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Club Newsletter 6th March 2025

Café

Again, a reminder that we won't have anyone out on course on Saturday at the Wendy house so call into the café and grab one of those world famous brunch sandwiches before you head out on course.

Office

Been a busy week for the office with helping out upstairs at the café along with sorting the impending deadlines for appeals with Nelson City Council which is this coming Monday.

Health and Safety updates needed from members

We are updating our health and safety protocols, and one of the key updates required is the collection of current emergency contact information. While we have gathered some data, we are missing this crucial information for individuals who joined the club three years ago or earlier. It is essential to have up-to-date emergency contact details to ensure we can promptly reach your designated person in the event of an accident on the course, thereby ensuring your safety and providing peace of mind for them. Please email office@nelsongolf.co.nz with your membership number, your emergency contact person's name and phone number, and your relationship to this person. These details will only be used in an emergency.

Volunteers Tournament

Volunteers Tournament is this Sunday the 9th of March tee off at 2pm please let Tony or Cath know ASAP as we need to sort catering and the day the best we can with the numbers the Women's Committee are the defending champions who will it be this year? Please Tony and Cath know asap as we only have around 12 names so far!

Charity Events

Nelson Golf Club has hosted a couple charity events over the last couple of weeks. Big **Brothers and Big Sisters** event was a huge success for the charity raising around \$5,000 more than last year just under \$30K

Fifeshire Foundation – is being held today so will give an update next week

NBS OPEN Nelson Golf Club

Nelson Golf Clubs premier Tier 1 event being held on the 15th and 16th of March 2025 see details below

We have a huge prize table over so find a partner and get involved to support your club as well as having a chance to win some fantastic prizes! Teams can be all Men all Women or a mixed team!

Book in now with the pro shop! Or it should be open online now

NBS NELSON OPEN

Nelson Golf Club Tier one event for 2025)

SATURDAY 15th and SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2024

“Pairs Competition.”

Saturday: 4BBB (in pairs) 11:30am shotgun start.

Prizes awarded for top teams on Saturday after first round.
(Must be in the clubhouse to receive)

Sunday: 2 ball Ambrose 10:00am shotgun start.

OPEN TO MEN’S AND LADIES AFFILIATED GOLFERS

ENTER NOW BY EITHER

- Online at DotGolf (bookings now open for Saturday. Sunday draw will be done on the Saturday evening and will be seeded)
- PHONE – 03 548 5028

Entry Fee only! **\$80** per person Includes 2’s, and platter for 4
after golf on the Saturday, great prize table!

GREAT PRIZES SO DON’T BE DISAPPOINTED BY MISSING OUT AND ENTER NOW!!!



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Welcome to our newest members, please make them welcome!

Matt Lott, Brian Hampton, Seb Hickman, Mike Harley, Frank & Ann Vogt, Etienne Wuillemin, Che Weepu, Tom Dunn, Tony Woodall, Isaac Harvey, Sam Young, Sam Nichols, Mark Nichols, Tony Mifsud and Angela Scott

Pace of play REMINDER

Pace of Play: How Can We Improve the Course Experience for Everyone?

I have consulted with Golf NZ and spoken with several international golf courses regarding pace of play and strategies for ensuring players use the appropriate tee blocks. At Nelson, we have four different tee blocks:

- **Black Tees:** Also referred to as "the tips" in American terminology, are used for select men's competitions throughout the year. The average course length for these tees is approximately 6,145 meters, making it a challenging option.

- **Blue Tees:** Commonly used for men's competitions, the blue tees measure around 5,856 meters on average, representing one of the longest courses in our district.
- **Red Tees:** Primarily used by women for their competitions; however, this tee is not exclusive to women. Men are encouraged to use these tees more frequently, as they measure an average length of 5,303 meters, similar to the white tees at Totaradale and Kaikoura, which are traditionally considered men's tees.
- **Purple Tees:** Designed for beginners, these tees offer a shorter course measuring 2,855 meters.

International guidelines suggest that playing from the correct tee for your handicap can enhance enjoyment of the game and be assured your handicap will be adjusted accordingly. Below are general recommendations based on non-cup days for men:

- **Black Tees:** Handicap 5 and below
- **Blue Tees:** Handicap range of 6 to 18
- **Red Tees:** Handicap range 19 and above
- **Purple Tees:** Beginners

We encourage midweek groups and Sunday groups to use the red tees more often to improve the pace of play.

