

Tairua Golf and Country Club



56th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 25 November 2023

8.30 a.m.

Tairua Golf and Country Club House

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Notice of 2023 Annual General Meeting



56th Annual General Meeting

of the Tairua Golf and

Country Club

Saturday 25th November 2023,

8.30am at the Clubhouse

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on 26th November 2022
3. Matters Arising:
4. Reports:
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Health and Safety Report
 - c. Course Convenor's Report
 - d. Men's Golf Report
 - e. Ladies Golf Report 9 and 18 -Hole
 - f. Golf Croquet Captain's Report
 - g. Finance and Auditors Report
5. Election of Officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Board Members - 2 at large
 - c. Men's Golf Captain
6. Patron confirmation
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. General Business

Board Members 2023

President

Ken Edwards

Men's Club Captain

Michael McCann

Ladies' Club Captain

Jan Stanley

Golf Croquet Captain

Michelle McLean

Board Members at Large

Steven Fang

John Fraser

Brian Fellows

Vacant

Confirmation of Minutes of the 2022 AGM

MINUTES OF THE 55TH GOLF AGM HELD AT THE TGCC

SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER AT 8.30 A.M.

Ken Edwards welcomed everyone to this year's 55th AGM.

Present:

R. Buckthought, A. Eltringham, G. Eltringham, J. Fellows, R. Ford, G. Jamieson, M. Jamieson, B. Welch, A. Wilson, S. Fellows, J. Harrop, B. Birdsall, R. Rundle, V. Bradley, T. Larsen, R. Abbott, J. Birdsall, B. Boveland, P. Boveland, D. Bruce, M. Cory-Wright, J. Cosford, B. Crawford, R. Crossman, K. Edwards, B. Farquhar, B. Fellows, L. Ison, J. McCann, M. McCann, S. McDonnell, A. McGuire, R. McLean, W. Rogers, R. Russell, D. Wallace, E. Young

Apologies:

A. Larsen, D. Rundle, L. Radford, J. Fraser, K. Hale, J. Chalmers, B. Chalmers, B. Mansen, N. Hammond, S. Fang, J. Dey, S. Poland, R. Hunter, P. Welch, K. Crossman.

Moved Tina Larsen

Seconded Bruce Crawford

1. The MINUTES of the 54th Golf AGM held on Saturday 27th November 2021.

That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted.

Moved: Rick McLean

Seconded: Bronwyn Boveland. All in favour. Carried.

2. Reports

All reports were circulated before the meeting.

That the reports be accepted

a. Presidents Report:

Moved: Diane Bruce

Seconded: Liz Young

All in favour. Carried.

b. Health and Safety Report

Moved: Tina Larsen

Seconded: Bruce Crawford

All in favour. Carried.

c. Course Convenor's Report

Moved: Jenny Cosford

Seconded: Ross Cambie

All in favour. Carried.

d. Men's Golf Report

Moved: Rick McLean

Seconded: Ron Abbott

e. Ladies Golf Report 9 and 18-Hole Reports

Moved: Tina Larsen

Seconded: Joyce Birdsall

All in favour. Carried.

f. Golf Croquet

Moved: Bruce Crawford

Seconded: Diane Bruce

g. Financial and Auditor's Reports:

Moved: Paul Bovelander

Seconded: Dave Wallace

5. Election of Officers:

Member at Large

Jean McCann is stepping down as a member of the Board as at the 26th November 2022. No nominations for this position of Member at large were received and the Board has the right in the light of the current constitution Article 11 to co-opt a member to temporarily fill this vacancy.

Ladies Golf Captain

Jan Stanley proposed by Jean McCann, seconded by Anna McGuire being the only nomination for the role of Ladies Golf Captain is elected unopposed.

Board Members for 2022/23

Ken Edwards *President*, Brian Fellows *Course Convenor*, John Fraser *Health and Safety*, Steven Fang *Member at Large*, Jan Stanley *Ladies Golf Club Captain*, Mike McCann *Men's Golf Club Captain*, Michelle McLean *Golf Croquet*.

