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Newsletter 2021-1

Successful New Year Tournaments

The 2021 **Sponsored Men's and Women's Wine and Roses New Year Tournaments** were extremely popular, with the Wine and Roses fielding 52 players, the most we've had for a number of years. The tournaments attracted members from over 20 Canterbury golf clubs. Both tournaments were played in good heart, bidding for the donated Rounds of Golf was amazing, and a very nice meal topped them off. All in all they were fantastic events for everyone involved, and thanks to our amazing sponsors and volunteers the events raised over \$8,000 for the club.

Battle of the Bays

Another great Battle between the Bays – **Pawsons Valley** was the winner on the day.



Tammy Shannon, Hamish Kay, Steve Shannon and Hayden Clinton

SRB Akaroa Open – Sunday 7th March 2021

Members and green fee players must have been waiting in anticipation for the registrations to open for this annual tournament – the field filled after 7 days - the word must be getting out about our beautiful scenic golf course - with green fee players taking up half the field.

If you were one of the unlucky ones to miss out, please still put your name on the wait list – you may get a call up.

The Committee are now busy contacting sponsors and securing prizes for the tournament – a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make this such a successful tournament – if anyone is able to help on the day please let Rachael know – helping at the tent on No 14, catering, bar, scoring.



New Fairway Mower

The Club was recently fortunate to secure an ex-demo Kubota Baroness Fairway mower – an opportunity too good to pass up. This is your machinery levy in action:



Thank you Pub Charity and CERT

The Committee was successful in obtaining a Grant from **Pub Charity** for the course fertiliser and chemicals for the 2021 season. Pub Charity is proud to be associated with local businesses and hope you will join with us in acknowledging the support and contribution of their local partner – The Grand Hotel (Akaroa).

Last night we also received the fantastic news that the Club was successful in obtaining a grant from **CERT** towards another ex-demo Kubota Greens Mower.

New Fridge & Stove

Thanks to a generous donation from Warwick Neutze on behalf of his Enterprise NZ recruitment firm, the club kitchen now has a beautiful brand new refrigerator and stove to replace the ageing ones. Warwick, a Country A member, doesn't play at Akaroa as often as he'd like, but he loves the club, the course and above all the wonderful camaraderie we share amongst the members. Warwick is an excellent low handicap golfer, and runner-up in last year's senior mens club championship. On behalf of the members a huge thank you Warwick.

Green fee playing rights

A busy Christmas period on the golf course has highlighted a need to remind members that green fee players have the same playing rights as members on competition and non-competition days. Members playing in fours are asked to let couples and single players through, and the same courtesy applies to green fee players.



Rules brush up

Red Pegged Penalty Areas & the “Point Of Entry”

Red Peg Penalty Areas - It seems many of our members have not properly grasped the rules regarding taking relief from red pegged penalty areas. In particular on the 10th. We've had players not observing the red pegged penalty area on the left of the 10th fairway where the trees were felled, assuming all of that area is GUR - wrong! **The GUR only applies to the newly grassed area between the edge of the fairway (cones) and the red pegged penalty area.**

If your ball comes to rest in a red pegged penalty area you **MUST** either play the ball as it lies for no penalty **OR** take relief incurring a one stroke penalty from the 3 options below.

1. Return to where the ball was last hit. If that was on a tee you may tee up.
2. Determine the “Point of Entry” into the penalty area, and take relief from the “Point of Entry” no nearer the hole within 2 club lengths. In many cases this can be 10 to 40 metres further back from where the ball came to rest.
3. Drop a ball as far back as you like, in a straight line from the "point of entry" into the penalty area, and the flag stick.

Some members also haven't grasped the importance of the “**Point of Entry**” rule in out of bounds situations, often unfairly gaining 10 - 40 metres and more.

Out of Bounds - See our local rule 4 on the score cards & local rules notice board.

If your ball goes out of bounds (OB), your options are:-

1. For a one stroke penalty, play a provisional ball from the location of your last stroke, if that was the tee you may tee up and play your third stroke **OR**
2. For a two stroke penalty, (OB) balls may be returned to the fairway at right angles adjacent to the “**Point of Entry**” into the OB, and played within two club lengths of the edge of the adjacent fairway. **They are NOT to be played at right angles from where the ball came to rest OB.** The “Point of Entry” can often be 10 - 40 metres further back, particularly when playing alongside OB boundaries. eg 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15,16,18.

These rules must be observed in all competitions, and become particularly important when visitors see our members flouting the rules, taking an unfair advantage, then following our members lead.

With regard to the temporary GUR between 15 &16 fairways, you may take relief from the **nearest (grassed) point of relief**. Hopefully it won't be long before the grass on 10, 15 & 16 will have regrown and the GUR can be removed.

AS always, If you're unsure of the rules, please ask someone who does know, don't just blindly follow others. And if all else fails, don't have a disagreement with your fellow players, play a second ball from the relevant locations, and record both scores on that hole. Then get a rules decision back at the club after your game. Most disputes sort themselves out - don't ruin yours or your fellow players game over rules disputes. We're all playing for fun - not hassles.

Gary Knight
AGC President



President Gary Knight presenting the Lavericks Jug to Club Captain Ken Elliott, co-winner Mike (the burglar) Regan was absent for the presentation.

Hayden Clinton – 10 year anniversary

This month our Greenkeeper Hayden clocks over 10 years with Akaroa Golf Club. Hayden's contribution to the Club was recognised at a morning tea with the Committee.



Lockers available

There are several lockers available for hire \$50 per annum. Contact Rachael if you are interested.

