



## From the Chair – June 2016

### Greetings

Firstly a very warm welcome to our new members, I can assure you that you will thoroughly enjoy your membership with us. Please feel free to make contact with the conveners of our various groups or visit the office if you require any assistance.

Secondly, a big 'thank you' to all those members who have renewed their subscription, with the end of the financial year fast approaching the Treasurer is very pleased with the overall outcome to date and we are looking forward to being able to report a positive final result.

Congratulations to all of our interclub teams, Men's: Championship trophy came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Div A3 came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Div B1 - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Women pennants Div 1 - 7<sup>th</sup>, Div 2 - 4<sup>th</sup>. The nine hole women play their final match on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and are currently coming in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Well done! For the size of our club and our average handicaps we do punch well above our weight, these results are fabulous. The exciting news is that our Mary Alward/ Tuakana Woman's team have made it to the final and will play Royal Wellington on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. Our best wishes to you all.

Congratulations to the Mid Week Woman's group who blitzed the field to take out the Takapu Cup last week, this adds another cup to our collection as they won the Amorangi Cup earlier in the year.

We will host the Mary Alward/Tuakana Woman's Field day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July it is expected that we could have up to 80 women playing, if you were thinking about playing on that day it would pay to check with the office first.

We had a very positive response to our "Give Golf a Go" promotion and I would like to thank Carol Ward for her assistance

The Sports tippers have enjoyed their weekly challenges over past 8 weeks and with two weeks to play it is still anyone's win. We are looking forward to **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** at the clubhouse when the final results will be announced and the prizes awarded. It would be remiss not to give a big shout out to Graeme Baumgart who has done a magnificent job of organising this popular fun (d) raising event.

We will also announce the winner of the "Win back ½ your subscription" promotion at the prize giving so come along it will be good opportunity for a "mix and mingle" over a couple of drinks.

Our AGM is set for the 28<sup>th</sup> August so we will shortly be calling for nominations from members for the various positions on the various committees. This is your club and if it is to have a successful long term future it is important for members to get involved. You do not need to be an expert golfer or a graduate to contribute; all that is needed is a commitment to the wellbeing and success of the club. If you are interested feel free to approach the office or one of our existing committee members for advice.

Interviews are about to take place for a new Club Manager and we are hopeful that an appointment can be made within the next few weeks giving the incoming appointee a fresh start for a new financial year.

The various committees have been busy finalising plans and budgets for the coming year. The Course Maintenance and Development Committee assisted by Bruce Phillipps have formulated a draft Course 5 year plan, the Finance Committee has completed work on 2016/17 budget for approval and the Management Committee is reviewing the draft business plan.

Jamie will head away this weekend to the Greens Superintendents conference in Auckland. He is, and I quote "well pleased" with the drains on the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway and he is looking forward to completing the project. The team are currently rolling the greens as growth is slow at present and for the same reason Jamie has advised no placing. Another reminder to **replace divots and repair pitch marks**. There is nothing more disappointing than seeing the hard work done by Jamie and his team undone because of damage caused by players not following protocol.

Ted Sims presented the Sims Cup to Gabrielle Parado, this was the first time it was present to a girl since its first presentation in 1976. Ted was very pleased to see the course in such good *nick* and was amused by some of his old buddy's handicaps.

The next big event in our calendar is the **Club Championships** and this year we want to ensure that it is an event, the qualifies for the women have started and the Sheet for registering for men is up in the locker room, so come on everybody *give it a go*.

Our memorandum of understanding with Kapiti Golf Club has now run its course and we do not see any benefit for us in renewing it. Please be aware that reduced green fees will no longer apply.

Just a quick reminder if you haven't paid your subs they are due. If you haven't received your invoice please let the office know.

Good luck and good golfing

Bella Ansell  
Chair