

THE AVIATOR

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

TEE SPONSORSHIP – 10th hole

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY.

Unfortunately, one of our long term tee sponsors, Bill Mabey of Stars Travel, has decided not to renew his company's sponsorship for the 2009/2010 year. This has nothing to do with the recession just a decision that he was not getting enough golf in for the dollars spent as he spends a lot of his time at his beach property. We take this opportunity of thanking Bill and his company for the support they have shown over a considerable number of years and good golfing at Mangawhai.

THIS OPENS UP AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO SECURE A TEE, FOR SPONSORSHIP.

If there is any member or business out there that would like to secure a tee sponsorship then please contact General Manager, Peter Walsh on 275-6265 extension 3. This is on a first in first served basis.

The cost of the sponsorship is \$1,300.00 and for this the sponsor receives one (1) Full Playing Membership and 10 green fee vouchers (must be used in the year they are issued) to entertain his friends or business colleagues. An estimated value of approx. \$1,500.00. The sponsor also has a one off cost to have the signage completed and this is around \$350/500.00 depending on what is required and number of colours etc. The sponsor can use their own sign writer (need to match existing signs) or the club sign writer can complete this for them.

AVIATION - THE GOLF CLUB – SKY SPORTS – WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

Our course was featured on Sky Sport in early August and we were very happy with the outcome and the way the course was presented.

Larissa Eruera and Scott Lowery (unfortunately, Trevor Marshall was unavailable being away on leave) took to the course as the club representatives with Scott being the PGA professional.

Many club members have remarked how impressed they were with what they saw and in case there were members who missed the screening we are pleased to advise that our web guru and member, Gordon Barnes, has been successful in arranging with "The Golf Club" and Nick from "Sports Inc TV" to place this on YouTube and this has a link on the clubs website.

Anyone wishing to view the TV screening can do so by going to

- www.aviationgolf.co.nz
- clicking on the link on the left in the yellow area "Aviation golf club on TV"
- scroll down on the page displayed to the TV and click on the arrow in the middle
- sit back and enjoy

COURSE UPDATE

ROPES SET UP AROUND THE COURSE

A reminder to ALL MEMBERS - when the ropes are put out by the greens staff during our wet months they are put there for a reason. They are not decorations and should not be ignored.

This is to stop ALL traffic walking through these areas not just to stop the Carts. This goes for members who carry their clubs as well.

Where they are on the fairway like they have been on the thirteenth (13) and eighth (8) lately and your ball lies in this area you are able to walk out and play your shot but only take the one club you are going to use leaving the rest outside the ropes.

All members are asked to please ensure that no member in their group ignores the ropes and walks under them or over them. As always members co-operation is appreciated and you will be helping the green staff to look after your course.

11TH HOLE – GULLY AND LEFT OF ROUGH

This is nearing completion and all the privet, bamboo and toitoi have now been removed. Top soil is the next application and then seeding and covering with hay/straw.

Once it is finished the Golf Committee will then consider taking the men's blue tee only back to the 6th tee box. This will require the hole being re-measured, possible change to rating and eventually some considerable time down the track the stroke (need to have a good sample of cards in to do this) will probably need changing.

The out of bounds will also be moved back from where it is at present (safety issue where they are now as this is a construction zone). THIS HAS ALL BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT FINANCIAL COST TO THE CLUB.

6TH HOLE

Adams Carriers still have fill to tip for free and the next thing we are looking to have filled is the swampy areas on the right hand side of the 6th fairway (a little tee side of bridge, the immediate right over the bridge and the swampy area to the right of the tree in the fairway. This will mean the removal of further toitoi, rushes and gorse. It is not intended to encroach into the mangroves at all.

DIVOTS AND THEIR REPAIR

It is fantastic to see the amount of sand being used and taken on the course by members to repair the divots they make. However, it is still disappointing to see the number of actual divots that are not replaced first.

The correct procedure in repairing the divot is that the divot is replaced and heeled or stamped in and then the sand is used on top of this. This aids the recovery of the grass from which the divot was taken.

The course conditions at present are outstanding and a credit to our course staff. Members could enhance this by replacing divots which left lying about make the place untidy. Remember this is your course and everyone should look after it.

