



4th July 2024

# Kia Ora,

# Saturday's Match

• A Stableford competition off the dual Blue / White tees,

Note this was originally scheduled to be a Stroke round, it has been changed to help keep pace of play moving. The Best Gross competition is stroke, so it is still available to those who enter.

- 4<sup>th</sup> round interclub trial
- Winter Ringers
- Shootout

### **Raffles**

Vance 6, John Maasch 47, Lloyd Bell 44, Richard Kingsbury 46, Greg Carr 35, Michael Homan 27

The program until the end of August – 2024

July	6	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White Tees (4th Interclub Trial)
			Shootout
			Winter Ringers
	9	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy
			Men: – Stableford – White tees
	13	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees (5th Interclub Trial)
			Shootout
			Winter Ringers
	16	Tue	Ladies: Mid-Winter Lunch

	17	Wed	Lone Star Group - WATERING TOURNAMENT
			Postponed from July 3
			Stableford – White Tees
			10.30am start - \$20 entry fee
	18	Thu	Ladies: Stableford – Hidden Partners
			Men: Par – Yellow tees
	20	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees (Final Interclub Trial)
	23	Tue	Ladies: Stableford
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies: L. G. U.
			Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	27	Sat	4BBB nett – White tees
			Urlwin Rosebowl Qualifying (16 pairs to qualify).
			Shootout
			Winter Ringers
	30	Tue	Ladies: Nett
	31	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees
			10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
August	1	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie
			Men: Stroke – Jerry` Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Par – Blue/ White tees
			Urlwin Rosebowl – 1st round Matchplay – on handicap (Silver
			tees – lowest handicapper goes back to zero and others
			adjusted accordingly).
	4	Cun	Winter Ringers
	4	Sun	INTERCLUB – BLANK CUP – all teams playing at Coringa.  COURSE CLOSED
			Thompson MacDonald Cup – Venue TBC
	6	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	·
	′	vveu	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees.
			10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy
		a	Men; Stableford – Silver Tees
	10	Sat	Stableford – Black / Silver tees,
			Urlwin Rosebowl 2nd round Matchplay
			Shootout
			Winter Ringers
	11	Sun	Interclub
			Blank Cup – at Avondale
			Thompson MacDonald – venue TBC
	13	Tue	Ladies; Stableford / N T P
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy
	1		Men; Par – Yellow Tees
	17	Sat	American Stableford – Silver tees
	1	1	Urlwin Rosebowl –Semi-finals (Silver tees)
			,
			Shootout
	18	Sun	,

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		Blank Cup – at Russley
		Thompson MacDonald – venue TBC
20	Tue	Ladies; Net - Hidden Holes
21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees
		- 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
22	Thu	Ladies; Match play
		Men; Stableford – Yellow Tees
24	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees
		Urlwin Rosebowl Final
		Shootout
		Winter Ringers
27	Tue	Ladies; Best Net Trophy
28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
29	Thu	Ladies; Stableford NTP
		Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
31	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALFYING ROUND CLUB
		CHAMPIONSHIPS
		Black / Blue / White tees
		Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees
		Shootout

# **CLUB NEWS**

## **BOARD UPDATE**

We've just passed the halfway mark for this calendar year and we thought it was time to give everyone a quick update on how the Club's going

Frankly, its looking like a great year for the Club. The course is looking great, membership is very healthy (just under 600 or 550 + University Student members), fields in Saturday's match of the day are regularly 100+ each week we have a record number of people trying out for the top interclub teams and green fee player numbers have surpassed expectation throughout the year.

Financially, the results reflect the positive news above. We expect the financials for the year will be as good, or better, than last year (remembering that last year was one of the best ever for the Club).

What's really important though is what we've been able to do with the money.

## This year we've;

- Replaced the aging spray unit with a brand new one (at a very fair price thanks to Barry Stringer)
- Replaced the engine in the bunker rake (which should hopefully now give us many more good years of service)
- Purchased a new ride on mower that enables Rohan and the team to get to some of the hard to mow areas e.g. on the edges of tee blocks
- Purchased a new turf cutter which enables Rohan and the team to repair damaged areas around the course

 Complete the first stage of the work needed to the upstairs Café/Bar, replacing aging fridge/freezers, shifting the bar and thanks to Alan McLelland and helpers, painted the walls upstairs.

