

Mangawhai Golf Shop

Newsletter

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ONE, TWO, TREE ...

You will have noticed the number of trees that have been culled in recent weeks. This is all part of the ongoing course development programme and is focussing, at this time, on trees that are dead or have a very bleak future.

There's been a busy team of volunteers, co-erced, co-ordinated and controlled by **Ernest Hurley**, helping with this process and we thank them for their hard-working efforts. Special thanks to the **Bygrave Boys (Bill & Mark)** who turned up with their mega-tractors, in convoy from Hakaru, and did a phenomenal job of removing the off-cuts from the course. This has enabled repair and refurbishing work to continue at a quicker pace than initially anticipated and we hope that stump holes, tyre marks, etc, will soon be unnoticeable.

In the meantime, you might (via one of your rare wayward shots) find yourself in an area where a tree has been cleared. Of course, you will have read the Temporary Local Rule that's displayed outside the Golf Shop and immediately you will know your options. For those who haven't had the time, or inclination, to read the rule, here it is in all its fullness:

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE (effective 1 March 2016)

STUMPS OF NEWLY REMOVED TREES, CUTTINGS PILED FOR REMOVAL & ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS

These areas are defined as are Ground Under Repair and relief may be taken under Rule 25-1. Through The Green, if a ball lies in any such area or the area interferes with the players stance or the area of his intended swing, the player may take relief, without penalty, under Rule 25-1: Lift and drop the ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

Notes:

1) The definition of "Abnormal Ground Conditions" here refers to wheelmarks & tracks and disturbed ground clearly caused through the removal of trees. 2) Relief is optional. 3) The nearest point of relief is the spot closest to the condition - but not on the green, in a hazard or nearer the hole - where the player can swing and stand without interference from the condition. 4) Line of play relief is not available under this rule

With ongoing work on the course - and this is true in any club - there's always a need for Local Rules, some permanent, some temporary. Keep an eye on them, they're displayed outside the Golf Shop and long-standing ones are printed on your scorecard. Always bear in mind Rule 6 of the Rules of Golf: basically this states that it's your responsibility to know the rules and a defence of "I didn't know" won't get you far in a dispute.

THE COURSE IS A PICTURE

Just in case you need reminding, we're privileged to play on one of the best presented and best looking courses in New Zealand. If you doubt that, take a look at the two framed photos that are on display in the clubhouse. Taken by **Barry Lynch**, utilising his new superdrone to capture outstanding panoramic views of our course, and also the unbeatable beauty of the area we are lucky to live in. Framed copies, A2 size, of these magnificent photos can be purchased via the Shop or the Office at just \$150 each, or two for \$280. Take a look at them next time you're here at our Club - and get one hanging in pride of place in your home. A great gift for mother on Mother's Day ... or for Easter ... or for no reason at all.

BARFOOT & THOMPSON EASTER MIXED OPEN

Just a few days away (**Easter Sunday**) and entries are coming in fairly quickly. There'll be the usual morning field teeing off from around 7.15 - 8.15, then the afternoon shotgun start at 1.00pm. \$30 for Mangawhai members, \$45 for visitors and the usual outstanding prize table. Thanks to **Craig Matheson** for his ongoing sponsorship of this event and other club aspects - much appreciated by all. If you haven't entered yet, come into or phone the Golf Shop and secure your starting place.

HEATHER THE HUNTRESS CARVES NEW COURSE

She's back, with compass and machete in hand, and she's forged a new pathway across, around, over and under our course in readiness for our **Cross Country** event. This is always highly popular and this year (in support of Junior golf) will be held on Sunday 3 April, with a shotgun start at 3.15pm. \$10 entry, with another \$10 for dinner. Booking sheet in the Golf Shop.

TRIPPIN' OUT AT TWILIGHT

We're coming to the big one! Our final **Summer Twilight** will be on Friday 1 April (*a change to our published programme*) and that's when we'll conduct the draw to see who wins the fantastic travel prize that has, again, been donated by **Bill Mabey of Experience Golf, Stars Travel International** and widespread corporate & philanthropic fame.

Someone (and their friend/partner/caddie) will win a trip to Australia including airfares and accommodation, plus golf at Burleigh and Sanctuary Cove golf clubs!

You get one entry for every 5 times you've played through the Daylight Saving season - and we've had great fields in Twilight this Summer, thanks very much to Bill's generosity in arranging such a sensational prize. That evening, Friday 1 April (and we're not fooling around here) will be quite a celebration as Jenny and her team of works/party animals put together quite a lot more than your normal prizegiving. Be there!