

TAIRUA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (INC)
October Board Meeting
Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 4.00 pm, Clubhouse

AGENDA

1. **Present:** Ken Edwards, John Fraser, Jan Stanley, Jean McCann, Brian Fellows, Riki Tawa, Steven Fang.
As Secretary: Jean McCann

2. **Apologies**

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (attached)**

Moved Jan Seconded Brian All in Favour

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Correspondence**

IN:

1. Member asked for a reduction in annual subs and asking for a cheaper subscription. Board discussed and decided that other members might be having financial difficulties. Board could only offer subs to be paid monthly to ease financial burden. Proposed Ken seconded Riki. All in favour.
2. Allan Wilson's golf cart being offered to Club for purchase. Too costly to change to lithium battery. Sale to be circulated to Club members via newsletter.
3. Request for TGCC to financially support Fiona Caldwell travelling to Omanu for the BOP Women's Silver Division Champion of Champions for accommodation and travel. Board discussed and Ken proposed that a cash payment of \$250 towards accommodation and travel be given to reps at BOP Champions of Champions Competition for overnight stays. Proposed John Seconded Ken All in favour.

OUT: None

6. **Finance**

- **Reports received:** Membership, Actual against Budget
- **Discussion of Club's short and long term finances.**
- **Approval of Payments**

Ken proposed Financial Report be accepted. Seconded Brian. All in favour.

Brian and Geoff will present a 5 and 10 year Plan to Board on replacement of machinery.

7. **Reports confirmed.**

8. **Membership**

New members to be confirmed.

Full Playing: David Brockelsby, Matt Blomeley

Junior: Quinn Harris, Harrison Clarke, Hudson Clarke, Spencer Clarke, Piper Blomeley.

Country Golf Affiliated: Randal Godfrey, Ben Rogers

Country Golf Non Affiliated: Amanda Boberg, Wayne Boberg

Tertiary: Miles McFarland

9. **A.G.M arrangements**

- **Any changes to Constitution to be sent to members.** None as Constitution will change next year due to Incorporated Societies Act.
- **Any Motions put forward by Board.** As above.
- **Board Members standing.** Stephen is up for re-election. His business acumen is appreciated. Board to fill in nomination Form.
- **Patron confirmed:** Margaret Wilson.
- **Life Members appointed- one vacancy.** Current life members: Colin Dey, Margaret Wilson, Brian Fellows, Bruce Crawford. Phil Smith nominated. Proposed John seconded Ken. All in favour.
- Annual Board Reports due 24/10.
Private Golf Carts and charges to be re-visited next year.

10. **Upcoming events**

Prize Giving on 23 November. Arranged by House Committee and Golf Club Captains

Paradise Coast Classic: Meeting to follow

11. **Newsletter**

Firewood for sale

Allan Wilson' Golf Cart for sale.

Paul McKiddie The Board regret his resignation and wish to thank Paul McKiddie for his service and wish him all the best in his new venture.

Golf Croquet cancelled on Friday 29 due to the Paradise Coast Classic.

12. **General Business**

- Larsen's farewell: Early December.
- Staff Vacancy due to Paul's resignation
- Applicants discussed and shortlist for interviews prepared
- TGCC website to be updated.

Next meeting: 19 November at 4 pm

Board Reports

President's Report

This month the club house has been busy with a 60th birthday, 50th birthday, the Nikora fundraiser and the Elvis night making for very good bar turnover. We have bookings for two more big birthdays next month bringing us into the summer period and lots of visitors, so bar takings look rosy for the immediate future. Sadly our resident bar tender Tanya had a fall at home last week and broke her arm, which will put a bit of pressure on us as we now realise just how valuable she is because along with her bar duties she also manned the kitchen on Saturday.

Member's draw was not struck this month so will be \$100 on Friday 1st November.

The netball girls have done their last 1st Friday dinner and soon will be off to Rarotonga, hope they perform well in the tournament and mostly enjoy their time off after a year of serious fundraising with maybe a quiet drink or two or three or???

The completion of the practice nets is not far away now, looking forward to making use of a great club asset.

Paul has left us to pursue a new line of work, and we are interviewing new people for the office role.

AGM is coming up, notice of meeting is on the notice board, see you all there.