We've also been able to make some serious inroads on the Club's outstanding debt. We've been chipping away at this over the last couple of years, reducing it from over \$450k five years ago to just over \$255k last year. This year we've managed to repay nearly \$130k and expect to have reduced the debt to less than \$75k by the time of the AGM in November. This is a great result – our Club has always struggled with the amount of debt its carried over the years but by the end of this year we should be largely clear of this burden (note: we aren't averse to taking on debt if its makes sense e.g. to spread the cost of large purchases like mowing equipment over a couple of years, but we don't ever want to be taking on debt to cover operating losses again).

We still have more to do – we need to keep investing in new equipment to keep the course looking great, there's opportunity to make further improvements to the course, and we have years of deferred maintenance to catch up on around the Clubrooms and Club facilities (more about these issues and how they relate to our revised Strategic Plan over the next couple of months).

We are definitely on the right track – with the debt largely sorted and positive momentum we should be able to really accelerate the program of improvements around the Club in the next couple of years.

The Board are very grateful to have the support of the Members – its been great seeing the Club move forward over the last couple of years and we're really excited about the future.

Richard Kingsbury (Chairman)

### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND GREEN FEE PRICING

As you all know, inflation is still impacting NZ and our Club is not immune – the Club's cost base is rising and it looks like this will continue into next year.

We are working hard to keep costs under control and are very lucky we have such a great group of volunteers that give up their time and help the Club in so many areas (with the course, with administration, working in the café/bar, helping with tournaments or donating their labour and expertise).

The Board have reluctantly decided to increase the 2024/25 subscriptions by 4% (in line with inflation). We've also decided to increase the introductory subscription to \$950 and limit the number of introductory three year memberships to a maximum of 20 this year, with asking price of \$2,500.

The new pricing comes into effect from this Monday (8 July).

The table below sets out the subscription prices for the 24/25 year

	Current	Increase	Proposed
Subscription Categories	2023/24	4.0%*	2024/25
Full Members - Men & Woman	\$1,060	\$40	\$1,100
Full Members - Senior, Alpha, Mid Week	\$940	\$40	\$980
Mid-Week - Senior	\$765	\$30	\$795
9 Holers	\$640	\$25	\$665
9 Holers - Senior	\$525	\$20	\$545
Summer	\$625	\$25	\$650
Summer - Senior	\$560	\$35	\$595
Under 35	\$585	\$25	\$610
Under 23	\$410	\$15	\$425
Under 16	\$175	\$5	\$180
Introductory Member - First Year	\$850	\$100	\$950
Introductory 3yr Membership	\$2,125	\$375	\$2,500

<sup>\*</sup> increased % applied and then rounded to nearest \$5 or \$0, other than Introductory Member rates

One other change for members next year – we've agreed to join Templeton Golf Club in offering three free games to each other's members. This means we now have three clubs (Bottle Lake, Weedon's and Templeton) which our members can play three times a year for free. The new reciprocal rights cards (with Templeton included) will be available to members from 1 September.

And finally, we've also decided to increase Green Fee prices by \$5 per round across all categories (from next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July).

While Green Fee players are very important to the Club, we think it's fair everyone pays their fair share, that the course is in great shape and importantly, still offers great value for money to everyone – Members and Green Fee players alike.

Malcolm Wratt (Treasurer)

#### COURSE NEWS

Green speed is at 10.2 feet.

This week the greens had they annual soil test, this helps us to identify any problems we have in the soil profile of the greens and also helps us with planning of the next seasons fertilizer program (you may note a few holes in the green – this is where we've taken the soil samples).

Due to the wet weather, we couldn't do much coring of fairways, but we were able to get the machine out on Thursday and do 16 and 17 fairways which means the last 5 holes are done.

The turfing jobs we were going to do was also affect by the wet weather and is now planned for next week. This week was a perfect opportunity to deal with some more irrigation problems out on the course. (yes, we still get outside when it's wet).

Next week is back to coring fairway and do the reschedule turfing.

