



LACK OF RAIN. BUT NO LACK OF LADIES WHO REIGN.

That (diminishing) group of men who insist a woman's place is in the kitchen and not on the course were forced to eat their words (rather than the scones they felt should be being baked) as an outstanding field of woman/lady players reigned over the course last week. Our annual **Ladies 2-Day Classic** reached new heights this year with a field of just under 100 (80 being visitors to our club) played 18 holes on Saturday and another 18 on Sunday. For some it was an all-important provincial trial, for others it was an opportunity to play Mangawhai and take a tilt at a very impressive prize table that was bolstered by the generous sponsorship provided by **Craig Matheson of Barfoot & Thompson**. Whatever their reason for entering, all players seemed to enjoy the weekend and we congratulate the hard-working and highly-organised group that brought it all together. It was hot going for all, conditions that took a toll on the scoring, with only a bit of breeze to ease the pain. Nevertheless, all players remained positive through their rounds and did their best to overcome the dry, demanding course conditions. Kylie Jacoby did her regular pilgrimage over the hill from Waipu to, as she regularly does, take out the Best Gross prize in the Women's Division 1, being 1 over the card after two rounds and well clear of the rest of the field. Jewel Sterling overcome her organisational workload to wave the local flag strongly and take out the overall Nett prize as well as winning Division 2. Pam Sowden's highpoint came when she shrugged aside the vehement urgings of her venerable caddy on the 12th tee (second round) and re-composed herself after hitting her first two tee shots to somewhere well wide of where she intended, played 5 off the tee and finished the hole with a 7. Work that one out.

And there were many other tales of woe and wonder (and we were hoping to bring you an especially relevant Wonder Women photo but it has mysteriously disappeared from the archives) that we cannot include for issues of space and libel.

Quick summary of results:

Division 1 (up to 17 handicap): Gross Winner Kylie Jacoby, Waipu (72-73-145); Nett Winner Kath Clark, North Shore (78-73-151); Stableford Winner Karyn Ferguson, Ngunguru (31-37-68).

Division 2 (18-24): Nett Winner Jewel Sterling, Mangawhai (71-72-143); Stableford Winner Marion Duffin, Royal Auckland (40-30-70).

Division 3 (25 and over): Nett Winner Jan Aickin, Pupuke (69-74-143); Stableford Winner Raewyn Catlow, Wainui (71-73-144). Overall Nett Winner – Jewel Sterling.

Special thanks to sponsor Craig Matheson, and to Len Bilton and Ernest Hurley who ensured no illegal punches were thrown or any other rules infringed.

CONTINUING THE FEMININE THEME ...

It is with regret that the Board announces that **Di Rous**, after 6 years of loyal service, has resigned. Di has been a committed staff member, a friendly face and source of endless assistance when needed. As many of you have witnessed she has been a very conscientious and dedicated worker and was always very passionate about her job and the club. We wish Di all the best in the future and no doubt you will see her around from time to time. We will be advertising the position left vacant by Di this week.

MONY A MICKLE MAKS A MUCKLE

A young Scottish lad and lass were sitting on a low stone wall, holding hands and gazing out over the loch. For several minutes they sat their in silence, then Marjorie turned to her young man and whispered, "A penny for your thoughts, Campbell."

"Well noo, I was thinkin', perhaps it's aboot time for a wee kiss."

She blushed, then leaned over and kissed him lightly on the cheek. He blushed, and the pair turned to once again to gaze out over the loch. Minutes passed, then the girl spoke again, "Another penny for your thoughts, Campbell."

"Well noo, I was thinkin' it's noo aboot time for a wee cuddle." She blushed, then leaned across and cuddled him for a few seconds. Then he blushed, and they resumed their gaze out across the loch. After a while, she again said, "Another penny for your thoughts, Campbell."

Well noo, I was think' it's aboot time you let me put ma hand on your knee." She blushed, then took his hand and placed it on her knee. Then he blushed, and once more the pair turned to gaze out across the loch before the girl spoke again: "Another penny for your thoughts, Campbell."

He glanced down with a furled brow. "Well noo," he said, "ma thoughts are a wee bit more serious this time." "Really?" she replied in a whisper that was filled with anticipation.

"Aye," said Campbell, nodding. She looked away in shyness, began to blush as she bit her lip in anticipation of his next request. Then he said, "Marj, dae ye nae think it's aboot time ye paid me the first three pennies?"

LOCKER ROOM TALK

Here's our annual reminder to users of our Locker Room: please be aware of the need to close and lock the door every time you leave the Locker Room. There's considerable value in the lockers – clubs, trundlers and possibly a fair swag of personal items that we don't need to know about – and it's important the door stays locked when the room is not in use. Please don't leave it to others – carry your key and lock the door every time you leave. Thanks.

Friday **9** Twilight

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Tee Times Midday – 4.30pm
Members' Clubhouse Draw
\$700
Be in the Clubhouse to win!

