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FEILDING GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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1.30pm – 4.00pm

Feilding's own All Black



Aaron with his biggest fan, Lois Mills



Aaron has a side bet with
Granddad, Gordon Smith



The Green Jacket boys & Aaron

On a recent visit home over Easter, Aaron Smith, Halfback for NZ All Blacks, asked Granddad if he could join him in a game with the Green Jacket Boys. The boys were happy to pose before teeing off!

A few members will remember Aaron as a junior member of our club. Often on a visit home, Aaron will have a game with either Granddad or a mate, something he enjoys doing if he can fit in with his commitments.

One of Aaron's biggest fans is Lois Mills, who used to have Aaron do her hair when Aaron worked in 'Cut Loose' for Hayley Green. Aaron was very happy to catch up with Lois.

The Arohanui Hospice Tournament Fundraising Committee thanks Aaron for donating one of his practice jerseys, which fetched a very good price in the Auction. Aaron was delighted to hear this went well for his old club.

New Members:

MEN:

Carl Davidson
Rodney James
Michael Riordan

JUNIORS:

Hugo Early
Joshua Edwards
Kees Kaiuha
Jack Kuiti
Alister McKay
Tyrese Thomas



May Tee Sponsors:

AON Insurance
Bartrop Graham
Automotive Direct

Practice Fairway Closed:

Tuesday 4pm to 5pm
for the Juniors

Scorecards:

A reminder to please
leave scorecards at the
Golf Course you play at.

Members are reminded
that Membership cards are
required to be carried
when the bar is open, and
that all visitors who are not
reciprocal golf club
members are required to
be signed in by a club
member.

Please check it out!



<http://www.lovegolf.co.nz/>

Coming Events

May 2015

Sunday 24th – Men – Palmanui Shield (8) Feilding vs Levin

Friday 29th – Visitors for Queens Birthday Weekend Tournament

Saturday 30th – Mens Queens Birthday Weekend – Course Closed

Sunday 31st – Mens Queens Birthday Weekend – Course Closed

Juniors

Juniors have recommenced Tuesday after school from 4pm to 5pm, also Sunday coaching and competitions as programmed.

Feilding High School have had their first golf Championship, played here at Feilding GC The winner for 2015 was Ethan Ward.

Jayden Hunter and Liam Finlayson both played in the LawnMaster held at the Manawatu Golf Club. Liam went on to make the cut and Jayden just missed out. Both Jayden & Liam played in the New Zealand Stroke play held at Paraparaumu Golf Club but unfortunately both missed the cut and did not play the weekend.

Liam played in the South Island Under 19 held at the Coringa Golf Club in Christchurch. He came 3rd overall receiving the Bronze Medal from NZ Golf and 2nd in the Under 17 for which he received a Silver Medal.

On Thursday 30th April the Manawatu Wanganui Secondary School Championships are being held at the Marton Golf Club. Ethan Ward, Jack Walker, Jayleb Schwamm and Jacob Thomas will be playing for Feilding High School. Liam Finlayson & Mitchell Floyd-Naylor will be playing for Palmerston North Boys High School.

Greenkeeper's Notes

Coring was held up due to the weather conditions.

Unfortunately Stephen is off work for a few weeks following injury from a hydraulic hose. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Glen is taking Annual Leave during the month with our staff and volunteers pitching in.

13th Green (side) - awaiting repair to a leak in the pipe.

6th Fairway – right-hand hump will be mown as fairway, left-hand hump will be rough. Watering will be added to keep the planting alive through next summer.

5th Tee – awaiting on more sleepers then will be planted in low growing hedge.



2015 Ladies Premier Challenge



The annual Womens 2 Day Premier Challenge Golf Tournament was held on Thursday 16th April at the Rangatira Golf Club and Friday 17th at the Feilding Golf Club. Winners of the Travel Vouchers sponsored by Feilding United Travel and presented by Roz Chapman were Jenny Anderson (Eketahuna) and Liz Signal (Clearwater, ex Feilding). A full field of 120 players, extending from Royal Auckland down to Royal Wellington, enjoyed the 2 days of play with stunning weather at Rangatira and an evening dinner at the Feilding Clubhouse.

Maadi Plate



ANZAC DAY 25th April 2015

Trevor Ward with 2015 joint winners Tony Boxall, Nick Davies & Guido Beijersbergen. Absent was David Roxburgh.



Nancy McCormick Foursomes



The Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursome was played on Sunday 12th April. This year was well supported with a turnout of twenty ladies, playing in pairs, the best for many years.

Weather conditions were often testing, with a few showers on and off, and also strong winds in places. As we have been rather spoilt with a long hot summer, the ladies were pleased to get inside the clubhouse and relax!

Congratulations to Fiona Hunter and Von Walker, the winners of this New Zealand - wide 36 Hole Tournament.

