

# THE PPGC NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2021, I hope everyone has been able to have a break over the holiday period.

Well, it looks like we all know what it's like to live in Auckland with having 4 seasons in one day of late, hopefully we will be able to enjoy some more usual settled weather soon.

While the rain has been quite welcome in keeping the course looking lovely and green it has certainly meant no respite for the mowers and the extra hours needed by Chris and his band of volunteers.

The Timaru New World Sponsored Teams Stableford tournament was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January with a full field of 120 players, winners on the day were Men's Winners: Maungati Marauders 133 stableford points, Mt Nesson Wanderers 126, Craig Curtis Team 124, Women's Winners: Pin Seekers 119 stableford points, Pic N' Mix 119, Pointsettias 118, Chicks with Sticks 113.

Thanks to Timaru New World and Temuka Hammer Hardware for supplying the prizes.

A good month with 6 new members joining the club. Congratulations this month to Jeff Paul for winning the Singles Knockout and to Heather Mills and Cath Boothroyd for winning the Summer Foursomes.

The Annual Waitangi Day Stableford on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, remember this is open to everyone and the more the merrier.

Entries are open for the Summer Classic and can be completed online on the club's website or entry forms are available in the clubhouse.

Please remember that it's up to us all to help keep the course in the great condition it's in, so please replace divots and repair all pitch marks

Dave Gilkison, President

## MEN'S SECTION

2021 got off to a slow start due to weather but things have improved with 70 players on the 10<sup>th</sup> January. The 17<sup>th</sup> January was our Timaru New World Sponsored Teams Tournament with a full field of 30 teams playing. Many thanks to all who helped making this a very good day.

The singles knockout was won by Jeff Paul

Colin Eddington  
Men's Captain

## WOMEN'S SECTION

Wednesday is the final day of our Summer Stableford & 24 qualifiers will be playing for the Betty Newman Trophy. The ladies who didn't qualify will be playing a stableford round.

Congratulations to Heather Mills & Cath Boothroyd who won the Summer Foursomes with Bev Betts & Mary McIlraith being runner ups.

Also congrats. Winners of the New World teams tournament ladies grade Pin Seekers, Pic N Mix for coming 2nd & Poinsettias for coming 3rd.

Saturday ladies opening is this Saturday 23rd & Wednesday ladies opening on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Harrilyn Beck,  
Women's Captain

## COURSE CONVENOR

Variable weather conditions over the past month have proven to be a challenge to all Greens Staff and volunteers and despite this the management of the course has continued with little disruption.

Greens have been sprayed for disease which under the current conditions can be an issue and sanding again was carried out 2 weeks ago.

Our Green keeper is currently on holiday leave and having a tournament yesterday saw a massive effort being carried out by our course volunteers. Accordingly, I wish to report that for the period Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January, a total of 98 hours of work was carried out on the course and involved 13 volunteer members. Of note is that 2 of these volunteers put in a combined total of 44 hours. So, a sincere thanks to all those involved.

This goes to show how reliant we are on volunteer workers at Pleasant Point. Further-more it is always very pleasing to receive positive comment and feedback on the standard of course presentation. A number of visitors to our club over the past weeks have done just that. Most cannot believe that we maintain a course to a great standard with one paid full time staff person. Most underestimate the value of our volunteer workforce.

Also many of our own members have commented on how good the course has been presented and in particular the improvement to the surface of the greens.

Neville Burt, Course Convenor

## JUNIOR SECTION

A number of Juniors reported that they would attend the Junior Tournament today at Ashburton. This was organized by Aorangi G A and although we have not been approached by Aorangi, perhaps we should make an offer to host a Junior day here.

I had 3 of the most promising Juniors out last week for a little more hands on coaching and they are all keen to come back for another session before school holidays end.

Neville Burt  
Junior Convenor

**PLAYERS PLEASE  
REMEMBER TO CALL OUT  
IF YOUR OR A TEAM MATE'S  
BALL IS GOING ANYWHERE  
NEAR ANY OTHER PLAYERS  
THERE HAVE BEEN SOME  
CLOSE CALLS LATELY**

## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 23 Women's Saturday Opening Stableford, Henderson Trophy
- 27 Women's Opening Day. Joan Gray Trophy 9.30am Start. (Member & Visitor) Greensome
- 29 Robbie Burns Day Booking
- 31 Craigewan Cup 12noon Start. Mixed Canadian Foursome Medal. Starters need to be sought.

### FEBRUARY

- 8 Waitangi Day Tournament. Stableford. 12noon start. (Social Committee)

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