



Monday 8.10.18

Your "Wake Up!" Call



THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



Younger generations than ours are masters (and mistresses, of course) of the ever-evolving digital world and we're sure these skills are vital to the advancement of mankind (OK, yes, and womankind too) while perhaps putting the art of conversation further into its death throes. In the meantime, we struggle with the more simply digital exercise of hitting the right keys on the keyboard when composing these deep and meaningful issues. Last week, alert readers would have noticed that last week we stated that the 3rd round of Men's Strokeplay would be on Saturday 20 October. Wrong, wrong and definitely wrong, so we have rapped ourselves across the offending digit and now state, quite unequivocally that the 3rd round will be played on Saturday 27 October (Round 2 is this coming Saturday 13 October and the final round – and qualifying round for the Matchplay Champs – will be on Saturday 3 November).

Without offering this as a valid excuse, it may well be our progression from one-digit typing to the new world of two digits has caused some confusion amid the synapses that snap between brain and extremity. Whatever, we're going to persist with the two-finger breakthrough as we can't think of anything else to do with this other finger, poised as it is for action.

OLE! OLE! SIGNATURE HOMES CANADIAN FOURSOMES WINNERS HEAD FOR WAIRAKEI

Last weekend's Signature Homes Canadian Foursomes, very generously sponsored and supported by Gavin Hunt and his Signature Homes team, attracted a record field of 53 pairs, both Mixed and Men only. At stake was the opportunity to win a trip for two to stay and play golf at Wairakei Resort, by having the best aggregate pairs score over the two rounds played in 2018. This outstanding prize was claimed by Ole Iversen and Jamie Melansson who also took out the Men's Division with a stableford score of 45 and the accompanying trophy. Runners up in the Men's Division were John Lee and Darryl Taylor (44) followed by Isaac Henchman and Owen Henchman (43, on a countback). In the Mixed Pairs, BK Kim (sushi) and Heather Haynes (salads) won with 41 points, on a countback from Puke and Diane Taylor, followed by Jim Henchman & Ngaire Evans (40), Kerry Simpson & Margaret Brookes (40), followed by Campbell & Marjory Rae, Mark Benjamin & Rose Braid, John Saunders & Jan Flavell and Greg Furnell & Janet Holmes, all with 39 points. Nearest the Pin prizes were won by Michael Glading & Robyn Parry, Ole Iversen & Jamie Melansson, John Lee & Darryl Taylor, BK Kim and Heather Haynes. Twos were won by too many people to mention. An excellent day on a course in superb condition – thanks to Gavin and to all those who supported this outstanding event.



GOLF CARTS FOR SALE!

We have three carts from our rental fleet that are now for sale.

Well maintained and good for a good few years yet.

Great prices - contact Brad now for details. But be quick!

WOMEN'S STROKEPLAY CONTINUES

Despite the shock withdrawal of Kathy from the Bronze III division, the Women's Strokeplay continues and those with a suitable competitive streak are eyeing up the final two rounds – tomorrow Tuesday 9 October and Saturday 13 October. Start times have been published on our online booking sheets, so make sure you know what time you're teeing off and who is in your playing group. Saturday's round is qualifying for Matchplay, with those rounds scheduled for mid-November.

MEN'S STROKEPLAY ROUND 2 THIS COMING SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

A draw has been published online and is displayed outside the Golf Shop and inside the Clubhouse. Please check times and playing groups and advise the Golf Shop asap of any issues. There are some spaces for others to join these groups, please do this via the Golf Shop.



SPONSOR A HOLE!

On Sunday 21 October we're hosting the Air Vanuatu/Experience Golf Mixed Open and we're offering a special opportunity for individuals and businesses to sponsor a hole on this day. For just \$100 you'll be an important part of this very popular event, putting your products and services in front of an involved audience on the course and in the clubhouse. If you're interested - and why would you not be? - contact Brad in the Office as soon as you can.

NEW RULES UPDATE

Quite a few members are interested in the Rules changes that come into effect on 1 January 2019. We have received the first of 3 new Rule books that will be sent to clubs and we are holding these until we get a clear understanding of changes and their effect. Len Bilton and Ernest Hurley are attending a Referees' seminar late this month and following that we hope to issue the new books and be able to explain the thinking behind the Rule changes and how they will be interpreted. There are changes to how we play the game and also how we talk about it. For instance "Through the Green" becomes "General Area", Hazards become "Penalty Areas". However, it's not a total re-write of the Rules and most of us can play on with our blissful lack of knowledge and just wait for the more informed to advise us of our infractions.



ANOTHER DIGITAL DISASTER! Players also welcome

MEN'S 2019 PENNANTS

Whilst our Championship Pennants teams (two this year, one in North Harbour's Reserve divisions) are pretty well getting into shape, we're now looking to get our 18 and 36 hole teams organised for next year's Northland competition. Please keep an eye on noticeboards for the opportunity to put your name forward for inclusion in these teams.

FRIDAY'S SUMMER TWILIGHT

A great turnout last week (this month Twilight is sponsored by our Life Members) with more than 100 taking part in the 9-hole competition and staying in the clubhouse to eat, drink and be as merry as their Twilight scores let them.

Get your name down for this week's round, stay for the Members' Draw and, while you're here, buy a ticket in the Tara Iti raffle. Glennis will be doing the culinary thing so enjoy a good meal and the camaraderie that's so much a part of our unbeatable club.

LAST FEW DAYS!

Not, not till the end of the world ... but your last chance to get 25% off clothing in the Golf Shop. Some prices are already special and Kathy's red pen has been hard at work offering you some exceptional buying. Come in while the offer's still there! (and how about giving someone special a Golf Shop Voucher as a Christmas gift?)

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. Book via Golf Shop.
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Ph: 09 431 4807



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

GET INTO "THE SPIRIT OF MANGAWHAI" AT TARA ITI

There are a few tickets left (only a very few, 5 or so) in our second raffle to win a playing spot in the upcoming "Spirit of Mangawhai" charity tournament at Tara Iti.

Only \$25 per ticket for a prize valued at \$1,250! Tickets on sale in the Office. But be very quick!

Golf is good for the soul. You get so mad at yourself you forget to hate your enemies.