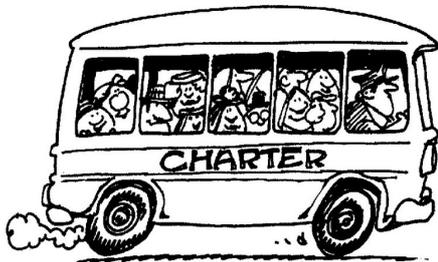


## A LULL IN PROCEEDINGS

Every now and then, life goes through a dull and boring stage – just the same old routine each day without even a whiff of scandal to prick our ears at. That's where we seem to be at the moment, drifting into a vortex of apathy and disinterest that's lit up only by the wondrous pastime of watching the regrowth on our greens. We have lurked in quiet corners, eavesdropping on conversations in the faint hope of some piquant gossip, something salacious, even just a hint of misbehaviour. We've had hidden microphones in the showers and our cameras have scanned the farthest corners of our course and clubhouse, all to no avail. So, if you're not bored already, by the time you get to the end of this rambling missive you very definitely will be. We apologise for this but, really, you only have yourselves to blame.

## GET ON THE BUS



This coming Sunday, 12 May, our Men's Pennants team plays in the final of North Harbour Nobilo Championship division. This is as big as it gets in provincial interclub golf and we're hoping there'll be a strong turnout of supporters to make the trip to Waitemata and wave the flag as our team goes head to head with the best of Muriwai. Barry Brennan is organising a bus and there's still a seat waiting for you. Put your name on the sheet in the Golf Shop (\$30 for the return trip) and celebrate Mothers Day with your mates.

## COURSE COMMITTEE GOES ROGUE!

OK, the headline's interesting enough and it's sad that we have to stoop to such low levels of cheap sensationalism to keep you reading. But the fact is that while the Course Committee is fulfilling a vital function their monthly minutes don't exactly make for thrilling reading. However, to keep you updated .... the Turf Nursery is growing well (now there's a spectator sport for you!); 6 damaged sprinkler heads have been replaced "for a variety of reasons", mainly to remove wet patches around the greens and tee blocks; the controller for the sprinkler system is not working as it should and is to be repaired; work will be done on solving the wet area problem between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fairways, Course Maintenance Week next year will be scheduled straight after the ProAm, based on the assumption that we will have a date for the ProAm in time for this scheduling to be scheduled; some of the bunkers will be reshaped in line with the Course Development Plan. And we note, with some trepidation, that equipment maintenance work is now being undertaken by the Pauls Rennie and Volkov – and they are apparently doing a fine job of it. Phew, that's enough for one month.

## STOCKIES & COCKIES ROCKS

Last Friday we hosted our annual Stockies & Cockies Day, with Des Chitty mustering the mob into a semblance of organisation (he's a very effective wielder of a cattle prod). Around 70 players made it onto the course and then gathered in the clubhouse for prizegiving. Thanks to Des for all the time and effort he puts into making this day a well-attended success – it's an important part of rural golfing heritage and is enjoyed by all. We're not sure who won and what they won but we do know it was a very successful day.

## EXPLODING KEG DESTROYS ENVIRONMENT AND THREATEN SPECIES SURVIVAL



Now this is really exciting stuff! Last Wednesday as the Maverick surged to the bar and placed their usual outrageous demands on our pouring system an urgent need arose to change kegs. Behind the bar, Jillean appealed for some assistance as she faced the thirsty hordes and contemplated the need to do the keg plumbing thing while, at the same time, pouring pints. Up stepped a knight in shining armour who declared "this is within my skill set!" and proceeded to connect this bit to that part ...and suddenly discovered that said parts and bits weren't a natural combination. Thence ensued a flood of biblical proportions (we hesitate to quote the Good Book having seen what it's done for Israel Folau) and a raging flood cascaded through previously unseen channels to shower the dim, dark working environment of someone down below. Fortunately, this someone was not working at the time (does he ever?) but the executive rug and genuine wood office suite quickly absorbed this mana from on high, wholeheartedly embracing the torrent and the accompanying morning-after odour that quickly swamped the room. Fast action by Kathy's Bucket Brigade helped stem the flow but, as morning dawned, the slow and steady dripping and oozing continued to permeate every nook and cranny.

Fortunately, no endangered species were harmed. If you have an urgent need for a quick beer but are short of the cash to pay for it, just step inside and take a deep breath – it's a full-bodied flavour that lingers ... and lingers ....