Rohan

#### **TUESDAY CREW**

We've been keeping warm over the last couple of weeks but will be out next Monday to clean up the area where Glenn has taken down the poplars (on 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes). Big thanks to Glenn and his helpers (Dave Harvey and Gary Puddy) – its great to see these trees down and once this area is tidied up and its great to have this work done

Well done Guys!!

### **SATURDAY GOLF**

Thank you to everyone who played last Saturday, everything ran quite smoothly, with all groups starting either on time or earlier. It's great to see most groups are very conscious of their pace out there, and putting in some effort to keep up with the group ahead,

There are only a couple of groups out there who are having trouble keeping up, so we will continue to observe, and help if required.

We will have a starter again this Saturday, and Richard will be out on course observing play.

We are unlikely to continue having a dedicated course marshal every week,

We are grateful that Richard has been available while he is recovering from surgery.

Our ideal goal is for members to become self-policing and taking pride and ownership of their pace of play and their ability to keep up.

### Starter,

We will have a tee starter again this week,

From last week's trial, we found all groups were on the tee ready to go, so the starters job ended up being mostly a reminder to those who were next to get ready.

We will trial this again this Saturday, and then we will decide on whether it is something we need to continue, or not.

## Call up on par 4's and 5's, and par 3's

I played early so I didn't get to see this in action, but comments from members playing later in the day suggest it worked well,

I was especially pleased to hear that members took it upon themselves to call up on the par 3's as well, and from what I heard this made a big difference.

We will continue with this going forward, and I would welcome any feedback on your experiences out there, any problems? Any confusion?

Just a reminder to anyone who missed last week's message,

The call up on par 4's and 5's, is as follows

If your group is experiencing a significant delay, such as waiting for a par 4 or par 5 green to clear before taking a second shot, it may be helpful to let the group behind you tee off.

This is particularly applicable if your wait will be long enough for them to play their shots without pressuring both groups.

### **MONTHLY GOLF BALL RAFFLE**

The June raffle was drawn last Saturday, Winners may collect your prize from the golf shop.

1st Prize	1 Doz Titliest Prov1 golf balls	Lindsay Smith
2nd	1 sleeve - Prov1 balls	Alan Wicks
3rd	1 sleeve - Prov1 balls	Brian Docherty
4th	1 sleeve - Prov1 balls	<b>David Cross</b>

#### SHOOTOUT

The shootout is past the midway point now, and surprisingly we still have 4 players who have not played 10 games so far,

Harry Lim has held a commanding lead for most of the year, and he's going to be tough to beat as top qualifier, but with a low score of 35, he will need to play well if he is to advance any further.

Michael Smith is the dark horse, he has been slowly working his way up the leaderboard, and with an impressive score of 40pts he catapulted into 2<sup>nd</sup> place, ahead of Puds and Mal who are 3<sup>rd</sup> equal.

There is still a long way to go, so plenty of time for people to make a move,

Remember this year the shootout has been reduced to 9-holes, and entry will be limited to the top 10 qualifiers.

As always, you can check your scores weekly on the Coringa website,

Check the latest shootout scores here

## WINTER RINGERS

After Round 5 we see another new leader, Andy Williamson (16.640) taking over the lead after improving 5 places with a net score of 54.360, heading off last week's leader Matt Vieceli (16.600) who improved slightly on his net score to now be on 54.400. Keith Yardley (24.780) moved up 15 places with a net score of 55.220, followed closely by Peter Marsh (31.220) who drops a spot to be in fourth spot on 55.780. The most significant movers this week were Mal Ashton (8.120) moving up 12 places to fifth spot on 55.880 and Jesse Guise (13.625) up 13 places to twelfth on 57.375.

Here are some of the field statistics to date in the 2024 Winter Ringers Competition:

Number of Competitors	48
Range of Gross Scores	64 - 91
Range of Net Scores (Field)	54.360 - 69.100
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	54.360 - 58.760

	# of Players	<u>%</u>
Under Net Par	48	100.00
Eagles or Better	2	4.17
Birdies or Better	34	70.83
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	r 25	52.08
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	41	85.42
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	14	29.17

There are no competitors who are currently over net par, with all players now under the net score of 70, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were another 19 new birdies or better recorded last week, bringing the total to date of 100, with Mal Ashton (8.120) carding the second eagle in this Winter ringers competition on Hole # 14 off the Silver tees. Mal Ashton is now leading this statistic with a tally of 1 eagle and 8 birdies, followed by David Harvey (8.220) with 8 birdies then Jesse Guise (13.625) and Albert Yee (7.800) with six birdies each, followed by Lex Halford (10.800) and Spencer Wicks (5.460) with 5 birdies each.