Ken Edwards

President

Course Convenor's Report

The warmer weather has made playing conditions very enjoyable. More run on the fairways, consistent green surface, water and bush ready to steal your ball. The Course and gardens are a credit to our greenkeeper and all the volunteers who come every week to ensure our course is presented in the best condition possible. We have a very good supply of firewood ready for delivery. Now is the time to buy and this will give you good dry firewood for next winter. Ring the Club to order. The area by 12 tee has new concrete tiles with two new tables plus shade umbrellas when needed. This will be a pleasant spot for everyone to enjoy a drink after golf.

Brian Fellows

Course Convenor

Men's Golf Captains Report

I would like to express my gratitude again to the Tairua Golf Club for the fundraising tournament held recently for my son Nikora's rugby trip to Abu Dhabi in December. It was a very successful tournament, and it was great to see so many in attendance. The Club was humming. We are also very grateful to those who donated money, prizes for raffles and the auction, and for managing the BBQ throughout the day, as well as those from our Tairua community. Through all these efforts, Nikora is able to fulfil the experience of a lifetime of playing rugby overseas. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The month of October has seen an increase in golfers attending our Tuesday and Saturday scrambles due to the weather playing its part, which is great to see. Here are a few tips to help the starters on the day. Please register by 10:00am so the draw can be finalised before the 10:30am tee-off time.

The midweek day scramble held on Thursday, 17th October, had a field of 22 players, and the results were:

1st: Brian Fellows - 40 Stableford points (on countback)

2nd: Tony Anderson - 40 points

3rd: Ruth Crossman - 37 points

4th: Connie Graham - 36 points (on countback)

5th: Kath Hale - 36 points

All prizes are vouchers for the Tairua Butchery. Well done to all these winners!!

The course is looking great, thanks to our green keeper, Geoff and his hardworking team of volunteers. Great work, also, with the greens getting them ready for the summer ahead!

The gardens also deserve a mention as they are in great shape. Thank you, Jenny and friends (you know who you are).

Until next time, better golfing, everyone!

Riki Tawa

Men's Golf Captain

Ladies Golf Report

We began the month with a game of American Foursomes where a Division 1 player partnered with a Division 2 player (Drawn pairs). Player 1 tees off on odd holes and player 2 tees off on even holes. You play alternate shots and you use the ball of the person who tees off. This was well received and enjoyed by all. Putting and Stableford rounds were played on the following Tuesdays.

On Thursday 17 October nine of our 9 Hole players represented our club at the 9 Hole Mixed Tournament at Pauanui. Kay van Lubeck won Division 2 Stableford with 20 points, fourth place to Jan Stanley with 17, seventh place to Anna McGuire with 16, ninth place to Jenny Cosford and Ros Rundle with 15. Everyone received a prize and Ros Rundle won the raffle which was very large chicken dinner, 2 chickens, stuffing, gravy and numerous fresh vegetables.

She Loves Golf is a NZ Golf Initiative where we encourage more ladies to play golf. We are holding "Putting Pearls" on Tuesday 29 October at 10am. We are proposing to have a Stableford Round with a few fun games afterwards. This will be followed by a Shared Lunch and Prize Giving.

A big thank you to our amazing gardeners, greenkeepers and the many volunteers who continue to make this club and course the best on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Jan Stanley

Ladies Golf Captain

Golf Croquet report September 2024

It has been pretty busy down on the courts this month. After our first attempt being rain off we had a very successful “fun” croquet day on Tuesday 15th. We changed some rules and had prizes for the most ricochets as well as attempts to go through a “gate” to start as well as winners of each game. Lots of chocolate fish were dished out. We also run a nearest to the pin competition which involved hitting the ball from one corner of the court to the other. Our winners were Trish R and Mark V quite a degree of difficulty in this challenge. Afterward we enjoyed the sunshine and company with some nibbles and drinks.

On Friday 18th we hosted a group of 20 from the “Northern Rovers” football club. They had played 11 holes of golf in the morning, had lunch at our club and then played croquet in the afternoon. What a great day they had. We thoroughly enjoyed their company with lots of laughs. Special thanks to Jenny, Joan, Brian and Rick, who gave up their time to walk around with each group of 4 to advise and help them to play the game.

As usual thanks to our volunteers who keep our courts well maintained, special thanks to Brian this month for redoing the oil lines in Tony’s absence.

Michelle McLean

Golf Croquet Captain