6. Confirmation of Patron

Confirmation that Margaret and Alan Wilson to continue the role of Patrons.

Moved: Ken Edwards

Seconded: Tina Larsen All in favour. Carried.

7. Appointment of Auditor

The current Auditor Lisa Radford of Phillip's and Co Ltd, and a current club member has indicated she is available to continue in this position. There being no other nomination for Auditor, the TGCC reappoint Lisa Radford of Phillip's and Co Ltd as the Club's auditor.

8. General Business:

Motions Proposed by the Board as amendments to the Constitution.

The following to be put as a motion to the AGM as change in the Constitution needed.

9 Membership Admission of Members

(i) Every applicant for membership of the Club shall be proposed by any financial Club member and seconded by another financial Club member.

“This to be removed as new members are ratified by the Board and this clause is superfluous and outdated.”

10 Annual General Meetings

That the Constitution Voting at Annual General Meetings: be altered from

(iii) If members are unable to attend an Annual General Meeting, they may exercise their vote by postal vote or receipted hand delivery for the election of members of the Board of Management only. Email votes will be allowed from Overseas based members only who identify and verify themselves as such and also meet the conditions as set by the By Laws.

To (iii) If members are unable to attend an Annual General Meeting, they may exercise their vote by verified email to the Club. Email votes will be allowed from Overseas based members who identify and verify themselves as such and also meet the conditions as set by the By Laws.

Moved: Ken Edwards

Seconded: Brian Fellows

Life Membership

The Board puts the motion that **Brian Fellows be appointed a Life Member as** proposed by Bronwyn Bovelanders seconded by the Board unanimously for his work and service to the Club.

Representatives from Landsar presented their proposal to obtain from the club a 20-year lease on part of the land situated on the old bowling green.

They would seek all the legal documents required for this to take place and fully fund the costs involved on this project.

A motion was put to the floor for members to grant and agree on a 20-year lease.

This was voted on at the meeting but has since been challenged as being not permitted under the constitution clause 13 which states the following:

Any member wishing to bring before the Annual General Meeting a Notice of Motion shall give notice of such in writing to the Club Manager not later than twenty-three (23) days before the date of the meeting and such Notice of Motion shall be included, along with the names of the proposer and seconder in the agenda, forwarded to members.

As no further general business was raised the meeting was closed at 9.15am

President's Report

As we come to the end of a very difficult year, we can look forward to a busy summer period. With the terrible weather we did not really have a “summer “period this year, which is vital to our

operation, then along came Gabrielle who caused absolute devastation to our course. From there on the true family feeling of our club came to the fore with too many volunteers to be named turning up for the huge clean up. Even with no power the ladies found a way to provide morning tea each day. Every person involved can feel very proud of the fact we had the top course open three days after the storm was over.

All of our major tournaments were cancelled, and the course was closed for a big part of the year, putting serious pressure on our finances but I am happy to say that we have come through the year in a pretty sound position.

Marlene and her crew in the kitchen continue to attract good numbers to the club on Friday nights and working in with the Rugby Club has provided friendship and extra revenue.

Since the departure of our Office Manager the club has been operating with voluntary staff.

Allie and Steve continue to rid our course of predators giving our native bird life a great chance of survival. Checking and baiting traps was down to around 40% of the year due to weather but still from 29 traps caught almost 100 predators which Pestfree Tairua really appreciates.

As per last year the board made the decision to refrain from membership price increase due to the huge rise in cost of living.

Twice in the last week I have been asked; what is the next best course in your area? That comes down to our greenkeeper Geoff and the many, many volunteers who continue to give an awful lot of valuable time to make this course a "hidden gem" to which I am very proud to be president.

I have had the great pleasure of working with a very good group of people who make up our Board of Management, they should be thanked for their efforts.

Even with very little golf special thanks must go to our very loyal and generous sponsors.

Ken Edwards
Club President

Tairua Golf and Country Club Health and Safety Report to 30 September 2022

It is great to see our Volunteers and helpers in their Hi-Vis vests toiling away to make our Club and our Course better.

