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Your "Wake Up!" Call

THE WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

By golly gee, we're a lucky lot! Not only do we enjoy Full Playing membership at this unbeatable club for less than the cost of a half-decent bottle of Merlot – but we also have opportunity upon opportunity to pick up little and not so little prize bonuses along the way through the playing year. Don't believe it? Then just read on as we open up lucky pathways to **Vanuatu** and **Tara Iti** in just the next few days!

Speaking of lucky, we hear Greg Quinn had a hole in one on the 17th recently. That could only be luck, despite his protestations that skill played some part in the right-angle bounce off the hill, the curving sweep across the green and the "Whoa! That's over the back!" cry before the ball rapped against the pin and somehow fell in. Whatever. But that's enough glorification of Greg, let's get down to real matters of golf.

AIR VANUATU MIXED OPEN THIS SUNDAY

WIN!

**A trip for 2
to Vanuatu.**

*A Lucky Draw from all
tournament cards!*

Here's your first opportunity to win!

In addition to an impressive Prize Table, this Sunday's Experience Golf/Air Vanuatu Mixed Open features a very desirable travel prize.

Everyone who plays - and returns their card for scoring - will enter the draw to win a trip for 2 to Vanuatu - airfares, accommodation and a few extras.

The draw will take place at Prizegiving (around 6.15pm) so get your tournament entry in now! AM & PM fields.

While we're focussing on this major event, let's get in an early thanks not only to our lead sponsors, Experience Golf and Air Vanuatu, but also to those local business and individuals who have stepped forward with Hole Sponsorships.

Their contributions make a huge difference to how the tournament runs and how our prize table is structured.

So please take the time, after your round on Sunday, to read through the list of hole sponsors and put them right at the top of your list of preferred products and/or services.

WOMEN'S STROKEPLAY WINNERS EMERGE

Not settling for the vagaries of lucky draws and raffles, these talented ladies played three rounds of strokeplay to take out the major prizes in four divisions. Congratulations to all winners – and a particular meritorious mention of those who battled on through the three rounds even when they knew their chances of victory were fairly remote.

Our Women's Strokeplay winners for 2018 are:

Silver **Sue Cox** (88,85,90 – 263)

Bronze I **Marjory Rae** (92,92,95 – 279)

Bronze II **Keren Vale** (99,103,101 – 303)

Bronze III **Maureen Taylor** (121,129,122 – 372)

Runner-up: **Annie Gentry** (87,89,90 – 266)

Runner-up: **Sheila Gough** (96,90,95 – 281)

Runner-up: **Barbara Chitty** (101,101,103 – 305)

Runner-up: **Jo Akroyd** (133,131,120 – 384)

Now you all have some respite until Matchplay rounds commence in mid-November. A draw for this will be published soon.

MEN'S STROKEPLAY CONTINUES

Last Saturday saw Round 2 of the 2018 Strokeplay held in fairly challenging conditions – although the morning was brighter than the forecasters forecasted (or whatever the right word is for whatever they do). For those who keep asking, all four rounds count – but that doesn't mean you pull out because you don't think you have a chance. Our Strokeplay champs are the most prestigious and important event on our playing calendar and we hope all players continue through all rounds.

Round 3 will be played on Saturday 27 October and the final round on Saturday 3 November.

Again, we remind you that the 4th round – on Saturday 3 November – is the sole qualifying round for this year's Matchplay Champs which commence on Saturday 17 November. (And our Strokeplay Champs will be invited to the Northland Champ of Champs at Hikurangi on Sunday 25 November.)

OUR BIG WINTER PROMOTION WINNER HAS BEEN DRAWN

This successful Winter event aimed at bring more visitors to Mangawhai saw hundreds of entries and a very good number of first-timers coming to experience the pleasures of winter golf at Mangawhai. The winner's name was drawn by President Tony Vale accompanied by Experience Golf putting champion Bill Mabey. Congratulations to **Bryen Newton of Helensville** who will soon be heading for a brilliant golfing and social weekend in Melbourne.

YET ANOTHER WINNING OPPORTUNITY!

With two raffles for playing places in the 2018 Tara Iti "Spirit of Mangawhai" Charity Golf Tournament already sold out, we are auctioning another play place at this coming Sunday's Mixed Open prizegiving.

Worth \$1,250, this is your chance to play Tara Iti while supporting a whole host of Mangawhai charities, including our very own golf club.

Imagine it – you win the tournament, you win the Lucky Draw for a trip for 2 to Vanuatuand you put in the winning bid to play in this brilliant Tara Iti event.

Isn't life just too good for words!?!

(The second raffle will be drawn at Twilight Prizegiving this coming Friday. The Members Draw this week is for \$800.)



TWO GOLF CARTS FOR SALE!

We have two of our carts for sale – two having been sold with Ngaro being the latest to cruise the course in suitable style. If you're interested, talk to Brad – but do it soon as these carts are also for sale on TradeMe and they're very well priced.

BOARD BUSINESS

We have our 2018 AGM scheduled in December and while that seems a long way off there are some important issues we all need to act on quickly. One of the most important is that of ensuring we have enough people prepared to stand for Board and Committee positions. We need an additional Independent Director on the Board, while both Finance and Match committees have vacancies. They are all voluntary roles and can be as rewarding as they are demanding. If you believe you have the necessary skills to help our club continue on its successful path have a word to Brad.

Work on prioritising work around the course and clubhouse is ongoing and we continue to seek grants and funding from a wide range of sources. The kitchen is a prime consideration as much of the equipment seems to be coming to the end of its lifespan.

The Board has received an innovative suggestion for cart parking – separate to the cart shed proposal – and a feasibility study is underway. The working group for the cart shed proposal have presented their plans to the Board and these have met with general approval, with some considerations to be addressed.



Mixed Open

Sunday 21 October 2018

Gross / Nett / Stableford

Men's & Women's Divisions

Nearest The Pin & Longest Drive in divisions. Lucky Draw Travel Prize.

Morning Start times 7.28 - 8.16am

Afternoon Shotgun @ 1.00pm

Members: \$30

Visitors: \$45

*ONLY NZ AFFILIATED GOLFERS WITH CURRENT HANDICAPS MAY ENTER NETT & STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS.
HANDICAP INDEX MAXIMUMS APPLY: Men 36.4, Women 40.4.



Please Pre-Pay to confirm your entry.

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Lucky Draw Travel Prize generously provided by Experience Golf & Air Vanuatu

MATRIMONIAL MISUNDERSTANDING:

While having a Spring Clean, one of our couples came across some old diaries and decided to share one particular entry with us:

Her Diary:

Tonight I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day, so I thought he was upset that I was late but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing so I suggested we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed but didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong. He said "Nothing.". I asked him it was my fault that he was upset. He said it had nothing to do with me and not to worry. On the way home I told him I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept driving. I can't explain his behaviour. I don't know why he didn't say "I love you too.".

When we got home I felt that I had lost him completely. He just sat there quietly and watched TV, distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. 15 minutes later he came to bed but I still felt he was distracted and he turned away from me and fell asleep. I cried. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

His Diary:

A 2-foot putt! Who misses a 2-foot putt!!!

GET BEHIND THE BAR

We're looking for a casual addition to our Bar staff. If you can pull a decent pint and chat up the customers, have a talk to Brad.

RULES CLARIFICATION – GOING UP THE WALL

The retaining wall along the pathway leading from the 11th fairway is an Immovable Obstruction. Relief is a free drop within 1 club length of your nearest point of relief. Read Rule 24-2(a) and (b) – and don't forget to read it in full, including the Exception.

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, they're sold in dozens, and a week later you need to buy more.