



TABLE TALK

30 November 2018

Programme 2018

1 Dec	All Womens closing day morning, Linney Trophy Stableford, Afternoon Stableford, Monthly Medal Finals, others Par
3 Dec	Midweek Men – Par
4 Dec	Midweek Ladies – Women’s team Stableford Tournament
5 Dec	9 Hole Ladies – Closing Day and Prize Giving, Ambrose
6 Dec	Midweek Ladies – Own 4’s, Midweek Men – Stableford. Twilight Golf 4-6pm
8 Dec	Summer Cup – Stableford, Irish Stableford

Members News

Member Update – from Club Captain Doug Claridge

It looks like the weather for Saturday’s golf will be better than what we had most of this week. If you are playing it will be heavy going if you are wayward off the tee. This week the match committee received a letter from a member in respect to slow play affecting his round of golf. This is not an uncommon issue on our course. It is unproductive to single players out but is an issue we all need to be aware of when playing golf. I consulted the new rules of golf to address this question. If you don’t have a copy, they come into force come January 1st 2019. The best concept to address this question lies in the fundamentals of the game (pg. 18), significantly rule 1.2: Standards of player conduct:

“all players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by;

- *Acting with integrity*
- *Showing consideration to others – by playing at a prompt pace...”*

The concept of Ready golf has been around some time. It is encouraged to allow play to flow, and broadly means that players should play when they are ready, rather than the farthest from the hole plays first stipulation in the Rules of Golf. Remember, keep up with those in front of you, not those behind you. Enjoyment of playing golf is fundamental to why we play the game, a slow waiting game does reduce our enjoyment. Just like the road rules, show consideration to others and be like that bloke towing his caravan to the Sounds; let the traffic backed up behind through!

As the rough gets thicker and the course gets busier in the next few weeks, ready golf, and strategies such as playing a provisional ball if you end up in the rough may help your groups pace of play. The course has coped with the wet November so far, the fairways are lush, the rough jungle like and the greens receptive. On the greens please keep repairing pitch marks on the greens.

The Interclub season is underway, the Metro A and B teams sit up towards the top of their groups early on the season. Both play this weekend; Metro A up are away at Avondale and Metro B are at home to Waimairi Beach. Good luck to both teams. The Presidents team sits in 4th place after 6 rounds.

The Sponsors cup 4 ball best ball finals were played over last weekend. Well done to both ladies and men’s finalists. The ladies match was hard fought, with Joy Lord and Lesley Hedges defeating Anne McKenna and Debbie Scott on the 18th. The men’s grade was won by Alan Dickson and John McCrae defeating Jock Mackay and Bruce Gillespie 5/4.

This week is the Men's Monthly Medal finals off the respective white, blue and black tees, whilst the rest of the field play a par round. The Ladies have a stableford round for the Linney Trophy for the closing day for the morning ladies.

A reminder that the Christmas closing day shotgun is a **12.00pm tee off** instead of the advertised 12.30pm. A BBQ will be going outside the Proshop from 11.00am.

Mens Combined Stableford	
1 st : Coleman+ Hume	79
2 nd : Cameron+ Marshall	78
3 rd :Claridge+ Dale	76

Ladies – Stroke	
1 st : Jill O'Neill	75
2nd: Fiona Nicholls	79

Board Areas of Responsibility

One of the first tasks the new Board undertook after the July AGM was a review of the portfolios and a re-allocation of each Director's area of responsibility. Each area of responsibility is tasked with working alongside the GM and/or the relevant committee to help support initiatives and drive outcomes in line with our strategic plan. These areas of responsibility are listed below;

Property & Contracts – Greg Hedges and Jane Yee
Finance – Greg Hedges/Phil Badger (Chairman)/Jamie Mountier (Finance Director)
Marketing/Sponsorship – Phil Rotherham
Course/Facilities/Health & Safety – Debbie Scott (Deputy Chair)/Greg Hedges
Membership Matters/Communications – Debbie Scott
Governance/Human Resources – Phil Badger
Strategy - ALL

The HGC Board are always available to answer any questions you may have about these areas of responsibility or any other issues relating to the running of the Club."

Pro Shop – A Plea to Members

For some time now we have had an issue with stock variances in the pro shop, particularly in the area of food and beverage items. One of the reasons for this we believe is members are taking a drink from the fridge or food items near the counter and asking staff to take it off their member account as they leave the pro shop. Often this is during busy times when staff are serving others and it is simply impossible for them to then recall who took what items and then enter the transaction in the system. All items purchased should be scanned by staff prior to leaving the shop so can we ask that members please take a bit more time to allow this to happen in busy/peak times. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Monthly Medal Finals Draw – December 1st

Division A (Black)

10.44	McLean	Watkinson	Manyweathers
10.50	Barlow	Tully	Coleman, Terry
10.56	Francis	Herd	Coleman, Ramon

Division B (Blue)

11.02	Cameron	Ophuis	Lippitt
11.08	McKenzie	Hume	McTaggart
11.14	Gold	Wyatt	Mountier Pole

Division C (White)

11.20	Wenmoth	Lang	Teulon
11.26	Barrington	O'Neill	Ott
11.32	Hewitt	Robb	Steel
11.38	Charmley	Ralph	Scott Stanley