STAFF CHANGES

We have amalgamated two part time jobs into one to reduce the clubs wages bill and as a result of this Lisa will no longer be working in the bar on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, although we still may see her from time to time as she helps us out with some casual relief work. Sandra who works Thursdays and Sundays in the Starter's Office and Monday to Wednesday in the office will now work two days in the Starter's Office, two days in the bar and the rest of her working hours continuing to assist in the office. Thank you Lisa for your work over the last 5 years.

Trevor Marshall has handed in his resignation (which was not unexpected) to finish with us on Saturday 26 September 2009 to pursue his professional golfing career (see end of newsletter). His replacement will be Kenneth Howlett an existing club member and we are sure you will all welcome Kenneth on board. Trevor will be completing some holiday relief for us from time to time and he is still considered to be the clubs preferred Professional for lessons etc. Thank you Trevor for all you have done for the club during your apprenticeship and we will continue to see you around coaching Pennants teams etc.

"QUOTABLE QUOTE" -

Consultants are people who come down from the hill to shoot the wounded after the battle is over
(anonymous)

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Drinking Habits at Aviation

It is with some concern that it is noted that club members on a Saturday and a Sunday seem to think it is Ok to take bottles of spirits and liqueurs on the course and have a tippie for whatever reason – all par 3's, missed putts, not making the ladies tee etc. etc.

These members then come into the club house after their round and very quickly become intoxicated or have in terms of the Liquor Licensing Act drunk enough to be refused service at our bar. This places unnecessary pressure on our bar staff to decide whether these members should be served or not. If they decide not to serve a particular member then they get unwarranted abuse, if they continue to serve someone who is intoxicated they run the risk of being heavily fined if caught.

The club is under scrutiny from the Licensing people following one of our members recently being pulled over and having a breath/alcohol reading as reported in the July issue of The Aviator.

We encourage our members to drink socially in the club house after their rounds but we STRONGLY discourage our members drinking alcohol on the course. Our Liquor License pertains to the club house only so by bringing your own and drinking it on the course could, if caught, impact on our license.

Members are reminded that the bar staff are under no obligation to sell anyone any alcohol and they are the sole judge of this when the bar is open. Just because you are not driving a car home is no reason to get intoxicated or to be refused service at the bar, as the rules are "People who are under the influence of alcohol" are not allowed to be served and other members are not allowed to buy alcohol for someone in this state either.

The social side of golf is very important and as everyone knows this assists to keep membership fees down and without it we would probably not survive. It is really only one or two members that could spoil it for the rest and we ask all members to take responsibility for themselves, their friends and guests and also to consider the consequences for the club and its staff if we have further incidents that bring us to the attention of the Liquor Licensing Inspectors and Police.

ALL WE ARE ASKING IS FOR MEMBERS TO REFRAIN FROM ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON THE COURSE AND USE A LITTLE COMMON SENSE WHEN DRINKING IN THE CLUB HOUSE.

CHIPS and SHANKS

CLOSE CALLS - "FORE"

Members are reminded and requested to observe the course etiquette of shouting "Fore" should their shot stray from their fairway and has the possibility of hitting someone else on the course. This is irrespective of whether you can see anyone in the area your ball has strayed too.

This should also be the practice if you inadvertently hit up on the players in front of you.

We have had some recent near misses and the offenders have suggested the person towards whom the ball has been hit should be looking out for straying balls.

Shouting "Fore" is just a common courtesy and also etiquette that should be observed by everyone.

Issues where members experience a near miss without anyone calling "fore" should report it to the starter's office staff with detail as to the offender so we can deal with this person as necessary.

BUNKERS

A request from the course staff – Could all members please rake the bunkers after use and assist the course staff to at least make these presentable regularly. The course staff does not have time or resource to rake or look after these every day and if members made sure their group raked the bunkers after use this will help tremendously. There is nothing worse than getting in a bunker and finding you are in someone's foot print.

Also bunker rakes should be returned to the bunker and left in the sand not on the grass banks of the bunkers.

It would be great to see an improvement in this area.

HOOKS AND PULLS

INCORRECT HOLE SCORES BEING RECORDED

It has come to our attention members are continuing to mark their own cards or completing the cards at the finish area as opposed to as each hole is played. This practice has permeated into our Junior section as well.

Why CHEAT to win a toaster or \$20.00 in the haggles?

