



DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS?

Just when you're settling into the mindless pleasure that derives from being spared the endless drivel that exudes via this so-called "newsletter"... back it comes! And, to confirm your worst fears, it probably hasn't done any better. Nevertheless, your team of editors, correspondents and contributors has returned refreshed from a brief break. So, suck it up.

ADKINS ANTICS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We'll move quickly past the incident of the drain-diving damsel – fortunately help was quickly marshalled although we're not sure if her lost ball was found amid the splashes – and begin by congratulating the Adkins family on their much-appreciated contribution to our club programme. This was the 33rd year the Peter Adkins Memorial has been held here at our club, celebrating the lives and contributions of Pete and Ally Adkins, and it's pleasing to see the growing numbers of their descendants who come here each year, headed by Peter and Cherie who have long been supportive members of our club. Each year the family structures a valuable prize table that is much sought after, as the playing numbers (120 in all) show. This year the weather was a little gloomy to begin with but rain held off to see the full field get around at good pace and return some good, honest scoring (that's a rare thing in itself).

Special thanks to our lady members who, ably organised by Heather Tobin, provided refreshments for the non-playing members of the Adkins family. Thanks too to Kathy who put in a marathon shift in the Shop, taking entries, issuing cards, scoring and generally making sure the day ran smoothly for all. And to Di who, as ever, was working away behind the scenes to cover off any overlooked issues and ensure a successful occasion.

Now, to the golf. The quest for the Adkins Memorial Trophy was held across 2 divisions – 1 x Women, 1 x Men – and was hotly contested (with a few exceptions). From left field (actually, from beneath a cart) emerged venerable Vern Tolhopf, shaking off years of non-distinguished form to charge home with 43 points, 1 clear of Lance Coker and 2 clear of Gillian Browne and Rob Cook. Gillian took out the Women's division from Maureen Taylor and Margaret Brookes, while Tarrin Rous just pipped the soon-to-depart Belinda May in the Juniors section. Nearest The Pin prizes were claimed by Belinda May and Jason Archibald while Tally Moorhouse impressively took out the Longest Drive for Women and Dave Graham took the Men's Longest Drive.

A separate haggle was held, with Mens Division One being headed by Roger Adkins (41), Dave Graham (40), Duncan Chisholm (39) Don McLean (39), Ernest Hurley (38), Jim Henschman (38) and Flick (38). Men's Division Two was won by Vern "Top Gun" Tolhopf (43) from Lance Coker (42), Rob Cook (41), Andy Gentry (39), Kerry Wood (38), Paul Volkov (38) and Darryl Taylor (37). The Women's section was led by Margaret Brookes (37) followed by Debbie Young (36), Sharyn McLean (36), Annie Gentry (36), Marian Duffin (36) and Cherie Adkins (35). Duncan Chisholm had 2 Twos (13th & 17th), Rob Cook one (17th). Thanks again to Peter and Cherie and all the Adkins family – a very popular and successful day.



MONDAY MEN & MAVERICKS – PLEASE READ & REMEMBER

Just a reminder for Monday Men that on Monday 6 August (first Monday of the month) you will have your usual Blue Tee competition – along with the option of playing off the White Tees. Yeah, wimpish – but that's the way it will be. Pete Southee will be away for the next few weeks and Ernest will be in control of your fates and finances.

And for Mavericks – as from Wednesday 1 August your muster time is midday (before, not after) and you will tee off from 12.30pm. It'll be a Red Tee day for Mavericks, so bring your short game. And this coming Wednesday 25 July Mavericks will play from the Blue tees. Harden up, men!

STEVE SLIPS AWAY

Just like Elvis, Steve has left the building. That's an end to quite an era wherein the club has benefitted immensely from his business skills and his love of golf. A very well-attended farewell took place during last Friday's Twilight and he now moves on to life at a more leisurely pace, commencing with a sojourn (he and Karen) to Vanuatu starting tomorrow (Tuesday). So he's gone, but he's not lost to us as we will avail ourselves of his skills as and when they're needed by the club and we're reasonably sure he'll fit in the odd game between fishing and overseas trips. Thanks Steve, from all of us, it's been great having you here.

