

2023 AKAROA RYDER CUP

9am SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2023

It's back! Following a 2 year exile due to Covid the 'Ryder Cup' tournament is back for 2023.

The inaugural 2019 event was very closely matched and the Kiwi's eventually prevailed by just 1 point! The 2020 event was an epic draw (20 points to each team). These are recorded on the new Trophy (a replica of the Ryder Cup Trophy) which now resides in the club Trophy cabinet. The Ryder Cup tournament always promotes a high degree of friendly rivalry between the 2 teams (Kiwi's and Internationals/Expats) and this is particularly evident 'post match' in the clubhouse.

The Ryder Cup is a match play competition between 2 teams of players which is compressed into 3 x 9 hole comp's played in one day: Morning Foursomes then Fourball best ball followed by afternoon Singles match play. Opposing players will be matched as closely as possible by handicap to minimise giving shots.

Essentially, the 2 teams are labelled 'Kiwi' and 'International' (or Expat). The term 'International' (or Expat) being loosely based on country of origin or any other tenuous connection you can come up with.

Each team (Ladies and Men) consists of a multiple of 4 players. Ladies and men play separately in their own 4 balls. There is no fixed limit for numbers of participants but, most importantly, the numbers in each team must be equal so we may need to make up Expat numbers using some fairly historic connections! For example, John and Amanda Clarke are joining the Expats this year due to their French origins – yes really!

A large exterior scoreboard is maintained at the clubhouse to enhance the rivalry! 1 point is awarded in respect of each match.

Special 9 hole cards have been developed for this tournament and these will be handed out and explained on the day. These, and the carefully calculated handicaps, will be unlike anything you have played to before but have proved very fair and acceptable in the past.

In 2019 we fielded 8 Ladies and 24 Men (32 points in total). In 2020 we had 12 Ladies and 28 Men (40 points in total). We hope to improve on that for 2023!

Interest is invited from all AGC members but we need to identify the participants in advance so we can match up the players in each team. Kaituna members are also welcome. An official WHS golf handicap (max 32) is required. Anyone with a higher handicap will be restricted to 32. Each participant will need to play the full 27 holes. There will be a lunch break from 1-2pm (allowing 4 hrs for the morning fourball matches).

A \$10 entry fee will apply - to include a closing Sausage sizzle and team, individual and 'discretionary' prizes. Fancy dress is encouraged – and rewarded. All proceeds go to the club.

Initially, a fairly accurate idea of the level of interest is needed. There is a sign up sheet on the notice board. Please get your name down as early as possible to be sure of a place. Due to the format of this tournament (matching Lady and Men players together in groups of 4), we cannot risk being let down at the last minute. If you are not certain of your availability, please identify your entry as provisional and I'll check with you in advance of the tournament. I would also be grateful for volunteers to help with the scoreboard, sausage sizzle etc.

If you like fun match play, you'll love this tournament!

Please feel free to contact me for any reason on 02040618375 or email paul.broderick2@btinternet.com. I will be happy to add your name to the list for you if you wish. Let's hope for good golfing weather.

AKAROA GOLF CLUB

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LADIES AND GENTS 27 HOLE
MATCHPLAY TOURNAMENT

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KIWIS VS EXPATS

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