The only players so far to have to registered par or better on every hole is Lindsay Smith (15.950), Murray Angus (12.340), Ram Thapa (11.220), Brian Docherty (12.860), Malcolm Wratt (9.733), John Hillary (8.480) and Isaac Preece (6.100), currently placed seventh, fourteenth, sixteenth, twenty-second, thirty-second, thirty-sixth and forty-first on the leaderboard respectively. Next best is Mal Ashton (8.250), David Cross (15.340), David Harvey (8.220), Lex Halford (10.800), Albert Yee (7.800), Graeme Free (10.480), Mike Arlidge (11.175) and Spencer Wicks (5.460) who all have a bogey to discard on their scorecards.

The only hole yet to have a birdie registered, continues to be Hole # 15 and with Hole # 2 being the only hole without multiple birdies recorded on it after five weeks.

# Click here to view latest ringers update

Kevin King Ringers Convener

# **INTERCLUB**

#### **Presidents**

Presidents grade interclub is scheduled to get under way on 25th August 2024. There are 13 games we will play between then and early April 2025.

We provide a team of 8 players. Those eligible to play must be financial members of Coringa golf club and have an index between 10.0 and 24.0.

Those interested are asked to write their details on a sheet that will be in the golf shop from this Saturday.

**David Cross** 

Team convenor.

### Metro A and B

This competition usually gets under way in October, so there is a fair bit of time to go yet, We will start advertising for players as this comes closer.

# Blank Cup / Thompson MacDonald Trophy

Trials a well underway now with the 4<sup>th</sup> trial this coming Saturday.

With the full fields, trialists should be sure to book a tee time early, tee times for next Saturday open on Friday,

# **LADIES GOLF NEWS**

## Thursday:

(Mixed 9-Holers) A Bit of a chilly start today. Took a while for the fingers to warm up. This week we played for the Betty McBirdie Trophy. 1s Janice McPhail with 19 Stablefords, 2nd Sandy with 18 Stablefords and 3rd Anne M with 17 Stablefords.

Next week we play for the stableford Trophy. Duty person is Myra story

# Saturday:

3 Ladies played stablefords today. All very close with Myra on 18, Sue and Anne K on 16 stablefords. No Slots left for this Saturday.

## Sunday.

Good turn out on a lovely winter's morning. 1<sup>st</sup>, on count back Anne M with 19 Stablefords. then 2nd equal also with 19 Stablefords was Jay and Fay. Next week slots have been booked at 9.59 and 10.09

## Tuesday. Rained off

Next week we play best Nett Trophy. Duty person is Anne Morgan

**18- Holers** are now teeing off at 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### General news:

**Mid-winter Lunch. We need names of those going ASAP.** This year we are going to Bishop Brothers in Bishopdale on the 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. We have put up a list, in the lady's locker room, for people to put their names down so that we have an idea of numbers. We will also put up a menu. Everyone welcome.

**Tournaments:** For 9-hole ladies, can you please let Leigh know when you are wanting to enter tournaments and she will send your entry in. <a href="mailto:leigh72mcewen@icloud.com">leigh72mcewen@icloud.com</a> ph. 0274340872. 18-hole ladies. If you are wanting to enter any tournaments, please do this yourself. Do not forget to send in your Handicap, ID and Index.

If you want any more information, 18-holers please email me at <u>jimmykatie57@gmail.com</u> and I will send you all the details.

**Waimairi Beach Golf Club (Inc) Women's Canadian Foursomes** Friday 26 July 2024 Handicap Index 0 – 36. Entry Fee \$80 per two players

**2024 KAIKOURA WOMEN's TOURNAMENT** Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th SEPTEMBER 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford. Entry Fee \$40 per person. Limited to first 66 pairs.

