

THE AVIATOR

**News from
Aviation Country Club
of N Z (Inc)**

COURSE UPDATE

11th Fairway

The new length is now in play and is proving to be a very good par 5. From the small sample of rounds (866) for the blue tee played under winter conditions so far there will need to be a change to the stroke. The distance information on the tee sign for this hole (white & blue only) is incorrect but is correct on the scorecard. The new distance will be updated on the tee sign as soon as we have determined whether the changed length will remain with a possible change of stroke as well.

At this early stage indications are that if the length remains as it is now it will not be stroke 16 but this will be determined by the Golf Committee once a significant number of rounds have been played to give true stroke or the length changes back to what they were.

Is this new length making the course too tough? Should the blue and white tees be moved back to where they were? Any feedback would be appreciated by the Golf Committee.

18th Fairway

Everything is starting to fall in place although a little bit later than intended but there is always a little pain before any significant gain.

Given any continuance of the significant rain we have had will mean it is unlikely to have this hole in play as a par 4 until possibly late spring early summer. You can rest assured that we are endeavouring to have this completed and brought into play as quickly as possible.

Practice Facility

There is a small area of laid grass roped off on the practice tee and this is some couch grass which has been given to us and is being used as an experiment and also to help the education of our two apprentices. Please do not play off this grass and we ask members to respect the roped off area. Thank you.

Divots

Members can all do their bit to help the course staff by repairing divots (correctly), repairing pitch marks and ensuring they rake the bunkers. Where divots are taken out of the tee blocks members are asked to please repair these as well. Some of the tee blocks are being ignored and as a result these take a hammering. Remember it is your course so please look after it.

There are FREE buckets and sand at the 1st and 10th tee areas for use to help repair these divots. Please return the free bucket to the container at the 18th finish area (moaning tables).

CHIPS AND SHANKS

Reciprocal Clubs

We have agreed to a sister club relationship with the Omokoroa Golf Club Inc, Links View Drive Tauranga, telephone (07)548-0384. This enables our members to play there free of green fees. A requirement of this arrangement is for Aviation Club members only and they need to make a booking and also produce their membership cards.

Golf Carts Advertising

There is a potential untapped source of advertising on our electric carts to the benefit of both the club and possible advertisers. This is only in the thought stages at this time and we wondered if there were members who would want to advertise their businesses on these or even the firm's members work for.

*There are two ways we can promote this for the prospective advertiser –
An arrangement similar to the one we have with the tee signs – for \$1,300.00 (plus the cost of the sign) the sponsor would receive a membership.*

OR

A straight advertising deal at \$400.00pa per cart plus the cost of the sign or one advertiser taking all 6 carts at a cost of \$2,000.00 for 12 months.

If anyone is interested in promoting their business using our golf carts we would be interested to hear from them. Please contact Peter Walsh, General Manager 275-6265.

"QUOTABLE QUOTE" -

- There's one position in the golf swing that matters: impact. Everything else is window dressing.
- If the answer is simple, that's probably because it is. Don't over complicate it.
- If someone tells you that there is only one perfect swing walk away and don't listen to another word he says.

HOLE IN ONE - ACCOLADES

No holes in one for the last two months.

Members will now be aware that the Golf Manager's have put together a hole in one draw at a cost of \$2.00 with this draw being open at various times 7 days a week.

The funds will accumulate into a pool and 50% of this will jackpot daily into a pot and any hole in one achieved will go into a draw to win this pot. A maximum of \$750.00 will be available in the pot to be won at any one time. In the event of more than one winner of the jackpot draw then the pot will be shared in equal amounts.

Pleasing support to this draw has been received since it began. Pot currently stands at \$64.00.

HOOKS AND PULLS

Club - Match Committee

The club match committee set the playing requirements on the course and not the club's employees. The match committee is made up of the Golf Committee Chair, the men's club captain, the men's vice captain, the ladies club captain and the ladies vice captain. The club's Golf Managers attend the match committee meetings but have no voting rights. The Golf Manager's carry out and put in place the matters decided by the Match Committee.

