sheet is in the men's locker room, pro Shop, upstairs, you can also email Tony manager@nelsongolf.co.nz with your interest.

WOMENS UPDATE FOR ALL WOMEN

The golf season starts on Tuesday

Women's Opening Day is next week, Tuesday 11th February. Please sign up on dot golf. There will be a combined 9H & 18H draw done by the 9H & 18H convenors, playing a 14 hole Canadian Foursomes (both players tee off on each hole then nominate which ball they will complete the hole with playing alternate shots). Handicap allowance is 50% of combined handicaps.

We will again be running a "Regifting" raffle on Women's Opening Day so sort out those unwanted gifts or unloved items and bring them along for regifting (unwrapped of course). This raffle was a big success last year, let's make it even better this year.

18 HOLE WOMEN

The sign up sheet for the Nancy Cowling Shootout is in the Hub. Pay before play.

Thursday 20th Feb for 10.30am start, is the picnic day at Totaradale. A fun day in teams of four so be sure to see the sign up in the Hub. The theme is Spots. Individual prizes and a team prize for the best configuration of Spots.

Saturday 15th will be LGU1, Shootout 1 (if you have paid), Grandmothers 1 and Field Salver 1.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Philippa

FRIDAY 9'S

On Friday 7th Feb there were 12 players playing a multiplied stablefords game.

Winners were Kevin Charles and Maggie Blisset with 39 points.

Second were Graeme Wilson and Yvonne Harvey 33 points.

Third, Jun libuchi and Dot Charles 31 points.

Friday 7th, 9 holers are welcome to join us at 1.30pm for a 1.50pm start.



Marlborough Trip

Over the last couple of weeks, we have 17 players put their name down for the trip, I still need some women please as we don't have any on the trip yet! Marlborough brought over 30 people last year so please help us beat this number!

Each year we play Marlborough in a home and away series for 4 cups, (this year its our turn to travel,) Senior Men's (handicap below 10), Intermediate Men's (handicap 10 to 18), Junior Men's (handicap 18 to 36) and Women's.

If we get enough interest, I am happy to talk to them about a nine-hole division as well. I have 3 x 9 hollers registered currently so need at lease 2 more for me to call Marlborough to try and set this up!

Date 22nd of February 2025.

The day looks like this depart Nelson Golf Club (on the bus) 8:30am

Arrive Fairhall Golf Club 10:15am Morning tea supplied by Fairhall Golf Club

Shot gun start 11am finish by 3:30 to 4 pm

Drinks and prize giving

Depart Fairhall Golf Club 5pm (hopefully with all the cups on board)

Only \$35 includes: Golf (entry fee for the local comp) return bus trip as well as entry into a lucky draw to get ¼ share of a 100 club ticket!

We have a signup sheet in the office or email Tony on manager@nelsongolf.co.nz



CHANGE IN PROGRAMME

CHANGE OF DATE

Due to a clash of dates, we have been asked to swap two Saturdays in April.

This will affect the first round of club champ qualifying and the second round of Beat the Pros.

The 5th of April is scheduled to be round one of club champ qualifying, this will now be round two of Beat the Pros.

The 12th of April is scheduled as Beat the Pros and will now be the first round of club champ qualifying.

The 12th of April will also include the third round of the Shootout and the McQuade Mug.

Apologies to anyone affected by this change.

MENS UPDATE

Saturday 8th February - Pros Comp

This Saturday will see a pros comp with many people taking the chance to have a long weekend away.

Saturday 15th February - Encounter Shield & Miramar Vase #1 + Shootout #1 + McQuade Mug #2

The first round of the Encounter Shield and Miramar Vase will be played off the black tees.

The Encounter Shield is the first Total Golf Player of the Year event for 2025.

Both of these are played over four rounds with your best three scores counting towards your final total.

The Encounter Shield is one of the clubs oldest trophies and is awarded to the player with the best three round nett.

The Miramar Vase is awarded to the player with the best three round gross.

These are medal rounds and you can book your own tee times on Dotgolf.

The dates of the other rounds are..

Round 2 - 1st of March

Round 3 - 8th of March

Round 4 - 22nd of March

The first round of the Shootout will also be played.

The Shootout is played over ten rounds across the year with each players four best stableford scores counting towards their final total.