Second were Mary Smith and Annette Waugh, and third were Barbara Kingi and Ann Stewart. Well done girls, a great effort.

President's Report

The internal project on the clubhouse is nearing completion on the painting front. Again huge thanks for the efforts and quality of work put in by Terry Burgham, Terry Bird, Vince Tanner, Pat White, Tom Lovejoy and Royse Hooker. We now have a much brighter and attractive look to our place and we have had three enquiries for hiring of it. This will go a long way to paying for the paint, and with all the labour being volunteered we have saved plenty. Please thank the guys if you see them around.

Next step is we are looking at redoing the partitioning between the two bar areas for members and functions that will be removable (like fold up screens). Anyone who has access to these or can manufacture please let any of the House and Bar committee know. As we are again trying to save the costs while ending up with a professional looking finish.

The new sun filter blinds are now all installed, with curtaining on order for the large windows at the end of the dining area. I ask that you only touch these blinds if you have been instructed on how to wind them up or down. One or two blinds are showing the early signs of fraying.

The work on the 18th green has started, we are accumulating as much fill as we can while it is available via Higgins and other companies. Unfortunately we do not yet have the initial thoughts on the design but this will be on display as soon as we do, so we can gather feedback. Apologies for the disruption to play, but in the meantime we need to use what we can while we can get it and not pay for the fill. Again a huge thanks to the volunteers who are putting this together with Con Heinold taking charge of this with his time and equipment. Also Pat White gives his time again and others also.

This will likely happen over the next 6 weeks with shaping looking like it will happen in early July. The alternative 8th green will be brought into play sooner than expected and will be worked on a day to day basis. Due to Health and Safety of people working in the area, when the alternative green is in use there will be a sign on the 18th tee areas.

We had some great comments from both the Ladies Premier Challenge and the recent Pennant Round and from visitors on the state of the course and the projects going on. I hope everyone is enjoying the state of the course (up until coring) and the hard work going in.



Easter Sunday
Tournament prize table

Mary Smith, Shirley
Frederickson &
Jane Bolton-Riley

Recently, the 9 Hole Mixed Group invited St Johns to demonstrate CPR and the Zoll AED PLUS Machine (which now hangs under the First Aid Box, in the downstairs foyer). Thanks St John, for giving your time for this life saving action.



Don & John
Graham

Matthew
Wilson

Sharon Howe &
Don Finlayson

Hole In One

WHO - Stuart Atkins

WHERE - 2nd Hole

WHEN - Sunday 26th April.

Stuart played his first round of golf at Gisborne Park, aged 9. Since then he has strived to score a Hole In One, finally succeeding when playing A Grade Pennants at his home Club Feilding. Congratulations Stuart.



Treasurer's Report

The first 6 months of the current financial year has been 'steady as we go' We are holding our own with the bank balances similar to last year at the end of March.

Income overall is steady, subs are down a little and green fees down about \$2,000. On the expenditure side of the ledger, a very good job in controlling costs is being achieved. Thanks must go to our staff and those on the committees eg. Grounds and House & Bar. Special thanks to Ann who co-ordinates all these numbers and keeps a close watch over it all.

You will note improvements that have occurred around the Clubhouse. This expenditure is a result of the funds raised at last years Social Night & Auction. The old Workshop area is being repainted by Roddy McCabe with funds raised by the Men last year with the 'Cross Country Golf' day.

Also of note is the 18th Green. As has been my personal approach that all capital will be funded from Grants – this is to be the case for the redesigned 18th Green.

Finally, I believe the Club to be in a sound financial position with very little borrowing and this will place us in good stead for the future.

Geoff Shannon – Honorary Treasurer.



Good Bunker Etiquette

HOW TO USE THE RAKE:

As you leave a bunker, using both hands, push the sand away from you. Never leave a footprint visible when you leave a bunker.

WHERE TO LEAVE THE RAKE:

Place the head of the rake in the centre of the Bunker, with the end of the handle at the outside edge of the bunker.

While many larger Clubs may prefer the rakes be left outside of the bunkers, it is unreasonable and time consuming to expect a Greenkeeper (with limited time) to stop mowing to shift rakes.



CLUB FITTING DAY

THE NEW
G30
SERIES



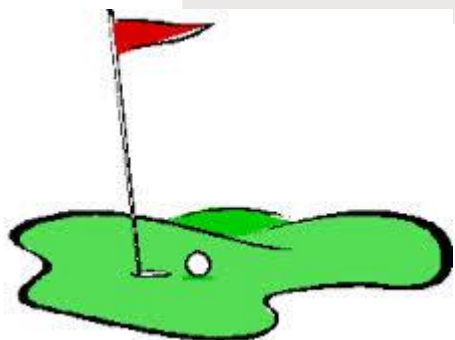
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