



Otaki Golf Club INC

October 2016 Newsletter

Hi all Club Members

Firstly, introducing your new Management Committee:

Tom Southgate	President
Hamish Sweetman	Chair
Ian Taylor	Treasurer

Ernie Levet, Len Ludlam, Kerry Cooper and Lorraine McLeavey.

Sadly Geoff Brooks has had to resign as Club Captain due to personal reasons.

A warm welcome to our Manager Terry Dalziel, who is settling into the role nicely. A broad description of her role is marketing, management of office, bar, catering and making sure the members and green fee players enjoy their experience at our club.

Our Golf Committee is currently in the middle of organising our Labour Weekend 18 Hole Open Tournament, which will be a shotgun start at 10am on Sunday 23rd October So please tell all your friends to come along and support us. The Golf Committee is trialling new initiatives to increase enthusiasm into our club, so your support will be appreciated.

Our annual Twilight Golf Series will be starting on Wednesday 2nd November for seven weeks with a 5:30pm tee-off. This is for teams of four which can be made up of members and non-members. Please get a team together and register at the club office.

Our new Junior Convenor is Graeme Baumgart who is looking forward to the challenge of taking our junior golfers to the next level. Junior coaching sessions are being held on Tuesdays between 5 and 6pm guided by Kevin Smith (NZPGA Class AAA Teaching Professional) with the help of dedicated parents and club members. Many thanks to those who are already helping us out in this important area.



Part of your Management Committee's goals is to have our bar and a selection of food open seven days a week from 11am to 5pm, so we can all not only enjoy our time out on the course but also enjoy our time at the 19th.

Lastly, with the recent decline in membership, the Management Committee was faced with either increasing current members' subscriptions to make up for the shortfall in income or to try a new initiative to increase membership. We decided the latter would be more favourable and therefore have the following specials available. If we are successful in increasing our membership, we can then review our subscriptions across all categories.

Junior up to 20	\$120
20 – 25	\$300
25 – 30	\$450
30 – 35	\$550
18 Hole Summer	\$400
9 Hole Summer	\$300

New members and previous members who did not renew membership in 2015 can join for \$750 and this would take them through to June 2018.

I conclude with a quote from Jack Nicklaus: "I am a firm believer in the theory that people only do their best at things that they really truly enjoy. It is difficult to excel at something you don't enjoy."

Thank you for your support and patience while we find our feet.

Hamish Sweetman
Chairman Otaki Golf Club