Lost golf clubs and other property

Missing a golf club? It may well be in the growing collection in the office. Have a check next time you are there.



Akaroa Golf Club Centennial Celebrations – save the date!

Akaroa Golf Club will be celebrating its Centenary the weekend of **22 April 2022**. This date is also 55 years to the day since the first official game of golf was played on the current Duvauchelle Course.

The Centenary Committee are planning a full weekend of festivities including golf, cocktail party, official dinner and lots more. They are also on the lookout for photos, videos and interesting short stories. If you have anything appropriately suitable please make it known to Rachael at the Club. Sponsors for the event are also being sought.



Former Club President & Captain Paul Le Lievre found his ball in an unusual spot on 15 recently.

Opening Day – Saturday 13 February

Bring a Partner and a **Plate** (a packet of biscuits will suffice if you don't have time to bake!) to play for the **Grant Dickey Trophy** (Mixed Best Ball Par). Prizes kindly sponsored by Grant Dickey.

Mens Match Play Club Champions – qualifying rounds

A reminder from your Club Captain that to qualify for the Mens Match Play Championships members must play in **one** of the two qualifying rounds – Saturday 27 February or Saturday 13 March 2021. If entering the Match Play Champs, members must also make sure they are available to play Club Finals on Saturday 10 April 2021.

Entries for **Lavericks Jug** and **Armstrong Cup** close at the end of February. Sign-up sheet in the downstairs foyer.

AGC Programme 2021

Programme books available for collection from the office or view online at <http://akaroagolf.co.nz/members-programme/>

The following changes have been made to the 2021 Womens Programme:

- Wed 13 October – Akaroa Women's Pairs Combined Stableford Tournament
- Wed 20 October – Women's Stroke Championships Round 1. *LGU; Grace Thacker Trophy
- Wed 27 October – Women's Stroke Championships Round 2. Grace Thacker Trophy
- Wednesday 3 November – Women's Stroke Championships Round 3. Grace Thacker Trophy
- Wednesday 10 November – LGU Count Putts
- Wednesday 17 November – Trophy (Closing) Day Carmen McCormick Rosebowl



There have also been changes to the Womens Interclub venues and start times from the printed programme book (new venues highlighted below):

February 2021

Tue	9	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes
Wed	10	*LGU
Fri	11	<i>Captains Day Men & Women: Waitikiri</i>
Sat	13	Grant Dickey Trophy <i>Mixed Best Ball Par</i> Bring a partner and plate.
Mon	15	<i>CC 18 Hole (6's) Interclub Rnd 2: McLeans Island (9.30am)</i> <i>CC 18 Hole (Silver) Interclub Rnd 2: Russley (9.30am)</i>
Tue	16	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes
Wed	17	Stroke Count Putts
Sat	20	Captains Choice
Mon	22	<i>CC 18 Hole (6's) Interclub Rnd 3: Waitikiri (9.30am)</i>
Tue	23	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes
Wed	24	All Irons including up to 2 hybrid clubs
Sat	27	Mens Stroke Play Champs Rnd 1 Medal Round and Count Putts Seafield Tray - <i>Best Aggregate Nett over all 3 Stroke rounds</i> Qualifying round for Mens Match Play Club Champs ENTRIES CLOSE FOR LAVERICKS AND ARMSTRONG CUPS

MARCH 2021

Mon	1	<i>CC 18 Hole (Silver) Interclub Rnd 3: Clearwater (9.30am)</i>
Tue	2	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes
Wed	3	Final DIC Cup; Others Stroke, Final Summer Cup
Sat	6	Stableford – Shoot-out qualifying and silent pairs (2) Tiffany Stewart Tray <i>4BBB Mixed Stableford</i>
Sun	7	SRB Akaroa Open Tournament - Mixed
Mon	8	<i>CC 18 Hole (6's) Interclub Rnd 4: Waimak Gorge (9.30am)</i> <i>CC 18 Hole (Silver) Interclub Rnd 4: Weedons (9.30am)</i>
Tue	9	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes Shootout Final
Wed	10	Balguerie Trophy
Sat	13	Men's Stroke Play Champs Rnd 2 Medal Round and Count Putts Qualifying round for Mens Match Play Club Champs
Sun	14	<i>CC Patterson Cup Rnd 1 (both zones): Ellesmere</i> <i>CC Brownie Cup Rnd 1: Hororata 11am</i>
Tue	16	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes
Wed	17	Coronation Medal & Aotearoa Cup. *LGU. <i>National Teams Qualifying</i> Entries close for Womens Club Championships



Sat	20	Men's Match Play Club Championships <i>Quarter Finals</i> Non-qualifiers Stableford Mixed
Sun	21	<i>CC Patterson Cup Rnd 2 (split zones): Charteris Bay/Kaituna</i> <i>CC Brownie Cup Rnd 2: Tai Tapu</i>
Mon	22	<i>CC 18 Hole (6's) Interclub Rnd 5: Clearwater (9.30am)</i> <i>CC 18 Hole (Silver) Interclub Rnd 5: TBC (9.30am)</i>
Tue	23	Twilight 9 or 12 Holes
Wed	24	<i>Women's Club Championships Rnd 1</i>
Sat	27	Men's Match Play Club Championships <i>Semi Finals</i> Non-qualifiers Stableford Mixed
Mon	29	<i>CC 18 Hole (Silver) Interclub Rnd 6: Waitikiri (9.30am)</i>
Wed	31	<i>Women's Club Championships Rnd 2</i>