Akaroa Golf Club News

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WELCOME TO AGC

Since the last AGC News in November 2021, we have welcomed another 43 new members to our club, bringing our membership to a total of 270. It is really exciting to see we now have 30 Junior (U18 years) members. A very warm welcome to these members. We hope you are enjoying your time at the club.

It was wonderful to see such a busy Christmas/New Year period on the course. Booking tee times became the norm during this time, not something we have had to do in the past. It was great to see so many green fee players enjoying the course.

Our New Year Tournaments were once again very popular, as was the Battle of Bays held at the end of January which was won by Team Little River.

Rachael Court, Secretary/Manager

TUESDAY TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight golf has seen steady numbers every Tuesday, with a regular group of Juniors enjoying the competition. I think a highlight might be the comradery and prizes in the clubhouse afterwards!



Peter Miller won the 2022 Twilight Shootout, with Thomas Court winning the Junior Shootout. The final round for Twilight for this summer will be Tuesday 29th March.



GREENS

Course conditions

With what felt like rain every second week over Summer, the Greens team have certainly been busy keeping the course in top notch condition for the busy summer season, New Year Tournaments, Battle of the Bays and our recent SRB Akaroa Open. I have never seen the course so green for this time of year.

Course projects

There has been great publicity in the Akaroa Mail documenting the renovations of the Old Club House. It has been water blasted, cleaned down and repainted. Thanks to Owen Barnes, Rob Berry, Grant Robertson and Graham Fleck.

Upcoming Course closures

- Monday 28 March 2022 Womens Interclub
- Sunday 10 April 2022 Mens Interclub
- Saturday 23 April 2022 AGC Club Champs
- Sunday 8 May 2022 Mens Interclub

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MENS MATCH PLAY AND STROKE PLAY CHAMPS; CLUB DAY

26 March - Mens Stroke Play Round 2 and Mens Match Play Qualifying (FINAL) Round and Medal Round Count Putts

2 April - Mens Match Play QUARTER FINAL

9 April - Mens Match Play SEMI FINAL

16 April – U18 Club Champs Qualifying Round, 9.30am start (best 2 nett scores proceed to finals)

23 April - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS - MEN AND WOMEN (postponed from 2 April - see programme book/website for start times).

24 April - Postponement date for Club Champs



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SRB AKAROA OPEN TOURNAMENT

Our annual **SRB Akaroa Open Tournament** held on Sunday 6th March was another successful fundraiser for our club, not to mention a most enjoyable day for the field of players from all over Canterbury. A huge thank you to all our local and Christchurch businesses and members who supported this tournament, and our volunteers who bring it together to make it such a fun and successful day. I lost count of how many teams wanted to pre-register for 2023!

With over **\$5,000** in prizes up for grabs, each Grade were presented with Best Gross and 1st-6th place Nett, to name a few:

Women

Best Gross – Judi Grant 85 1^{st} Nett – Claire White 70 2^{nd} nett – Mandy Walsh 73

Senior

Best Gross – Steven Yang 66 1st Nett – Chris Reid 64 2nd Nett – Mark Walker 66

Intermediate

Best Gross – Ji Huang 78 1st Nett – Murray Issacs 68 2nd Nett – Mike Dawson 70

Junior

Best Gross – Hugh Fraser 83 1^{st} Nett – Rob Harris 65 2^{nd} Nett – Peter Guthrey 68



Steven Yang – Best Gross 66













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AGC CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

30 September, 1-2 October 2022

The Akaroa Golf Club Centenary Committee decided to postpone the centennial celebrations planned for the end of April, and hold them instead on the last weekend in September.

The decision was not taken lightly. However, we had to consider what would happen if Covid was still widespread in April, and the possibility of many people not being able to attend. It was felt that it was not worth the risk and so we decided to postpone until later in the year. We believe the Club celebrating 100 years is something special and deserves to be done in style. Registrants have been informed of this postponement.

We still welcome expressions of interests to attend any part of the Centenary Celebrations. Please contact Rachael 03 304 5704 or akaroagolf@xtra.co.nz

OPENING DAY WINNERS

Winners of the Grant Dickey Sponsored Opening Day Trophy played on 12 February:

Simon Hadfield and Claire White



CANTERBURY CENTRAL CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

In December 2021 Akaroa Golf Club hosted the annual Canterbury Central Christmas Tournament.

The Trophy was won by *Hayden Clinton and Carole Steele (Charteris Bay).* 2nd James Anderson and Meg Errington; and 3rd Amanda Clark and Jon Clark.



SPONSORSHIP

The club welcomes new Hole Sponsors:

No 1 – Enterprise Recruitment (Warwick Neutze)

- No 17 Trenzseater (Ben Lewis)
- No 18 Akaroa Butchery and Deli

The club are very appreciative of the support from our sponsors. Talk to Rachael today about a Hole Sponsorship Package which includes a golf membership.

We'd also like to thank **Akaroa Criterion Motel (Murray Behrent and Felicity Taylor)** for their continued sponsorship of the longest Putt on No. 18 every Saturday.



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THANK YOU TO PUB CHARITY

The Club was recently successful in obtaining a Grant from *Pub Charity* for another **Club Cart**. This will bring our total fleet of club owned carts to four. The carts have been very popular over the Summer period, especially with green fee players.

BAR PRICE CHANGES

From 1st April 2022 the following bar prices come into effect:

- Beer stubbie \$6 (Special four stubbies for \$22)
- Glass of wine \$7
- Bottle of wine \$28

From 1 April the value of a Competition Bar Voucher will increase to \$6.

Vouchers given out pre 1 April will remain at \$5.

JUNIOR CONVENOR

We are seeking expressions of interest for a Convenor for the Junior Members. If you are interested please contact Ken Elliott or Rachael Court akaroagolf@xtra.co.nz.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Save the date: Wednesday 8th June 2022

AGC GOLF PROGRAMME 2022

The 2022 Programme Booklet is available for collection at the clubrooms or download a copy at http://akaroagolf.co.nz/members-programme/

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

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