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

# **MENS REPORT**

# This Saturday 6th July

This Saturday's competition has been changed to a Stableford round,

It was originally planned as a stroke round, but with the work we are putting into keeping our full fields moving, a stroke round often has a negative effect on speed, especially when someone racks up a big number,

For those golf purists, the best gross competition is stroke, so it is still an available option.

We also have

- 4<sup>th</sup> round of the interclub trials.
- Winter Ringers
- Shootout.

# Last Saturday 29th June Matariki – Peter Timbs Meats – Saturday Competition

We wish to extend a huge thank you to Andy Ashby of Peter Timbs Meats, for providing vouchers for our winners this week,

We gave \$40 vouchers to the winners of each division, and we also had a couple of spare \$20 vouchers left over, so we decided to run a random draw to give these away,

I just received word today that Andy also has a half ham to give away, we will come up with a plan on how we are going to give this away shortly, I want a chance to win it also, so it might have to be a loud shirt day or the worst golf day, something like that? Suggestions welcome!

Today was a Stableford competition off the dual Blue / Silver tees,

We had 104 entries in the match of the day, with an even split over the two tees,

I'm amazed at how many people are choosing to play the blue tees, this number has surpassed the Silver tees every Saturday over the past month, wow great going everyone.

Top round of the day goes to Peter Buckley

What an impressive round of 69, with just one bogey, 5 birdies and the rest pars, it's a very clean scorecard,

Peter also took out the 2's jackpot, the Best Gross, and the nearest to pin prize. Well done Peter!

There were many other fantastic scores out there, including Seamus with a 41, Jesse 39 + everyone in Silver Div 2 wow,

Doug Ames was feeling pretty good about himself with 39 points, so he's not going to be so happy with you Mr. MJ Smith coming in with 40pts!

I finally had a decent haggle partner this week, with Clinton having his one good game of the year, I wouldn't want to be his partner next week though.

Here are the main results of the day – Irish Stableford.

Blue Div 1		Blue Div 2	
Peter Buckley	42	Seamus O'Cromtha	41
lan Donaldson	37	Jesse Guise	39
Murray Brown	34	Ohyoun Kim	36
S Y Park	33	Colin Harrison	35
Frank Young	33	Matthew Vieceli	35
Silver Div 1		Silver Div 2	
Silver Div 1 Clinton Chase	39	Silver Div 2 Michael J Smith	40
	39 37		40 39
Clinton Chase		Michael J Smith	_
Clinton Chase Terry Hampton	37	Michael J Smith Douglas Ames	39
Clinton Chase Terry Hampton Lindsay Smith	37 36	Michael J Smith Douglas Ames John Rowley	39 38

**Best Gross** Peter Buckley (69)

Nett Eagle Hole (13) Terry Hampton, John Banks, Bill Hallett

Birdie Hole (16) Andy Williamson, Kyle Charlwood, Robert Tibbetts

Nearest to pins Peter Buckley (5), Ian Donaldson (7), Mike Arlidge (13), Peter Buckley (17),

**2's Jackpot** Peter Buckley 5, 17

**2's** Peter Buckley 5,17, Ian Donaldson 7, Rohan Ware 13, Murray Brown 13,

John Maasch 7, Mal Ashton 5, Murray Angus 7, Terry Hampton 13, Bill

Hallett 13

Random Draw Peter Timbs \$20 Vouchers John Rademakers Doug Densem.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 17 Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT postponed from July 3

• July 27 Urlwin Rosebowl – Pairs match-play competition

# **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament:

We were to have our main 'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament but with the forecasted weather looking dicey, I made the decision to swap it with our mid-monthly Wednesday Tournament.

The forecast was right, and we had chilly conditions with unfortunately only **fourteen** playing for our usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at **'New World, Bishopdale'** and closest to pins through **'Hancocks'**. The course was very playable with not much water laying around and as the day went on the weather improved, allowing us all to complete our rounds.

Coringa Members within the one division;

1st David Harvey 38

3rd Malcolm Wratt 35(C/B) 4th Monica Park 35(C/B)

The full results are on the club website.

We will now have our monthly 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday the 17th July with participants playing for our usual \$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage Group' vouchers and meat prizes and raffles from our friends at 'New World Bishopdale' and closest to pins through 'Hancocks'.