Members are reminded that cards should be exchanged at the first hole and markers should count the strokes of the members whose card they are marking. Coming to a consensus and entering what you think should go on the card to maintain your handicap or give a better result is CHEATING and we do not wish to tolerate CHEATS.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH A SCORE THEN DO NOT COMPLETE THE CARD AND DEFINITELY DO NOT SIGN THE CARD. DO NOT ACCEPT PEER PRESSURE TO SIGN AN INCORRECT CARD AS YOU COULD BE IMPLICATED AS WELL. YOU SHOULD REPORT TO THE GOLF MANAGER/S ON DUTY OR THE TOURNAMENT ORGANISOR WHY YOU WILL NOT SIGN THE CARD AND LET THEM DEAL WITH THE ISSUE.

We need all members help to eradicate the cheats from our club or show them the error of their ways so we can all play on a level playing field.

ONCE A CARD IS HANDED IN IT CANNOT BE CHANGED. IF YOU THINK SOMETHING IS WRONG THEN DISCUSS IT WITH THE GOLF MANAGER/S OR ORGANISERS BEFORE HANDING IT IN. THE GOLF MANAGER/S SHOULD BE THE FIRST PEOPLE IT IS DISCUSSED WITH NOT MEMBERS IN THE BAR SO THEY CAN MAKE OR OBTAIN A RULING PERTAINING TO THE ISSUE.

GOLF COMMITTEE

Match Committee

Once again the Match Committee had to be convened to make a decision about "cheating" members playing in haggles and trophy events.

The result of this meeting is that the offender has been banned from playing in the club's haggles and trophy events for the rest of the 2008/09 golf season.

His playing partner was given the benefit of some doubt over his involvement in the offence and has been put on a warning.

This is a reminder that the Golf Committee is very passionate about dealing with members who cheat and that cheating will not be tolerated. They have drawn a line in the sand and all cheating brought to their attention will be dealt with strongly. There will be no second chances given.

Pennants – Betty Faesen and Juniors

Pennants season is now behind us with the Betty Faesen and Junior teams finishing their competitions on Sunday 26 August.

Both teams finished third in their respective divisions with this being very pleasing for the Betty Faesen team who are in a very tough division. With a bit more dedication and application we hope to see our Junior team finishing much higher next year. Keep at it boys.

Scorecards

Members are reminded that if you go on to the golf course to play a scorecard must be taken and then returned to the scorecard box at the front door of the clubhouse. This is irrespective of how many holes you play.

It is intended that this issue will be looked at very closely and members who do not take a card or do not return a scorecard run the risk of having a letter written to them or they may be asked to present themselves to the Handicap Committee to explain themselves.

A claim that you do not understand is not a defence.

Not taking and returning a scorecard is cheating the handicap system and we really need to stop this practice. We do not like cheats or cheating.

TROPHY WINNERS

Women

Captains Trophy	Winner	Sue KWOK
	Runner up	Marilyn BALL

Men

Doug Bray	Winner	Arveen KUMAR
	Runner up	Joseph WATENE

Steve Crosby	Winner	Bryan THOMAS
	Runner up	Ron DUFFY

Aviation Cup	Winner	Jack BREWER
	Runner up	Phil JONES

Roman Retread	Winners	Steve CROSBY & Paul BUDGE
	Runners up	Paul MURRAY & Mark HOUGH

Juniors

Captains Trophy	Winner	Kenneth HOWLETT
	Runner – up	Kieran KERNOT

Presidents	Winner	Rahoul RAJA
	Runner – up	Tim GAGE

Putting Tray	Winner	Rahoul RAJA
		Kenneth HOWLETT

Club Champs Division 1	Winner	Harry NA
	Runner Up	Rahoul RAJA

Club Champs Division 2	Winner	Liam COLLIS
	Runner up	Kieran Kernot

SOCIAL SENIORS (contribution by Murray Garlick)

With summer approaching it will be great to see numbers starting to pick up once again. Our thanks to Management and staff for allowing carts for the seniors whenever possible over the wet months. It has been greatly appreciated.

The Lyall Cook Memorial Trophy is now well under way with many players still well in contention. In the ladies Marion Garlick has a one stroke lead from Mele Afele, while in the Men's section Roy Alexander leads, closely followed by Rak Matara, Brian Watson and Ralph Fisher.

The Tilby Trophy has just commenced with Dorothy Brain and Ralph Fisher taking the early lead. If any one wants a game on Mondays, you are very welcome to just turn up and join us. Check the programme for times. 8.30 a.m. for the 18 holes and 9.30 a.m. for the 9 holes.