Also, a Player of the Year event, the top 18 qualify for the Shootout final to be played on Sunday the 23rd of November where two players get knocked out on each hole until the winner is decided down the 9th.

The McQuade Mug will also be on the line. Who doesn't want to drop that on the table and have a few free drinks?

Saturday 22nd February - Marlborough Visit

Names are being taken in the office for those keen on travelling to Blenheim to play the annual fixture with the Marlborough Golf Club.

More details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

For those not travelling to Blenheim, there will be a pros comp.

Saturday 1st March - Encounter Shield & Miramar Vase #2

The second round of four for the Encounter Shield & Miramar Vase.

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9 HOLE NEWSLETTER

Well only 5 more sleeps until our Women's open day!!

Just remember to put your name on DotGolf by Sunday evening and the draw will be done on Monday morning. Next week you will receive an email with your partner and the tee that you will be playing off (multi-tee start).

If you want to play on the day but can't manage 14 holes, please text Stephanie Skeggs on 021819103 giving her your name and saying 9 holes only and she will try and arrange this. If you don't get an email by 2pm please contact Steph above and she will investigate for you.

11th February Women's Opening day. This is a mixed 9 & 18 hole drawn pairs, 14-hole Canadian Foursomes competition (rules page 13 in the programme). It is alternate shots so hopefully won't be too taxing and will be fun!

17th February: First round of the Tasman Interclub competition. Being held in Motueka.

This is match play on handicap. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hub for the year, so please put your name down. Any 9-hole women can play in these competitions.

Dot has kindly offered to organise this during the year. We need names for the first round! Don't worry about your handicap, it's how you are playing now that is important! Any questions, please contact Dot.

Club Colours: If playing in an interclub or regional competition, it was suggested that we wear the blue club shirt and either white or blue skirts or shorts/trousers.

Club shirts can be borrowed from the office. If you wish to purchase one please order through Cath in the office.

18th February: Round 1 of our LGU

competitions. There are 2 divisions and the cut-off point between them will be made in February. This is open to anyone. If you are having a bad day, just pick up your ball and go onto the next hole. Put 'pick-up' on your computer score and show on your card that you are out of the competition. If you are not sure what to do, just ask.

Every Monday a draw will be done for golf on the Tuesday. If you have any problems or must cancel, PLEASE contact either Steph on 021 819 103 or the pro shop as soon as you know so that they can alter the draw.

We will also have a shuffle draw at the end of the field most weeks for those who want to play on a Tuesday but do not want to play in the competition. Info to follow!

Rules of Golf – Did you know?

With a full field of players, it is good to note a couple of changes to the rules :-

Time to search – 3 minutes (not 5 minutes)

Pace of Play - it is recommended that you take no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that) and Ready Golf in stroke play is encouraged

Have any queries, let me know and I will find the answer and share it with us all.

Cheers.

Your Scribe

Rebecca

Update from the CrazyB's

Despite the miserable conditions this morning, the Crazy B's pulled up their big girl panties and headed over to Motueka for their planned game. Once we left Richmond, the drizzle ceased and we took to the course in cloudy but hot and humid conditions.

A gorgeous and picturesque course to play on with slow greens and challenging approaches. A great morning's golf saw us at Toad Hall for a delicious lunch and very lively conversations. Thanks to those of you who were able to make the trek. Currently planning our next excursion. Stay tuned.

Thursday nights have strong support particularly from those ladies who are still working fulltime.

If you are interested in an early evening game, be in the practice area around 4.30 as we tend to head out around 4.45. This will continue until April 3 or until it gets too dark to play.

Happy golfing.



Top Gun 2025

The men's committee will be taking entries for Top Gun

This is open to all 18 hole members as long as they have a membership that goes

through to November 2025.

This is a knock out match play competition with a \$20 entry fee and is open to all men and ladies 18 hole full members.

