

Te Marua Golf Club – August / September 2011 Newsletter

Message from the Club Captain

Hello and welcome to winter – it really is truly upon us!

At time of writing, Upper Hutt and the rest of the country, is experiencing snowfalls not seen probably in generations. The course has now been covered by a thick layer of the white stuff for a few days and shows no sign of disappearing anytime soon. We hope to have pics on our www soon.

Club Champs are now well underway and are down to the ‘business end’ of the competition.

The Caterers held their midwinter Xmas dinner and Quiz night recently and the event was quite well supported. Those in attendance had a scrumptious meal and a good time trying to answer the sometimes difficult questions. Thanks again to those members who came and brought a number of their friends too.

The fundraising raffle contributing towards the cost of our new Jacobsen greens mower is in full swing. Thanks to those who have already sold their tickets and returned the ‘butts’. It was noticeable that a number of members purchased the entire book themselves – thanks for that. For those that returned unsold tickets – perhaps you too might consider making a purchase in the same manner – more tickets are available from the shop currently.

As noted in the previous newsletter, at last year’s December AGM, a discussion was held on the merits or otherwise of a potential name change for our club. The name suggested was to perhaps better reflect our presence in the region and be more recognisable to those from out of area. It was tabled that we could perhaps look at a name along the lines of - “Upper Hutt Golf Club – Te Marua Course”. A ‘strawpoll’ on the night (whilst in no way binding) was quite in favour of this. You were then asked to provide any additional feedback by the end of July via the newsletter. A small number of members did respond and I thank them for that. The most common point was the cost associated with any potential change and it is worth making comment now. Apart from some nominal signage upgrade, there is not likely to be much other cost as a direct result of a change, should it be approved.

Your Executive will now consider the matter further at their next meeting in late August and report back in due course.

Sadly a few members are soon to leave the area. Rick Scammell, who has been our Shop liaison person and Men’s 36 hole interclub player / manager is leaving, with a move to Taupo. Thanks for all your assistance Rick and good luck for your future.

In addition, Midweek Men’s Captain Andy Johnson and TMGC ‘shop supremo’ Chrissy Tasker are to move to Te Horo and build a new home up there in the not too distant future. We wish both Andy & Chrissy all the best as well.

Good Golfing
Terry Carter

What’s HAPPENED

COURSE MAINTENANCE

Pretty much been affected by the weather and now clean up from the snow, with a number of branches broken off or needing removal.

Will be coming into the grass growing season soon and application of fertilisers, etc

What's HAPPENING.....

RAFFLE BOOKS

Katy has been ringing members to remind them that butts and money need to come back to the Club as soon as possible.

If you haven't sold all your tickets please make every effort to do so before the final cut-off date (or consider buying them yourself).

Every ticket sold is money towards the shortfall in the purchase of the new greens mower and will assist with the general operating costs of running your golf club.

Please return all raffle books by Sunday 28th of August.

STAFF REPLACEMENT

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter the Club is losing Chrissy Tasker from the Admin Team. Anyone interested in part time work please contact Theresa Scholey 04 526 8033 or email scholey@xtra.co.nz in the first instance.

JUNIOR SECTION

In October we will have an Ambrose tournament (rained out last year) to support our juniors with extra funding for development. More on this later from Dave Workman.

What's ABOUT TO HAPPEN.....

CENTRAL PAIRS

Saturday August 27th – 9am tee off – Registration 8am - Best Ball Stableford
Teams of two - mixed or non mixed. \$60 per pair – Visitors \$70 per pair

MATCH EVENTS

Mens Match play final will be held on Sunday September 4th, over 36 holes.

Senior	Luke O'Sullivan vs Alan Fayen
Intermediate	Seamus O'Sullivan vs Wayne Turner
Junior	Jack Oran vs Rex Peebles

Morning tee off is about 8.00 am with afternoon tee off timed for around 1pm.
Come on out and support your favourite !

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OUR WEBSITE

Check it out on www.temaruagolfclub.co.nz