As noted in my previous communication, we have observed instances where groups of five and slower players do not allow faster groups to pass. Please ensure you maintain pace with the group ahead or allow others to play through if they are waiting.

Patience and courtesy towards others on the course are paramount.



Sloan: Nelson vs. Motueka: Match Summary

A Thrilling Encounter at Murchison

Nelson faced off against Motueka at Murchison in a nail-biting match that came down to the final hole.

Despite a valiant effort, Nelson narrowly missed claiming a half. Here's how each of the players fared:

- Paul Harding & Tony Watkins: Both players were soundly beaten in the seniors' competition.
- James Watson: Continuing his strong form, James shot a personal best of 75 to secure a victory in his match.
- Eddie Paurini: Eddie was one down going into the last hole. The final hole was halved, resulting in a close loss for Eddie.
- Danny Lynn: Danny battled hard throughout the day and managed to secure a win on the 17th hole, finishing 2 and 1.
- Ben Cooper: Ben was one up heading into the last hole. Both he and his opponent were short of the green, but Motueka's player performed a difficult chip-in to win the hole, resulting in a half for Ben.

Ultimately, Nelson lost the overall match 3.5 to 2.5, which is a commendable result against a formidable team. We are current in 4 place so all to play for in the next match

[Next Match](#)

Nelson's next challenge is against the second-place team, Takaka, at Tasman (Kina) on the 6th of April. We wish the team the best of luck and look forward to another thrilling encounter.

Tasman Cup

The first two rounds of the Tasman Cup were played at Nelson Golf Club on Sunday, March 2nd. Nelson has three teams in the competition:

- **Nelson Blue:** Team members David Riordan, Bryce Currie, Bruce Fleet, and Andrew Simpson played against Motueka in the first round, resulting in a tied match. Their second opponent was Greenacres White, whom they defeated 3.5 to 1.5, placing them 3rd on the table.
- **Nelson Green:** Team members Elisha Barney, Steve McCaa, Andy Clarkson, Corey Langford (morning), and Murray Roeski (afternoon) competed against Nelson Black, with Nelson Black winning 4 to 1. In the afternoon, Nelson Green played against Greenacres Red in a close match, winning 2.75 to 2.25, putting them 5th on the table after the first two rounds.
- **Nelson Black:** Team members Connor Winter, Ben Crawford, Kieron Harwood, and Tony Watkins competed against Nelson Green, achieving a comfortable win as mentioned above. In the afternoon, they played against Country Clubs, securing another win 4 to 1, leaving them in second place. Greenacres Purple leads by winning all their matches in both the morning and afternoon.



Marlborough Trip

Nelson Golf Club played the 99th match against Fairhall Golf Club with a small but enthusiastic team, despite a late bus to Marlborough.

We had three men's divisions (0-10, 10.1-16, 16.1+) and one women's division. It was a sunny day with little wind. Unfortunately, we lost all three men's cups: the first division by 0.4 points (33.80 to 33.40), the second by 0.6 points (33.50 to 32.90), and the third wasn't close (31.9 to 26.6). However, Paula, Val, and Anita led us to victory in the women's division by 0.02 points (35.60 to 35.58), thanks in part to Paula's fantastic 40-point score.

Next year marks the 100th Anniversary, and as hosts, we'll form a committee to make it a grand event.

The four people randomly drawn for a share of the 100 Club ticket: Grant Core, Anita Kruger, Brian Hogg and Tony Watkins



January and February results for the 100 Club

January

1st Tony Hinkley \$210

2nd Fyfe/ Norton \$110

3rd Kathryn Orange \$80

February

1st Dennis Andrews \$210

2nd Merv Houstin \$110

3rd Marlborough Bus Trip \$80

The bus trip winnings will be loaded on your club cards! \$20 each Anita, Brian, Grant and Tony. The rest please call into the office to pick up your winnings

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

SENIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPS

An entry sheet is now up in the clubhouse for the senior age group champs.

Three grades...

50-59 - Senior Cup

60-69 - Ray Williamson Memorial

Over 70s - Seniors Trophy

Age as of first qualifying round.

Two qualifying rounds will be played on Saturday 29th of March and Saturday 26th of April with each players best nett round to count.

Players must be entered and can then book their own tee times on the qualifying days.