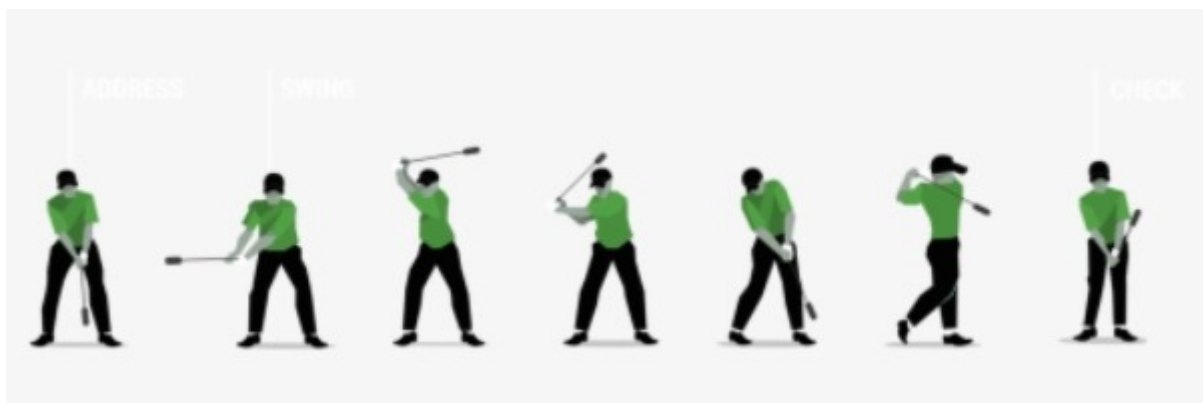
First round losers will have a chance to buy back in for another \$20

The second round will have byes drawn from the first round winners. The amount will depend on entries.

All matches are to be organized in their own time and played by set dates.

A full list of rules will be posted in the clubhouse.

Les Bak won this event in 2024 and took home the winners prize of \$1,500 on his club card. Murray Wiffin was the runner up and received a \$200 on his club card.



Mixed Vets

A reminder that Mixed Vets golf resumes on Monday 10th February with our first Open Tournament of the year sponsored by **Summerset Richmond Ranges Village**. This will be an 18-hole individual single stableford with separate competitions for Men and Women. The usual novelties (nearest the pin and straightest drive) will be included and twos will be optional.

We will also run the **Nelson Nines** mixed individual stableford in conjunction with our monthly sponsors **NZ Sotheby's International Realty**.

This tournament will also be the first round of the **2025 Most Consistent Player** competition which will

be played in four divisions with the best five scores from eight designated rounds to count.

All Nelson members (50+ yo) are most welcome.

More details are given in the tournament notice below.

John Dow (Mixed Vets Convenor)

**NELSON MIXED VETS
OPEN GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

**Monday 10th February 2025
Nelson Golf Club**



Sponsored by *Summerset Richmond Ranges*

18-HOLE COMPETITION

Single Stableford – Drawn Fours

Separate Competitions - Men and Women

Green Fees: \$12.00 plus \$2.00 for 2s (optional)

Report prior to 10.00 am for 10.30 am shotgun Start

Also

“NELSON NINES” MIXED 9 HOLE COMPETITION



Green Fees: \$10.00 plus \$1.00 for 2s (optional)

Report at 11.45am for 12.00 noon rolling start

Monday 10th February 2025

Enter at the Pro shop on the day.

CAFÉ NEWS



4pm to 6pm Friday's

Happy Hour now includes Asahi beer between 4pm and 6pm on a Friday, a pint will only be \$8.00.

We are back into the weekly handle draw which is currently sitting at \$220, Morris Woodhouse was drawn and was not in the club rooms (as he had left just 10 minutes before the draw)so it jackpots to \$240 this Friday, you must there to win!



Carts

We want to thank everyone for doing a better job with booking carts each week. There has been a lot of use lately and at times it has been tricky to organise but we have the best we can in supplying carts. Please make sure you keep up with this when you need a cart to play your game as it's not a nice thing for all people involved when we have to say we don't have any carts available when you turn up to play.

Upcoming events

The start of Feb is a great time to look at the events that are coming up in February and March.

Feb 15/16 - Westland Open at Greymouth

Mar 1st/2nd - Picton Open and Nopera Classic

Mar 8/ 9 - Blenheim 1000 and Murchison Open

Mar 15/16 - NBS Nelson Open

Mar 29/30 - Golden Bay Open

As you can see it's a busy month to get out and compete so make the most of it.

New Clubs

We have all new models across all brands now in the fitting shed so come and book a fitting to be fitted for what best suits you.

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