

## **AKAROA RYDER CUP TOURNAMENT - DESCRIPTION**

**9am SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

An important date for your diary, the 6<sup>th</sup> Ryder Cup event following the 1st - a Kiwi win, the 2nd - a draw, the 3<sup>rd</sup> - an Expat win, the 4<sup>th</sup> - another draw (32 points to each team), and the 5th (earlier this year) an expat win. These are recorded on the Trophy (a replica of the prestigious Ryder Cup Trophy).

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.

Our Ryder Cup mimics the format of the bi annual Ryder Cup played between the USA and Europe. It is a match play competition between 2 teams of players which is compressed into 3 x 9 hole matches 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.

Here, the 2 teams are labelled 'Kiwi' and 'International' (or Expat). 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 – perhaps using some fairly tenuous or historic connections!

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

Special match cards have been developed for this tournament and these will be handed out on the day.

Team member numbers have grown each year and in February 2025 we fielded 20 Ladies and 52 Men (72 points in total).

Entries are invited from all Akaroa GC and Kaituna GC members. Traditionally, we have also welcomed partners and visiting family (by discretion – please apply). All players must have an official WHS golf handicap (max playing handicap is 32 for both men and ladies). Anyone with a higher handicap will be restricted to 32. Each participant must play the full 27 holes. There will be a lunch break from 1-2pm (allowing 4 hrs for the morning fourball matches).

Please bring your own lunch or contact the AGC office beforehand to request sandwiches for collection on the day. If you need to rent a cart, please order it from the AGC office well in advance.

There will also be a putting competition in the clubhouse throughout the day with prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A \$10 match entry fee is payable upon arrival/registration. There will be awarded team, individual and 'discretionary' prizes. Fancy dress is encouraged – and rewarded. Also, the tournament will be followed by a free sausage sizzle

There is a signup sheet on the notice board in the bar area. Please get your name down as soon as possible. I will email all participants at least a week before the event to confirm your availability before putting the fourball teams together. If you don't hear from me you're not on my list- so please contact me urgently!

The emphasis for this event is on FUN. Don't be put off by the match play format. There will be plenty of experience/help in each fourball. Ladies are particularly encouraged to participate and any help in recruitment in that respect would be greatly appreciated. There is always massive positive feedback from the vast majority of participants so please give it a try.

Our contact for this event is Paul Broderick. Please feel free to contact Paul (not the AGC Office) for any reason on 02040618375 (preferably text) or email paul.broderick2@btinternet.com. Let's hope for good golfing weather.