We have many tireless Volunteers working away in our kitchen, Clubhouse, gardens, and the Course itself, and it is great that we are doing a pretty good job of looking after ourselves and those around us.

We had two incidents reported this year:

One of our lady golfers slipped on garden edging at our Clubhouse and injured her hand. She has made a full recovery.

The other incident involved machinery, which always has the potential to be serious. Our volunteer received serious lacerations to his fingers, and perhaps it was the vigilance and reactions of the operator that prevented a far worse outcome. A helicopter ride and a few days in hospital, some great repair work by the hospital Doctors, and our Clubmate is well on the way to a full recovery.

Please keep up the good work, look after yourselves and those around you, if you see something you think is unsafe, please speak out immediately.

John Fraser

Health and Safety Officer

Course Convenor's Report

This year has been difficult because of the continuous rain and the severe storm that affected our course.

The wet weather has highlighted areas where more drainage is needed -8,9,10,11,16,17,18 fairways. The digger has been essential in the creating of these drains. The storms we had this winter toppled 6 large pine trees and 100+ Manuka. This has taken a long time to clear but has provided plenty of wood to sell. Without the digger the removal of the large pines would have been very difficult.

The new 7 green is now ready and should alleviate the drainage problem we had.

A special thanks go to our volunteers who have spent many hours mowing the rough and fairways, tending the gardens, cleaning up countless areas of the course, cutting and splitting the wood.

Brian Fellows

Course Convenor

Men's Golf Club Captain's Report

Well what a tumultuous year with the heavy and continuous rain and the closing of the 25a, our green fees and the hire of the carts almost non existent.

The course was closed for quite a days both for our scrambles and for the tournaments, the course took a real hammering but thanks to our green keeper and all the great on course volunteers the course is now in really great shape.

We hope the road will be open before to long and we will get our out of town visitors back.

Our club is still doing OK thanks to President Ken and all the volunteers both on course in the club house and in the Kitchen.

As you know by now I will not be standing as men golf captain this year, but I will still be around to support Ken in what ever support he may need but as I have said before he cannot do it all on his own so we do need members to step up and help in the starters office with the starting of scrambles on a Thursday and Saturday morning and if (hopefully) we get busy again to man the office and the bar when others are on the course and on Sunday.

Again thank you Ken and all the others for their support during my time as golf Captain.

Mike McCann

Men's Golf Club Captain.

9- and 18-Hole Ladies Golf Reports

What a year we have had with atrocious weather from the beginning of January and two cyclones, especially Gabrielle which closed the main access route to Tairua, Highway 25A. The closure on 25 January has meant a 35 minute trip to Thames is now a two hour trip. The golf course has been totally closed this year on numerous occasions with golf through the Winter only

being played on the Top 9. Many of our 9 Hole players do not like the hills so therefore did not play any golf throughout the Winter months.

Very little golf was played during the first six months of the year due to the poor weather and it constantly raining on Tuesdays. In February we were supposed to play The Beaches at Pauanui, but it has been postponed until Friday 13 October. We again entered a team in the Bay of Plenty Association Pennants. The Association in consultation with the Clubs decided to split the coast: East and Hauraki which helped prevent the long travelling time to the Clubs. We played against Whangamata, Pauanui and Mercury Bay. where we finished second overall. Mercury Bay won the East Coast. The Karen McGirr was cancelled due to wet weather.

Our Power Realty Tournament in May was able to go ahead at the last minute. It was a beautiful sunny day but very muddy under foot. Both Division 1 and Division 2 had to play the Top 9. There were 42 players and with only half the course open we could not have coped with anymore entries. Special thanks go to the Ladies in the kitchen who prepared a superb lunch.

We made the decision to play Match Play in March this year and this was certainly the right decision as after the Finals were played in April the Lower 9 were closed for weeks because of the rain and waterlogged ground. We will play Stroke Play in the coming weeks.

We still have our Christmas Tournament on 5 December to organise with the 18 Hole Ladies. This is a very popular tournament with Alan and Arthur (Santas) providing welcome refreshments to the many players. We hope to have around 80 players from around the Peninsula participating on this day. We hope that 2024 will be a better year for our Golf Club.