Qualifiers then play knockout matchplay off handicaps with matches to be played at a time agreed by both players.

Top 8 or 16 to qualify depending on the number of entries in each age group.

All play is off blue champ tees.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Monday 24th of March.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The entry sheet is also now up for the Club Champs.

Club Championship - open to all – Black Champ Tees

Kerr Cup – Handicap 4.1 to 8.0 - Black Champ Tees

Leggatt Cup – Handicap 8.1 to 12.0 - Black Champ Tees

Thomson Cup – Handicap 12.1 to 16.0 - Blue Champ Tees

Cock Cup – Handicap 16.1 to 20.0 - Blue Champ Tees

Founders Cup – Handicap 20.1 - 36.0 - Blue Champ Tees (Handicaped)

Two medal qualifying rounds to be played on Saturday 12th of April and Saturday 3rd of May.

Best gross score counts.

Each grade will have 8 or 16 players qualify for the matchplay rounds to be played on the following dates.

Club Champs Round 1 Saturday 10th of May

Club Champs Round 2 Saturday 17th of May

Club Champs Semi Finals Saturday 24th of May

Club Champs Finals Saturday 7th of June

Finals of the top three grades will be played over 36 holes, with finals of the remaining grades played over 18 holes.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Monday 7th of April.

Handicap cut off to decide grades will be midnight Thursday 10th of April.

Qualifying and matchplay rounds are drawn by the committee and will be entered into Dotgolf.

Saturday 8th March -Encounter Shield & Miramar Vase #3 + Shootout #2

The Encounter & Miramar continue with the third round. Book you own tee times on Dotgolf.

An update on standings will be provided in next weeks results newsletter.

It will also be the second round of the Shootout.

Saturday 15th March - NBS Tournament

Details are elsewhere in the newsletter for this years NBS pairs tournament to be played over two days.

Saturday 22nd March - Encounter Shield & Miramar Vase #4 + McQuade Mug #3

The final round of the Encounter and Miramar will be played.

Note those in contention for the Encounter will be drawn by the committee to play together for the final round.

The McQuade Mug will also be up for grabs.

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Top Gun 2025

All players should now have made contact with their opponent. If you have not heard from yours, please make contact ASAP.

The draw, which includes contact numbers is up in the pro shop and clubhouse.

Please mark your results on one of these sheets once played.

If you lose your match and would like to buy back in for the second round, please contact Bryce on 021 240 7418.

All first round matches must be played by the 5th of April.



Mixed Vets

A reminder our second Open tournament for 2025 will be held this **Monday 10th March** and will be sponsored by **Sprig & Fern Milton St** who have just joined our sponsor group. The tournament format is individual single stableford with separate competitions for Men and Women. The usual NTP and straight drive novelties will be included and twos will be optional.

In conjunction we will also run another edition of the Nelson Nines, a mixed individual 9-hole stableford, which is sponsored each month by **NZ Sothebys International Realty**.

All club members and visitors 50+ yo are most welcome.

This tournament will be the second round of our 2025 Most Consistent Player competition which will count the five best scores from eight designated rounds throughout the year. Prizes will be awarded in four divisions.

More details on the tournament flier below.

John Dow (Mixed Vets Convenor)

**NELSON MIXED VETS
OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday 10th March 2025

Nelson Golf Club

Sponsored by:

Sprig & Fern, Milton St

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 STABLEFORD
COMPETITION**



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

Report at 11.45am for 12.00noon start

Monday 10th March 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 \$300, Phillip Matthews was drawn and was not in the club rooms so it jackpots to \$320 this Friday, you must there to win!



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Total Golf would just like to thank the event for providing such a great day out on the course. Our team had a huge amount of fun and hopefully there was plenty of money raised.

If you have a group of mates and you want to get involved in a day like this please do so as it is very rewarding spending money and knowing it's going to a great cause.

NBS OPEN

This event is only 10 days away so get ya name down, it promises to be a great couple of days of competitive golf with you and a partner.

Dates 15th and 16th March. Book on dot golf or call the pro shop and we can get you on the tee sheet.

Carts

Carts have been difficult to organise the last week with a few groups playing from away and booking carts for their trips so please be organised when booking carts in the next month as we will still have some groups coming through.

Thanks

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Art Corner

New to the Art Corner for March is local artist DIANA GREEN

Be sure to view her colourful acrylics.



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