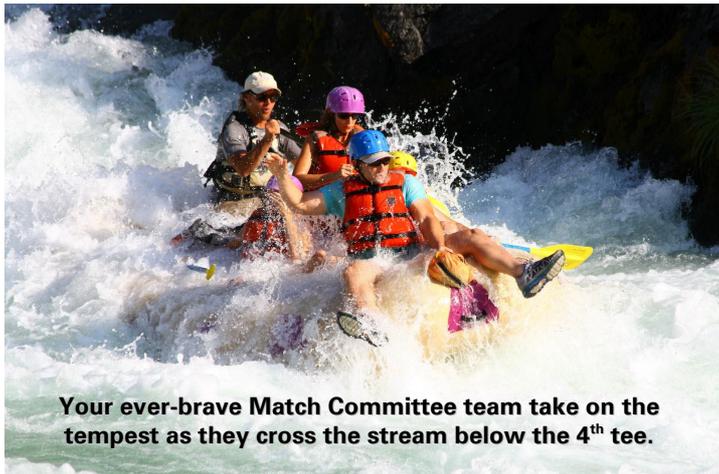


Tuesday 6.6.17

Your "Wake Up!" Call



VOYAGE OF THE DAMNED



Your ever-brave Match Committee team take on the tempest as they cross the stream below the 4th tee.

Once upon a time (let's call it last Sunday), a fearless trio representing our Match Committee donned suitable life-preserving gear and ventured forth into the aquatic wilderness that was once our golf course. Their purpose – to ascertain the playability of said course, initially for the scheduled Winger Mixed Open and possibly for years to come. Accompanied by a faithful guide, they undertook a voyage that was both perilous and revealing.

"We shall be damned if we do, and damned if we don't" intoned the expedition's courageous leader as the team pondered the fall-out from their decision to proceed with or cancel the day's significant event. With considerable trepidation, their journey began with a relatively gentle lake crossing where once the first fairway lay in verdant splendour. Tossing their guide overboard to ascertain the depth of the waters quickly became a rescue operation as his head immediately disappeared below the deceptively

placid surface. ("Better use me next time!" cried the lady representative, "I'm built to float.") Several crossings and depth-soundings later, they reached the higher land of the green and looked back over the shimmering waters where lives could be lost should they make the wrong decision. After traversing a relatively dry second hole, the team faced a third fairway where lay a lake large enough to house a thousand taniwha. With trepidation they skirted this fabulous body of water and rowed on to the fourth where a raging torrent tore its way estuary-ward. "Can we cross this River Styx?" they silently wondered, then fearfully braced themselves as they plunged into the surging waters. And so it went. Hole after hole, fairway after fairway immersed in water and awash with unseen poolings of not-so-casual water that lurked to swallow any errant golf ball – perhaps even a golfer.

Returning to base camp and viewing a flawless blue, sun-blessed sky, considerable discussion unfolded. Once having reached resolution on whose turn it was to buy morning tea, they turned their minds to the morning's tee and the possibility of play. The vote was 3-0 and, despite this deadlock and any constitutional requirement to form a sub-committee and report back some time next month, the decision was made to immediately cancel the event and close the course for the day. *Those who choose to damn this decision as cowardly would be well outnumbered by those who viewed it as a wise precaution against unplayable lies, saturated shoes and general damning of a decision to play in conditions that were unfair to all. Choose your side as you wish – your Match committee anticipates much muttering from predictable quarters – but bear in mind that the decision was an informed one that realistically assessed the overall conditions and deemed the course in need of protection and time to absorb the immense amounts of water that, damn them, just won't drain away.*

BOUNDERS, ROTTERS, SCOUNDRELS AND RATBAGS – CHOOSE YOUR OWN WORDS



Being a family publication, we hesitate to use stronger language to describe the lowlifes that seem to fringe our society. Last week we saw the mindless efforts of some boofheads who chose to rip up our 9th green. Now we hear news of a break-in to steal a set of golf clubs from the car of one of our members. Whatever did this may look to sell these clubs to some unsuspecting golfer. So be aware of – and share -the following:

On Sunday night, some no-hoper broke into a car on Breve Street and stole a set of clubs comprising a Titleist driver, 3-wood and hybrid and Adams CB irons, plus Vokey wedges. They were inside a Sun Mountain bag with Bandon Dunes logo. This is a valuable and much-valued set and it is quite likely they'll pop up on TradeMe or similar sites in the coming days. Please keep an eye out for them,

being sold collectively or individually via any means, and if you have any helpful information please call 022 6970191.

THAT'LL DO FOR NOW ...

Much like a British boat racing in the America's Cup, we've had the wind taken out of our sales by having virtually no golf played here over the weekend. So not much to report. Just a reminder to Men that Matchplay rounds start this Saturday. In the Intermediate division, **Dave Foster** has been elevated to playing status via the withdrawal of BK Kim. Likewise, **Ngara Raharaha** steps up to replace John McGlinchey in the Junior section. Our Tuesday women are currently floating around the course and similar conditions await tomorrow's Wednesday groups. Good luck to you all, and all who sail with you.

Don't forget to book in early for Friday Twilight and be here in the clubhouse for the \$1,200 Members' Draw that must be won this week. And Kathy's Shop Sale continues ...