Jan Stanley

Golf Captain

Convener 9 hole Golf

Since my involvement with Tairua 18-hole ladies golf, our playing numbers have never been so low for our Tuesday club days. We lost four ladies to 9-hole golf this year as their bodies slowed down and 18 holes became a challenge. We have not found replacements. We have only had enough (4 or more) to play competitive golf on our club day twice this season. The weather and course closure over the winter months has also affected play for us. We did manage to play in the three rounds of Association Pennants by including Nat from Lakes Resort as our 6th player. We won the East Coast Zone and represented Thames Valley at Te Puke in the Association Pennants. We were placed 3rd out of the 6 teams playing. Congratulations to Hauraki who were placed 2nd in a sudden death playoff for 1st. Our Handicap Pennants team of three won the East Coast Zone and played Hauraki in the final at Te Aroha. Congratulations again, to the Hauraki ladies who took the honours on the day. Having the East Coast Zone for pennants has certainly kept golf alive on the East Coast.

As the weather improves and we accept to play golf we need to travel via Waihi for some time in the future, Tairua ladies will do their best to support Thames Valley clubs. We can tick off Paeroa and Te Aroha tournaments and the Dorothy Garland, Whakatane. Hopefully there will be more clubs to add to this list before the end of the season.

Thank you to the few local ladies who continue to play 18 holes of golf and help organise events for the club.

Jan Collier

18 Hole Convenor

Golf Croquet Annual Report

Well it wasn't COVID affecting our play this past year it was the incredibly wet weather we had. With the possibility of over 100 play days per year (50 weeks twice a week) all we managed was a total of 57 slightly over half. However when we have been able to play the numbers have been very strong with follow on groups now being the normal, most play days seeing in excess of 20 players.

We have welcomed several new members this past year, some new to our community and others had heard about our fun club. We now have 51 members and several full playing golf members who regularly play. The golf secession is still seeing people no longer able to play golf but have joined croquet.

Croquet Christmas was a wash out for play on the day but we still had a good time with lunch and lucky prizes. After 2 more attempts to play we finally managed a Sunday in April where we played and had a BBQ afterwards.

Our lean to shelter has been completed and it makes such a difference giving us shelter from the sun in the summer and rain in the winter. Our next project is to put a concrete pad down under it as the wet weather turned underneath it to mud. Thanks to the generosity of one of our members the cement has been donated.

Our courts are in excellent condition thanks to our volunteers who diligently attend to them.

We look forward to another year and I thank those who have given their support to Golf croquet and The Tairua Golf and Country Club.

Michelle McLean
Golf Croquet Captain

Annual Finance Report for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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Tairua Golf & Country Club Incorporated

For the year ended 30 September 2023

Prepared by Phillips & Co. Ltd.

The Financials and Approval of the Financial Report has been sent on the 9/11/2023 to all members.

Questions relating to the annual financial statement of accounts must be submitted to the Club seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Election of Officers

POSITION	NOMINEE NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
PRESIDENT	Ken Edwards	Brian Fellows	Jan Stanley
MEN'S GOLF CAPTAIN	Ricky Tawa	Ken Edwards	Mike McCann
MEMBER AT LARGE	Brian Fellows	John Fraser	Mike McCann
MEMBER AT LARGE	Jean McCann	Ken Edwards	John Fraser

General Business

Motions put forward:

Motions proposed by the TGCC Board

The following to be put as a motion to the AGM as change in the Constitution needed.

Under 11 Management

1. That the "Club" in the wording of the Men's Golf Club Captain and Ladies Golf Club Captain be removed to read Men's Golf Captain and Ladies Golf Captain.
2. That the Men's Golf Captain and Ladies Golf Captain be elected by their respective sections prior to the AGM and the elected Captains be presented to members at the AGM. The process be that all section members be notified of the Election of Golf Captains 21 days before such election is to be held which will be on one of the normal golf section days. Nominations will be taken, and voting will be by a show of hands.

Award of Life Membership