

Te Marua Golf Club – September 2010 Newsletter

Message from the Club Captain

With September brings spring and what we hope will be better weather for more golfing. Sounds like a Tui ad – yeah right.

As I write this, we have just encountered a minor flood on the course. Thankfully, little damage other than a very wet front 9 occurred, which prevented use for a few days. Well done to greens staff of Matt & Gina who cleaned up promptly to restore the course ready for play.

The Club champs are nearing their finale with the men's event set down for this Sunday, the 12th and the women's being rescheduled for the following week, the 19th.

Our recent Srixon pair's event was well supported and proved to be a good fundraiser for the club and welcome numbers for our caterers on the day. The post match auction proved beneficial to the bargain hunters too.

The mid winter Xmas dinner was a good function, along with the quiz that followed. Well done to Rex Andrews and his winning team.

We are now entering the period of the year that our cash position come under pressure. You, as a member, can assist by – introducing new members, hosting green fee playing guests, supporting your club shop with purchases and supporting the caterers after a game. It all helps.

Recently, a group of us TM golfers ventured to the warmer climate of Port Douglas. We played some great courses, enjoyed many of the local sites and hospitality establishments and were looked after by our tour guide, John. This same group also ventured to the Sunshine Coast, basing ourselves in Noosa, a couple of years back. I can highly recommend both tours and have provided contact detail further in the newsletter for anyone interested. Check out their websites.

Good Golfing
Terry Carter

What's HAPPENED

SRIXON PAIRS

32 pairs took part in the Srixon Pairs on Saturday 28th August. While the weather deteriorated later in the day, it did not deter some very golf. Congratulations to Barry Kirkwood & Viv Reynolds, Bob Ferguson & Chris Brooks and Grant Campbell & Reg Caldow who will compete at the Regional final at Levin Golf Club on Sunday 14th November.

LADIES OPEN DAY

Fine weather prevailed and 50 players had a great day. Many thanks to the greens staff for the course preparation. Also thank you to Oderings who supplied fantastic prizes. Full results are posted on the club website.

WEBSITE

As mentioned in last months newsletter the Club website has recently been updated – check it out on www.temaruagolfclub.co.nz. Allan Old has continued to grow the website and the statistics to date on visits (or ‘hits’) to our website and various pages are very encouraging. Well done Allan!!!

MID WINTER XMAS DINNER & QUIZ NITE

A great night was held by all who attended. Thanks to our own Club quiz master on the night, Terry Carter!

COURSE MAINTENANCE

The Course is currently undergoing its annual tree maintenance programme. Some trees have or will be removed to allow for better growth of surrounding and specimen trees.

In addition, we are stockpiling soil in readiness for more mounding to be placed on the course when the underground conditions allow for this.

SECURITY

Recently, a member had his vehicle broken into while he was out playing. We would remind all players not to leave any obvious items in view and to be observant of anything amiss in the car park area.

AUSSIE GOLF TOURS

As mentioned by the Club Captain, the following tours come highly recommended, with itinerary to suit.

Port Douglas – contact John Carney www.portdouglasgolftours.com.au

Sunshine Coast – contact Ross Smith www.golfadventures.com.au

What’s HAPPENING.....

CLUB CHAMPS

The Club’s Match play Championship finals are on this Sunday 12th September for the Men and the following Sunday 19th for the Women. Check out the website under the heading “News” for an update on finalists. Come on out and support your favourite!

What’s ABOUT TO HAPPEN.....

WELLINGTON LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT

The 32nd annual tournament will be held on Saturday 25th September 2010 at the club. Tee off from 11.15am, tournament entry \$25. Register at the Club.

JUNIOR AMBROSE TOURNAMENT

Help support the Te Marua Juniors by playing in the up coming Ambrose Tournament on Friday 1st October, 12.30pm shotgun start. \$120 for teams of four (includes food and prizes), or \$50 to sponsor a hole. Register at the club.

HBSC 9 HOLE CHALLENGE

The club will be holding the HBSC 9-hole challenge at TMGC on Sunday 17th October, 1:30pm. Entry fee \$15 per person.

The HSBC 9 Hole challenge is open to all amateur golfers. Entries will be welcomed from both 9 and 18-hole categories of membership AND from any green fee paying casual players who are not members of an affiliated golf club.

The event is open to individuals and to 2-person parent/grandparent & child teams, the latter playing in the "Family Competition" (Grandparent or parent with a junior under the age of 19 as at 10 December, 2010)

Golfers who are not members of a golf club play their 9 hole competition round and then their scores are entered into the "Callaway" system to determine their handicap and resulting nett score.

The Entry Form for the event and answers to a series of frequently asked questions can be found on the NZ Golf website -Copy this link into your web browser -
<http://www.golf.co.nz/Events/Tournaments/Dashboard.aspx?competitionid=121110>

BUSINESS HOUSE GOLF

Starts on Thursday 21st October 2010. Teams of four – cost \$200 includes nibbles and prizes. This is a popular tournament held in the first months of daylight saving. Gather your workmates or friend and make up a team. Letters to local businesses will be sent out shortly.

MULCH

The selling of mulch, stockpiled down by #18 tee, will occur when the ground dries out a bit to allow us to load trailers using the tractor & bucket. We will let members know when the time comes.

MASTERS

Yes, it's that time again where we start thinking about the Te Marua Masters. Dec 27th – 30th. Mark it on your calendar and let's make this year's event the best ever!

G S T change

With the increase in GST comes the need for us to alter the rates for those members who use the time payment method. Detail was recently sent by email, but if you don't have such a facility, then please see the notices on the subject placed around the clubhouse.

DID you know?

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Advertiser and Club Members, sponsoring holes #6, 7, 12 & 14.

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