

## About the Club Debentures.

Thank you to all those members who have assisted the club by taking up the Debenture offer. At the time of writing, we have received about \$125,000 from 28 members which relates to \$4,464 from each of these people. And the club is already saving money on interest over past years at up to \$1,000 per month.

We also know that several other members who are willing to invest when the time is right for them. Please consider joining them and helping our club. We still have some twelve months to achieve our target of one million dollars as the issue does not close until 31st July, 2010.

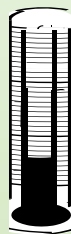
It is interesting that some members have chosen to use the 'grandchild' option, and we urge the more senior members to perhaps consider this. You will one day be leaving your unspent funds to them – why not

give each of them a Debenture of \$1,000 now. This way they will receive a nice (Xmas) present, a small ongoing income, an interest in investing, and a chance to discover the game that you enjoy so much. Seems a win-win to me.

An 'Application Form' and the 'Terms and Conditions' are enclosed with this Newsletter. I won't go over details of these beyond saying that the interest paid of 5% is excellent in today's environment, and that all details of your investment will be kept confidential to certain authorised people.

I will finish by urging you to assist your club by investing in the Club's Debenture issue.

*Colin Ridge,*  
Debenture Organiser.



## Progress on cash injection

Below is a summary of the funds received to date from the one-off levy. Thank you to those who have paid to date and a reminder to those that have not that this needs to be paid (or arrangements to pay) within 2 months of the invoice i.e. July 13th for 9 hole members, and July 1st for 18 hole members.

Levy received to date:	% paid	\$ paid
Full playing men	56%	\$28,666.38
Full playing women	67%	\$18,888.70
Frozen sub - men	78%	\$20,666.46
Frozen sub - women	80%	\$ 5,333.28
9 Hole	52%	\$14,222.08
Intermediate Under 23	9%	\$ 88.89
Intermediate Under 21	13%	\$ 177.78
		\$88,043.57

We are also pleased to report we have received a further \$6,000 in donations from members and sponsors.

## Entry of Scorecard after your round

Thank you to the members who have embraced the system and are entering their cards directly into the computer system. A reminder that when entering scores you need to enter the actual number of shots taken on each hole, not your adjusted score – the system will take care of that for you. The only time you will enter anything other than your actual score is when you do not complete the hole by picking up – in which case you hit the incomplete hole button.

Also take care when entering scores to ensure they are correct! A good check is to look at the subtotal for each nine to see it matches your card. We had a case recently of a player not checking and being disqualified for entering an incorrect card.

## New greens mowers

Have you noticed the greens have been better to play on recently? This is in part as a result of the acquisition of the two Jacobsen mowers from The Kinloch Club. The management at the Kinloch Club gave us favourable purchase terms and with the assistance of Youthtown, Lion Foundation and, the Club has had to fund \$13,000. Some members have questioned the wisdom of the Club purchasing the mowers. I can assure members that the saving on labour and parts to repair the old mowers alone will see the outlay recovered within 3 years. The added benefit of course is the quality of cut, ability to groom the greens using attachments to the mowers, and reliability!

## Friends of the course update

Following is a summary of what has been done, and will be done, on the courses to make playing a more enjoyable experience for all. The regrassing of the pumice paths is the most obvious change to date. The corings have worked well despite the lack of rain for 5 weeks after the work was done. We hope to further reduce the pumice paths in future.

We are also planning to do more cobblestone paving on some tees to reduce pumice and therefore reduce erosion and maintenance costs. We are erecting a small donated shed to house some of our machinery and equipment, thus prolonging their useful life. We are also looking into the costs and feasibility of erecting a 3 bay lean to for the tractors and the larger pieces of equipment.

The area of subsidence on Centennial No. 1 tee adjacent to the putting green has been repaired and this will make for an interesting tee shot in future when used as an alternative tee. The shade sail has been removed from the deck as it was pulling the poles over to such an extent that they were leaning onto the glass balustrades as well as being detrimental to the deck itself. It will be replaced as soon as possible. Thanks to all of you who have put your names on the Volunteers List. We have some jobs we wish to do, one of which is to control the broom before it gets beyond controlling. I will be in touch. Enjoy your golf and your surroundings.

*Eddie Hawke*

James Funnell is back in Ireland at a different club this time, Waterford Island Resort.