FROM THE JUNIOR DIRECTOR - Albert Maynard

Junior Article # 1 (from a series of three)

As part of the development of our Juniors (and possible members' new to the game of golf), I am putting this in as a series of articles that will help to teach our juniors how to act appropriately on a golf course.

The term "Golf Etiquette" is used to describe how to act or behave on a golf course. While these are not "rules" in the sense that you cannot get penalised for breaching golf etiquette, they do determine how you are viewed by others who also play the game, and whether you will be invited back to play with particular groups in future.

This is the spirit of the game of golf.

Course Etiquette can be broken down into 3 Parts

1. Safety
2. Playing
3. Course Maintenance

Course Etiquette Part 1 Safety (this pertains to all the members not just Juniors)

- Never play a shot when someone is standing in front of you – either directly or to the sides. Make sure the group in front is well out of range before teeing off.
- Never distract a player – by either moving or speaking - when they are making a shot.
- Do not make practise swings when standing in a group, always move off to the side where you are well away from people.
- Never stand close to someone who is playing their shot.
- When someone yells fore, try and determine where the shout is coming from and either look the other way or get behind something if possible.
- Always look out for other players who might be playing different holes, but are on your fairway or in your line of play.

HOLE IN ONE - ACCOLADES

At Aviation

26 July 2009 - Jack CHONG - 12
 28 July 2009 - Aaron ERUERA - 18

Congratulations Jack and Aaron.

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

Law 14: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (refer rule 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is known that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water).

FADES AND DRAWS

Trivial Pursuit Enthusiasts

Some trivia about the airport for those that love trivia –

- Auckland Airport own 1,500 hectares of freehold land – that's about 750 rugby fields.
- Auckland City is only 21 kilometres from the airport – about a 35 minute drive (yeah right).
- Auckland Airport is the busiest airport in New Zealand and the second biggest in Australasia for international travellers.
- Over 70% of all international visitors to NZ arrive and depart from Auckland Airport.
- Approx. 34,000 passengers are processed every day with the annual numbers being 13 million.
- 100 international and 300 domestic flights every day or 159,600 aircraft movements per year.
- Auckland Airport generates \$19 billion dollars a year to the national economy.
- 15,000 people work at Auckland Airport

(source of information – Airport Times)

SPECIAL NOTICE

***** "2009/2010 Subscriptions" *****

MEMBERS ON EMAIL – SUBSCRIPTION NOTICES WERE EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS WITH VALID EMAIL ADDRESSES ON SATURDAY 29 AUGUST – IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

MEMBERS WITHOUT EMAIL - SUBSCRIPTION NOTICES WERE POSTED ON MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2009 AND IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOURS BY 4 SEPTEMBER 2009 PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

We do not usually allow The Aviator to be used for advertising but as Trevor will be finishing with us (he will still remain the club's preferred Golf Professional and complete casual work from time to time) on Saturday 26 September we thought we would give him this one opportunity.

FROM TREVOR MARSHALL NZPGA

Since finishing my NZPGA Traineeship in December 08 you may have noticed that I have not been around the course as much, this is because I have teamed up with a company called Golf Lab that is based in Manukau City. Part of this partnership was to do my Master Club Fitting Certificate, which now allows me to custom fit golf clubs to the highest standard.

Golf Lab is a Specialist Club Fitting and Building Laboratory with specialised club analysis systems. They are in the World Top 100 in their field of expertise. Golf Lab focuses on optimising the golfer's game through very specific systems and processes. They are also very exclusive. Golf Lab operates by referral and by invitation only as they only take golfers that are serious about enjoying their game more and are willing to make a commitment to improve their game. So this is my personal invitation to you, the members of Aviation Country Club.

As a coach I'm always looking for ways to help golfers to play better golf. Now imagine this, how can you play better golf if your golf clubs are not suited for you and your unique swing? If they're not working for you I can show you why and how we can improve your clubs to help you play the golf you've always dreamed of.

Would you like to know more?

Call or email me

Phone: 021 061 3190 Email: Shotdrivengolf@gmail.com

For your free consultation until 3 OCTOBER 2009. (Valued at \$135.00) and a copy of "12 Myths" That could wreck your game! By Tom Wishon.

This will give you an insight into how we can help improve your game.

Also have a look at this:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?gl=NZ&hl=en-GB&v=oncXSFLR5RE&feature=related>

Just imagine if this is what your shaft does!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Feel free to contact me at Golf Lab 09 2504237 to find out more!

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