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WELCOME TO AGC

Welcome to the 20 new members who have joined our club since my last newsletter in January. We were thrilled to have seven members join after playing in the Battle of the Bays Tournament. I hope you are enjoying your membership and making the most of our facilities.

Rachael Court,
Secretary/Manager

SRB AKAROA OPEN

The popularity of this annual tournament continues to increase, with a full oversubscribed field within days of the entries opening. Resident players from the Peninsula came together with golfers from all over Christchurch and Canterbury.

After eight years of near perfect weather for golf, this year's event was played in the pouring rain, putting a damper on the game for some, but not the after golf auctions, celebrations and presentations. Raising another record income result for the club from the many donated items.

Income from this annual tournament is a major contributor to the financial viability of the club, and helps us to maintain modest membership fees, and steadily improve the course and club facilities. The great result this year will also allow us to donate a proportion of the tournament income to the golf club communities on the North Island that were severely damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle.

On behalf of our club committee, staff and membership we're truly grateful for the continued support and generosity of all our Tournament Sponsors, and special thank you to our Major Sponsors Saunders Robinson Brown and Bayleys Akaroa.

Gary Knight, AGC President

SRB Akaroa Open Results:

Senior 0-10

Best Gross - Chris Reid 70

1st Nett - Craig Blanchfield 66

2nd Nett - Hamish Niles 68

3rd Nett - Warwick Neutze 70

4th Nett – Simon Packman 71

5th Nett – Hayden Clinton 71

6th Nett – Kevin Simcock 71

Intermediate 11-16

Best Gross - Ben Wood 76

1st Nett – Graham Taylor 67

2nd Nett – Bob Cole 68

3rd Nett - Carl Sloss 69

4th Nett - Jake Davies 70

5th Nett - Paul Broderick 70

6th Nett - Greg Buchanan 71 (by lot)

Junior 17+

Best Gross - Owen Barnes 79

1st Nett - Tony Johnstone 61

2nd Nett – Steve Dynes 62

3rd Nett – Pol Jannet 63

4th Nett - Tim McGoldrick 65

5th Nett - Frank Mo 67

6th Nett – James Redmayne 68 (by lot)

<u>Women</u>

Best Gross - Alice Tan 87

1st Nett – Alexia Brownie 69

2nd Nett – Amy Lui 79

3rd Nett – Gaye Van Tulder 81

4th Nett - Meg Errington 82

5th Nett – Faye Narbey 83 (by lot)

Closest to the Pins

3 – Alice Tan

7 - Ben Wood

9 – Amy Lui

13 - Chris Reid

17 - Chris Reid

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Battle of the Bays Winners:



Pawsons Valley:

James Redmayne, Jenny Clark, Jake Davies and Mitchell Redmayne

Ryder Cup winners:

Ex-Pats 31.5 to Kiwis 28.5 points.



Paul Broderick (right) accepts the Ryder Cup for 2023 on behalf of the Ex-Pats.

TWILIGHT

Twilight Shootout was held on Tuesday 14 March, with 10 qualifiers competing for the trophy.

Mason and his dad Hayden were the last two standing on No. 18. Congratulations **Mason!**

Join in the last Tuesday Twilight for this summer on 28th March, tee off 4-4.30pm.



U18 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Best nett 18 holes played on Sunday 19th March:

1st Harry Johnstone 66 2nd (tied) Gus Johnstone and Will Manson 67 3rd Lachie Shannon 71

Huge thank you to Amanda Clark for organising the U18 Competitions



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CANTERBURY WOMENS INTERCLUB

The Ladies Interclub was hosted at Akaroa on Monday 13 February. Over 90 people from 15 clubs participated so it was a full field. It wouldn't have been possible without all the volunteers who helped on the day though. The men (as well as Kay and Ros) who did 'spotting' on the course for us and Gary who manned the bar. The ladies did a superb job in the kitchen – bringing home baked goodies for morning tea and then serving lunch and doing all the cleaning and tidying up. Thank you all so much for the time you gave up to make the day such a success. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed our hospitality - AND our team had a 5/1 win which was fantastic.

Meg Errington Interclub Team Manager

GREENS TEAM HARD AT WORK

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped remove the third pine tree between 1 & 12 Fairways on Monday 20th February.

Great work from Hayden, Grant and Owen to trim the hedges and tidy up some of the Tee blocks so the course was at its best for the SRB Tournament.

The Bridge at No.1 is currently getting a facelift. Big thanks to Graham Leys.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS DAY

The Men and Women's Match Play Finals will be played on **Saturday 1 April**, with the first final starting at 8.45am, and the 18 hole finals starting at 10am.

Come down and support your fellow members!

Upcoming Course Closures

- Saturday 1st April AGC Club Champs; closed until 2.30pm (postponement date 2nd April)
- Sunday 23rd April Mens Interclub
- Sunday 7th May Mens Interclub

AGC MERINO JERSEYS

Mens XL and XXL *True Fleece*Merino Jerseys
for sale at a
special price of
\$80

Perfect for Winter Golf!



CENTENARY SHIRTS AND CAPS

It's great to see so many members wearing the AGC Centenary t-shirt and cap. Available from the office \$40 shirts and \$15 caps.



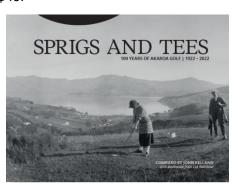
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SPRIGS AND TEES 100 years of Akaroa Golf 1922-2022

A wonderful history of Akaroa Golf Club compiled by John Kelland with assistance from Liz Carter and Lee Robinson.

Limited copies are available from the office \$40.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

As quoted in *Sprigs and Tees* by Life Member Bruce Morton "A small country course like Akaroa relies heavily on voluntary labour...without all this labour these golf courses would never have been developed".

Our Club relies on voluntary labour, time and professional skills. We are always looking for volunteers whether it be for bar service, help at tournaments, catering, social media, technology, advertising, legal services, or working bees....the list is long...

If you are willing to be called upon to help in any area please let Rachael know.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Members golf cart hire rate of \$20
- Members rate for clubroom hire
- Members Guest Green Fees for your friends \$20 for nine holes; \$30 for 18 holes.
- Locker hire \$50 per annum

LOCKERS

There are lockers available for hire at the clubhouse. Please contact Rachael if you are interested. \$50 per annum.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our members and green fee player safety is paramount when out on the course and in the clubhouse. Please adhere to any H&S notices on the course, they are there for your safety.

Remember to report any incidents or new hazards to Hayden or Rachael.

The H&S Noticeboard is located in the downstairs lobby, where you will find our Hazard Register, Emergency Procedures, and Accident/Incident Forms.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Akaroa Golf on Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/akaroagolf

DIFFICULT SHOT

Peter Steel on the 8th - his tee shot up a tree (above his club to the left) his next shot went even further up the tree - should have taken an unplayable.....