MALCOLM ON THE SIDELINE

Malcolm, as is his wont, was sideline as one of his grandchildren played his Saturday soccer match.

At one point during a game, the coach called Malcolm's young grandson aside and asked, "Do you understand what co-operation is? What a team is?"

"Yes, coach," replied the little boy.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?"

The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

"So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when a penalty is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the referee, or call him rude names. Do you understand all that?"

Again, the little boy nodded in the affirmative.

The coach continued, "And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not a dumb decision, nor does it mean that the coach is a twit, does it?"

"No, coach."

"Good," said the coach. "Please go over there and explain all that to your grandfather."

CHANGES TO SATURDAY SCHEDULING

As playing habits evolve and new initiatives are introduced, our Saturday booking sheet is undergoing some (minimal) change. Primarily, we notice that a good number of men are playing later in the morning and the prizegiving initiative with its associated lucky draw is growing in popularity. To reflect this change, the Match Committee has decided to change the allocated times for various groups, to allow for member access and also to optimise visitor bookings, without one impacting on the other.

Through the remainder of the Winter season (until Daylight Saving commences in late September) the following will apply:

Up till 8.04am tee bookings will be open to all players, members and visitors. Women's times run from 8.12 – 8.36am (inclusive) then bookings are open to all players (members and visitors) from 8.44 – 9.56am. From 10.04 – 11.32am, the tees are reserved for Men 18-hole members and their affiliated guests, then from 11.40am the course is open to all players.

The Women's Saturday Haggles will run as per usual, closing off at 8.36am, while the Men's Saturday Haggles will run from 7.32 – 11.32am.

Men's Prizegiving will be scheduled for 4.00 – 4.30pm, and the Lucky Draw for \$48 in club vouchers will take place. This is open to all who played in the haggles (Men and Women) and you need to be in the clubhouse to win. This will not jackpot, but will run each week for the foreseen future.

Please be aware that we are aware that not everyone will think this is the greatest idea since round balls but its purpose is to address current changes in playing habits. The past is a great reference point but needn't inhibit initiative.

Ladies Teams Day

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Thursday 6th September

Swing Into Spring!



10.00am Tee Off - \$80 per team
Teams of 4 – best 3 scores count
Stableford & Twos, Nearest The Pins

Maximum Player Handicap: 40.4. Affiliated Players Only.



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THINGS HAPPENING SOON

FRIDAY 9-Hole Twilight – sponsored by Jackson Brown. \$1,200 in the Members' Lucky Draw (thanks to Luciano). Play, win and stay for dinner!

SATURDAY – LGU & Nett Haggles for Women, Coombes Trophy (18 holes Nett) & Nett Haggles for Men.

SUNDAY – the re-scheduled Great Northern Battle (course closed till around 3pm).

UPCOMING – Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 August, the re-scheduled Wintle Rosebowl (for 18-hole Men members). Remember, your Programme Book was printed late last year whereas your website calendar is a little more current.

ROBBY TURNBULL TURNS IT ON AGAIN

Fresh from his recent brilliant success in Europe, 11-year-old Robby has been turning heads on the NZ golf scene as he plays in Open events.

In an under-19 quadrangular event at Fitzroy (New Plymouth) Robby topped the field, shooting 71-69 off the back tees.

Then he played in the Waikato Winter Strokeplay at Lochiel, a NZ Golf Order of Merit tournament that attracted many of the country's top amateurs. On a very wet course Robby made his first cut in an Open tournament and finished 33rd (a total 228 over 3 rounds), ahead of many well-known names. That's pretty hot golf by any standards and hopefully he'll gain greater recognition from those with an eye to our golfing future.

(As we know, Robby is a member here and is coached by Terry Young.)