Should members have any issues with what happens on the day they should refer this in the first instant to the respective sections Club Captains. There are things that occur given the playing conditions on the day and members frustrations should not be taken out on the staff.

For members information the Golf Managers are paid a salary and in terms of their contracts are only paid and required to work a 40 hour week. They in fact exceed these hours' week in and week out.

Clean & Place

A reminder to all members that when this rule is in place the position of the ball **MUST** be **marked** before picking it up, cleaning it and then placing it. You can only clean and place the ball **ONCE**. In the event that the ball is not marked then a penalty of one stroke applies (rule 20 page 87 of R&A Rules Limited 2008 – 2011.). Members are also reminded that Clean and Place is only 15cm (6 inches) from where the ball came to rest.

We bring this to your attention as it has been observed that some members do not use this practice and therefore this may jeopardise their chances of winning a trophy or a haggle and even result in possible disqualification.

The ownership is on the player and their marker to ensure this marking takes place and if not impose the penalty before signing and completely the scorecard.

Abnormal ground Conditions (GUR)

Given the amount of work being carried out at the 18th hole this impacts on the 17th and 10th holes as well. A reminder to members is that under these conditions the ball can be lifted, cleaned and dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole –without penalty. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green.

If drop zones are in play these can be used. The drop zones short of the 10th green can also be used by the members whose ball lands in the construction areas at the back of the 10th green.

GPS Units and Distance devices

The 'in' toy for the boys.

Members should note that these devices are unable to be used in tournaments or trophy events unless there is a local rule made to allow these. There is nothing to stop them being used for just a casual game of golf.

The Golf Match Committee will be looking into making a local rule for our club events and until then if used penalties will apply.

Members should also be aware that if they are playing in another club's event they should ensure the rules covering this event allows GPS units or other distance devices to be used. This goes for District and National events as well even if their event is played at a course that allows them.

"THE LAWS OF GOLF" – (not according to R & A Rules Limited)

Law 19: Golf should be given up at least twice a month.

PEARLS OF WISDOM –



Editors Note: I was not going to put jokes as above in The Aviator but this one was too good not to include. Maybe a little light heartedness like this will be included in future editions – unless there are objections to such content. Let me know via the office. Ed.

GOLF COMMITTEE

Women's Section

Trophy Winners

Mid-Week Matchplay	Winners	Faye COOK Melva HANCOCK
	Runners up	Fata LAITA Rita LAUFISO
Stewart Trophy	Winner	Maureen QUEENIN
	Runner up	Margaret BURROW
McGuigan Stableford	Winner	Latu MIDWOOD
	Runner up	Claudestine DAVIES
Combined Stableford	Winners	Latu MIDWOOD Ellen O'CONNOR
	Runner up	Edel KELLY Kristin REWHA-LANGDON
Martin Trophy	Winners	Claudestine DAVIES Peter REWHA
	Runners up	Edel KELLY Clive MITCHELL
Martin Plate	Winners	Marilyn HARRIS Te Atua Te Aroa MOEAURI
	Runners up	Faleauto MOTUGA Sonny LAM
Ladies Junior	Winners	Esmeralda LIGALIGA Veronica LIGALIGA
	Runners up	Barbara TIMMINS Vincent FARANE

Men's Section

Trophy Winners

Roman Retreads	Winners	Tony WOODFIELD Tukua CAMERON
	Runners up	George GAGE Danny O'CONNOR

Junior Section

Over the last 12 months or so there have been donations made by members of things like clubs, golf bags, trundlers etc to our Junior section. On behalf of the Junior section, Junior Director, Albert Maynard, would like to thank these members for their generosity and acknowledge this unheralded support which has gone down a treat with the Juniors who have received the benefit of these donations.

Also a special thank you to the Eagles Society and what they did for our Juniors in May, it was greatly appreciated.

Trophy Winners

Noel Dyer Trophy	Winner	Amy CHEN
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