## ARE YOU ANY USE WITH A UTE?

We have a need to replace our club ute and we're looking for a bit of expert assistance. We need someone for an eye for a deal (that works or our advantage obviously), someone to scout for a likely vehicle, check it out and let us know what it's really worth. We're not talking new – just a good hard-working workhorse that can handle the bumpy terrain of our course and carry a decent load when required. While most of our members play – and score – like used car salesmen, this is a role for someone who really knows what they're about in terms of mechanics, torque, gudgeons, gaskets and all those esoteric things that go on beneath the bonnet. If you'd like to lend us your expertise, contact Brad for more details.

## LEFTIES GET IT RIGHT

Last weekend we hosted our annual Lefties visit, with Don McLean stepping in to the role so brilliantly filled by John Barber for many years. There was a good turnout both days and we haven't quite caught up with the scoring yet as someone rubbed the results off the board in the clubhouse. Quite a few visitors and a good number of our own members took part in this quaint ritual of standing on the wrong side of the ball (as if the game's not hard enough without having to do that).

## QUADS THIS THURSDAY

This month we host Quads at Mangawhai. Jeff Field is mustering the resources and we look forward to a decent turnout. If you want to play, check with Jeff or turn up on the day from around 8.30am onwards.

**THE Bonnington**  
AT MANGAWHAI

A New Zealand Golf Order Of Merit Tournament for Men (Blue Tees)



**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 25**  
&  
**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 26**  
**2019**

**BLUE TEE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN**

- Restricted to first 60 paid entrants with a maximum handicap index of 7.1
- 36 Holes over two days played from the Blue Championship Tees
  - Best Gross for the Tom Bonnington Cup
  - Nett competition also (over 36 holes)

**WHITE TEE COMPETITION FOR MEN**

- Restricted to first 36 paid entrants with a maximum handicap index of 16.5
  - 36 Holes over two days played from the White Club Tees
  - Nett & Stableford competition (over 36 holes)

**ENTRY FEE: \$60**

Includes GST. Payment must be received to confirm entry. Entries close Friday 17 May 2019.

  
**MANGAWHAI GOLF CLUB**

Entries online at [www.mangawhaigolf.co.nz](http://www.mangawhaigolf.co.nz)  
For Entry & Playing Conditions contact Mangawhai Golf Shop, 09 431 4807  
Email: [nick@mangawhaigolf.co.nz](mailto:nick@mangawhaigolf.co.nz)

## GET INTO THE BONNINGTON

Each year we host the Tom Bonnington Cup and draw an excellent field of top amateurs from Northland, North Harbour and Auckland.

This year the dates are May 25 and 26 and already entries are coming in. The Blue Tee section is limited to those with a handicap index of 7.1 or better and we also have a White Tee division for those with a handicap index of 16.5 or better.

We have gained excellent sponsor support from **The Clubroom** (who are also a significant sponsor of our ProAm) and from **Frucor** who provide drinks to the Golf Shop (Pepsi, Gatorade, V, Ovi, MiZone, etc.). This allows us to put together a very impressive prize table for both divisions.



If you'd like to play (entry is \$60 for the two rounds) please go to our website [www.mangawhaigolf.co.nz](http://www.mangawhaigolf.co.nz) and complete the online entry form, or come into the Golf Shop. Payment is required to confirm your order.

Friday **9** Twilight

SPONSORED THIS MONTH BY

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LIFE MEMBERS

Tee Times 10.00am – 3.30pm

**Members' Clubhouse Draw**

\$700

Be in the Clubhouse to win!

## TWILIGHT IS AN EXPERIENCE

Just a reminder to Twilight players that the opportunity to win entries in the draw to win a brilliant golfing escape as provided to us by **Bill and Jono Mabey of Experience Golf**.

Every 5 times you play you earn one entry, and this chance to win comes to an end on the last Friday in June. Tee times are from 10am to 3.30pm, get your name on the sheet asap. Sponsors this month are our Life Members.

## KERRY NAILS 17

Yet again, the 17<sup>th</sup> has yielded a Hole in One, this time to **Kerry Wood** who produced the perfect shot (or his version of it, anyway) and holed out while playing in last week's Mavericks competition. Congratulations to Kerry. (Maybe it was your celebrations that set off the great keg explosion??)