

Paeroa Golf Club Newsletter May/June 2014

We are now just about halfway through our season, with several competitions completed without too much interruption. As usual, the course has been maintained in tip top order, thanks to Darryl and offsider Kevin, as well as the usual group ably led by Mike Cotter who spend considerable time doing the odd jobs that make the course so presentable. Darryl has also been spraying the fairways and rough. Thanks to Tony and Millicent Wyllie for supplying the spray.

Unfortunately we have lost more limbs off some of our macrocarpa trees due to recent storms and this has meant a lot of hard work by a small band of dedicated workers who have cut these large limbs up, resulting in a shed full of firewood which is being sold to boost much needed funds to keep our club operating. Special mention must be made of Richard Baker, Jim Pouesi, Kevin Dick and Mike Cotter, in particular, who have done the majority of the hard work in processing this firewood. Also thanks to Peter Lowe, Tony Brutnall, Mike Hayes, Peter Dent and Kevin Sharp (who has provided his tractor and log splitter). There have also been others helping out on the odd occasion and my thanks goes to them as well.

Course Chairman Peter Lowe is concerned about some of the tree pruning etc on the course without the approval of the committee. No work is to be done without prior consultation with him or Mike Cotter. Also there is concern that some members may have been collecting firewood that has already been cut and stacked on the course. There has been a lot of hard work put in by a few members for the benefit of the club, so if you want a load of wood, contact myself or Kevin Dick and it will be delivered at a cost of \$70 for members.

The drain that goes through Nos 15, 11 and 3 fairways has been cleaned out and this has also enabled the rough on the right side of No 11 fairway to drain away after heavy rain. Special thanks to Gerald Gillett for the use of his digger, also James Thorp who has made his tractor available when needed.

Unfortunately none of our interclub teams came to the fore this year. Our Senior Pennant team have managed to stay in Division 2 despite having to default one match. The Prebble Cup and Handicap Pennant teams did not make their finals and I'm sure they will be looking to improve next season.

Stockies-Cockies day was once again a success, despite numbers being down, perhaps due to the forecast not being great. A special thankyou to Bruce Nicol who organised the day. He had a good number of sponsors on board, including FMG Insurance who put up a ute as a hole-in-one prize. Also thanks to Kevin Dick who did the starting and was on hand all day, also Bruce Langford for his help.

We have all the advertising signs up on the tees and the club is extremely grateful to these businesses for supporting the club. Please support these businesses where possible as their input will greatly help to keep our club operating into the future.

We have replaced a few flag sticks and cups thanks to the generosity of some members. We hope to eventually replace all of them but at a cost of about \$100 each they are not cheap. We may look at just replacing the ferals and cups. Unfortunately the bar chiller is on its last legs and will need to be rebuilt. Approval for this has been given at a cost of approximately \$6000.

A special thankyou to the women who are looking after Saturday catering. So men, please support this service if your want it to continue. Thanks also to Lorraine, Marina and Lyn for helping out. Marina has also offered her services to keep the club's carts up to standard.

At present we are trying to sort out our water level monitoring problems with Waikato Regional Council. It has already cost the club a considerable sum of money to have the gauge fitted into the stream to monitor the water level and now we are being charged extra for someone to come and check the flow. This is unacceptable. We will be doing all we can to rectify the situation as we will be struggling to meet these extra costs.

The senior/junior draw has been done and is posted on the starter's box window. This commences on June 7, so make sure you contact your partner prior to prior to the day. It's also great to see some of our members who have had health problems or recent operations back playing again. And a reminder for cart drivers with winter coming on, please keep off tees and green surrounds and left hand side of No 4 green.

Dick Berendt, President