Remember this tournament starts at 10.30 am and only groups authorised by me can start before that time. Please don't just turn up and put Nic under pressure to play early. The tournament times run

from 10.30 through to 11.00 a.m. Those playing early must wait until all the field is in for the prize giving.

Come out and have a game. We'll organise you into a four.

**Next week we are off to Templeton.** Please book a tee time through there pro shop.

Harv

# **THURSDAY GOLF**

We had a good field of 21 turn up for golf today on a sunny clear winter day.

The course was in excellent condition and the greens are rolling well.

Today's game was for the Jerry Attick Trophy and was a stroke round.

In first place today was John Maasch who played extremely well for his nett 69.

In second place was Peter Cottrell continuing his good form with a nett 71, in third place was Kerry O'Neil with a nett 73, in 4th place was Gus Eathorne on nett 74 and this was on countback from Hugh Little also on nett 74.

There was only one two today and this was Peter Cottrell on hole 17, Peter finished with 3 birdies, well done Peter.

The most Honest golfer award went to Lex Halford with a nett 87. Lex said he will be back to good form on Saturday and improving his winter ringers.

Today's hard luck story goes to Kerry O'Neil who played the wrong ball on hole 3. Kerry said his ball was in some rough and he didn't check it properly to see if it was his. Hard luck Kerry as he came 3rd even with the 2 shot penalty.

Winter tee off time now 10.00am.

#### Results

1 John Maasch	69
2 Peter Cottrell	71
3 Kerry O'Neill	73
4 Gus Eathorne	74
5 Hugh Little	74

# **Geoff Bassett Trophy**

Its early days and scoring is very tight with one shot separating the first seven and two shots separating the first twelve.

Those golfers with low scores of 32 – 30 to disappear look dangerous.

See the attached sheet for the full results.

#### AND NOW....

#### YOU HAVE TO LOVE A GOOD NURSE

A policeman was rushed to the hospital with an inflamed appendix.

The doctors operated and advised him that all was well, however, the policeman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs in his crotch.

Worried that it might be a second surgery and the doctors hadn't told him about it, he finally gathered enough energy to pull his hospital gown up enough so he could look at what was making him so uncomfortable.

Taped firmly across his pubic hair and private parts were three wide strips of adhesive tape, the kind that doesn't come off easily --- if at all.

Written on the tape in large black letters was: "Get well soon - from the nurse in the Ford Focus you gave a speeding ticket to last week"

Kind of brings tears to your eyes doesn't it?

# **MEMBERS CORNER**

## **Peter Bailey vs Peter Buckley**

When I started writing this story, I had a very different picture in mind, I was simply going to re-tell what happened in the clubhouse last week.

I was sitting in the clubhouse enjoying a cold beverage, when Peter Bailey approached me,

"Who the hell is Peter Buckley?" He was ticked off!

Why what's happened Pete?

"Last week I hit an amazing shot into hole 5, putting it 3 feet from the pin, but I see in the results, this Peter \$#%#@! Buckley won the nearest to pin, he must have just about holed it"

Poor ole Pete was very dark on this other Peter.

I tried to console him, "well you know Peter Buckley is a very good player, I'm sure if anyone could have beaten you, it would have been him"

So my story was going to be about this grumpy old pensioner, who had his nearest to pin, plus his bottle of wine, and more importantly his moment of glory – stolen from him, by some heartless young whipper snapper.

But when I started typing, as soon as I typed the names out, I realised there was a potential mix-up. Peter Bailey is spelled very close to Peter Buckley,

If there was even the slightest chance the writing on the card was a little sketchy, If I had to try and decipher it, who would I think it was, a really good golfer? Or Peter Bailey??

So after some serious investigation, we were able to work out, it was in fact Peter Bailey who won the nearest to pin on hole 5, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

So you can calm down now Pete, Peter Buckley is not out to get you, lol I'll find a bottle of wine for you, although if you didn't write your name clearly, you should just get a can of coke. Congratulations Peter Bailey

If anyone has any news, jokes or stories to share with the club please contact me Email v.hetaraka@gmail.com Txt, 022 458 8199 Vance Hetaraka