Go to [www.waterfordcastle.com](http://www.waterfordcastle.com) and check it out, it looks wonderful.

With winter definitely here, the best way to combat the cold is to wear layers. Start with a Sporte Leisure performance mock neck. It is designed to for layering with stretch material to give you warmth and movement, whilst drawing moisture away from the body.

Then put on an Adidas Climawarm polo. This also has moisture wicking properties and heat retention. Then maybe

a wool sleeveless jersey followed by either a Sporte Leisure performance plus jacket or an Adidas climawarm jacket. Ask in the pro shop for all the combinations to keep you warm and free swinging this winter.

Finally as most of you will know, Patrick has started an apprenticeship this year and is flourishing under his new role. I want to thank both Patrick and Chris for all the wonderful work they do for me, it certainly makes the pro shop a happy place to visit.

Good golfing

*James Morgan*

## FROM MEN'S CAPTAIN

Saturday Men's' golf has been very successful up to this point in the season with full fields each Saturday consistently numbering 80 plus players. The starter sheet is generally full by mid-week and those who leave it till Saturday morning to enter find themselves at the back of the field.

The only event completed is the Bill Tito Trophy, a four round Par competition with the worst round being discarded. Brian Mason and Colin Ridge finished second equal with a very creditable +10 total but were no match for Charley Boocock on +18.

Teams were entered in all grades of Bay of Plenty Pennants contest with the Intermediate team being the most successful reaching the semifinals. A number of our younger players debuted in the Championship team this year with very encouraging performances.

Congratulations to Ron Forbes and John Davis who earlier this year qualified as Club Referees. Ron has advised me that the actual exam is a stern test of ones' knowledge and interpretation of the rules of golf and the failure rate is high, so we can be assured that their qualification will be an asset to the club.

By now the Stroke play Championship will be entering its final stages and likely contenders will be emerging

Handicap Pennants are also underway with Taupo hosting the first round this Sunday on the Centennial course.

*Dick Fraser*

*We welcome More FM to the Club as a Golf sponsor*

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Taupo's 93.5 MORE FM is proud to announce they're officially New Zealand's Provincial Station of the Year in 2009.

"This is a wonderful achievement and a credit to an incredibly talented and hardworking team" says MORE FM Taupo General Manager Penny Lyons. "We are absolutely ecstatic to win this award and is a wonderful reward not only for the team at MORE FM, but for the entire community who have supported us over the last 12 months"

"MORE FM Taupo is also very excited to have become a Gold sponsor at Taupo Golf Club, Grant has been incredibly supportive of our events we have held at Taupo Golf Club, and now it is nice to offer support back, so here is to a long and nurturing partnership." Penny Lyons, General Manager, Mediaworks Radio Taupo.



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## News

Introducing a Members guest green fee. Get your mates together because until August 31st we are introducing a special green fee. The offer is available after midday 7 days a week to play Centennial for \$35 or Tauhara for \$25. Best of all this deal is available to affiliated or non-affiliated golfers at the same price.

Congratulations John Howell who won the Travel Raffle of a trip to the Sands Turtle Beach Resort in Queensland courtesy of John and Jane Belcher, and airfares courtesy of Mark & Jo Wisniewski at United Travel. John is planning the trip for late August so are envious of him playing golf in the Queensland sunshine while we endure our winter!

Upgrade of Centennial Drive entrance - we are looking for ideas, volunteers and funding to upgrade the entrance area. The aim of this project will be to improve awareness of the Club to passing traffic, ensure a great first impression, and possibly improve security by installing gates. Feel free to provide ideas to Grant Hill.

Memorial Grove - we are considering the development of an area of the course(s) to be recognised as a memorial area for past members. This area would have a tree planting plan created that family or friends of past members could select a suitable plant from, purchase the plant, and plant it themselves. If this is something of interest to you please provide an expression of interest to Grant Hill.

When the going gets tough the tough get going - and George Collopy at 11 years of age is one tough young bloke. Having heard the Club needed assistance he unconditionally volunteered his services. For a while he was considered an option for the new Club Manager position but school work prevented this being explored further! He ended up taking on the mammoth job of straightening the fence battens along Tauhara Rd and AC Baths Ave. Well done George a great example to all.



John Howell receiving his recent travel prize from sponsor Mark Wisniewski of United Travel



George Collopy