NOBILO PENNANTS TEAM GETS A "WAKE UP" NUDGE

A somewhat subdued report this week from our Men's Pennants team as they continue their progress through North Harbour's Nobilo competition: The Mangawhai Championship Pennant team managed to retain our position at the top of the Nobilo competition but not without a struggle against bottom placed Waitakere at Pupuke GC.

It must be said that we had four of our top order out for various reasons but still had a side that on paper looked superior.

Of course, the great game of golf is not contested on a team sheet. Waitakere played above themselves to have us under all sorts of pressure throughout the clash, 9 holes into the match the teams were locked at 4-4. A couple of early wins to Richard Squire and Lee Newman were cancelled out by losses to Doug Moores and Gene Wintle. The remaining matches were decided on the 18th green with our reserve players Ross Allen at 8 battling to a hard fought half after trailing all day and Canadian caddy Adam Cargill losing after finding the hazard. With the team half a point in arrears all attention shifted to the last 2 players on the course, Zane Hinton and Willy Eady. Zane won the last to finish his opponent off 2 up and then Willy who was all square playing the last played conservatively to secure the win after his opponent found the hazard. The 4.5 to 3.5 victory was a relief to the team and a wake up call to the fact that there are no 'easybeats' at this level.

We hope to have our strongest team back for next week's clash against reigning champions Muriwai at Wainui and will have a better idea of where we sit on the table heading into the bye round at Mangawhai the following week.

Player of the day prize went to Ross Allen who was a late substitute into the top side and definitely played above himself in extracting the vital half point which made the difference in the end.

In news from another front, we learn that our 36-hole Men's teams both halved their matches at Wellsford on Sunday. Mangawhai 1 shared their match 4.5 – 4.5 against Wellsford, whilst Mangawhai 2 achieved the same shared result against Hikurangi. All matches were, on the day, very closely contested, three being halved and only Sherwood Park getting a win, albeit a very close one. (And, as yet, we do not have results from our 18-hole Men's team.)

BUSINESS HOUSE ROUND 4

This Thursday sees Round 4 of Business House Golf, sponsored by Mangawhai ITM, getting under way just after 5pm. Teams are really enjoying the format and also the after-match celebrations in the clubhouse. It's difficult to predict weekly winners, let alone who will be Series Champions, as handicaps evolve and team structures change week by week. Overall, this has been a successful event and we look forward to making it bigger and better next season.

PRO-AM JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY

Three weeks from this Thursday, to be precise. That's when the 2019 Partners Life Mangawhai Pro-Am will be held and we've got a fair bit to organise in the time left. Over the next few days we'll be approaching members to provide voluntary help in specific roles and we look forward to your willing and enthusiastic response. We'll need help with course presentation, players reception, practice area control, parking control, on-course food stations, food preparation and a host of other very important tasks.

As well, we have a few playing spaces available for our members and we suggest you contact Brad as soon as you can if you're interested. We'll team you with a Professional and you'll be competing for prizes valued at \$10,000.

COURSE MAINTENANCE

This week our greens are being verti-cut and we hope that they will also be topdressed. This is vital work to maintain healthy growth in the rootbase and thatch and will be done with minimal interruption to players.

FACE TO FACE WITH FACEBOOK

While a lot of us look askance at the wonders of social media it's vital that our club has a strong presence in this fast-evolving sector. Take a look at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/mangawhaigolf and keep update with social snippets and newsy features on people and events at our club. Make sure you "Like" this page and spread its news among your Facebook friends.

ALL IN GOOD TASTE

Karl & Anita are really hitting the spot with their delicious food and their friendly service in our Cafe. Friday night meals are proving very popular while through the week our members and visitors are really enjoying their catering.

INDIVIDUAL COACHING

Available at Mangawhai Golf Club

Adult Coaching

30 minutes	\$50
1 hour	\$90
4 x 30 minutes package	\$180

Junior Coaching (18 & under)

30 minutes	\$45
4 x 30 minutes package	\$160



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Tony Mordaunt
 Mangawhai Golf Coach





Administration / Accounts Person – Part Time

Mangawhai Golf Club is an 18-hole championship golf course that consistently ranks in New Zealand's top 20. The club has a proud history and is an integral part of the local community.

We now have an exciting opportunity available for an Administration / Accounts Person to join our small team.

Duties include:

- Managing the club's membership databases and processing all payments
- Processing all creditors and debtors
- Weekly Cash-ups and banking
- Bank reconciliations
- Monthly financial reports including Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet & Cashflow forecasts
- Fortnightly Payroll & Bi-monthly GST returns
- Other general office duties

Required skills and experience:

- A sound history of accounts experience
"Club Manager" accounting software experience an advantage but not essential
- Computer literate with MS Office
- Excellent attention to detail and ability to complete work accurately
- Organised, able to multi task and meet deadlines
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English
- Positive people skills, friendly and enthusiastic, able to work as part of a team
- A great attitude toward all aspects of the role

This is part-time situation. The hours are currently around 24 hrs per week but we are flexible on setting suitable working hours for the right applicant.

Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work visa.

Applications close on Thursday 28th February at 4pm.

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to Brad Grimmer, General Manager, brad@mangawhaigolf.co.nz