

Winter is upon us again and keeping warm is a priority. Many layers of clothing are the answer with lightweight merino and decent wet weather gear helping to keep the elements at bay. Also disposable hand warmers and winter mitts are a great idea to keep you warm.

We have all the solutions in stock for you with many of our winter ranges heavily reduced.

With the US dollar sitting so high Taylormade have decided to drop their prices making this the best time to buy one of the best brands on the market

<b>Burner drivers</b>	were \$549	<b>now \$349</b>
<b>Burner fairways</b>	were \$349	<b>now \$260</b>
<b>Burner rescues</b>	were \$299	<b>now \$239</b>

You wouldn't buy a car without trying it first, so why would you buy golf clubs without trying them? We have an extensive

range of demo clubs for you to try in both men's and ladies. Plus a full fitting system that will fit clubs to your swing.

James Funnell is enjoying himself in Ireland, working 5 days and travelling to some fantastic courses around the country. Although it's not cheap, membership at his club is \$6000 joining fee plus \$2300 a year on top, with green fees of \$500! I think Taupo is rather good value in comparison.

Finally a quick tip for putting. Most 3 putts are a consequence of poor distance control. A simple tip to cure this is to hold your follow through. This creates stability in your stroke and stops the ball running away on you. As always you must practice this before heading to the course!

Stay warm this winter and enjoy your golf

**James Morgan**

**Harveys Open Canadian Foursomes winners**

*Carol Paewai & Josh Merriman.*



The members of the 9 Hole ladies Club are turning out in good numbers on Monday mornings and having an enjoyable season.

We had a change from our annual Champagne Breakfast to a Mulled Wine one, with two partners seconded as barmen. There were some interesting scores after this popular event.

The annual Hospice Charity Tournament was a great success with over \$1800 raised.

Thanks to all those that contributed.

A bench seat has been erected, with the cooperation of members and friends, at the 9th hole on Tauhara so that we can sit and complete cards in comfort.

Two interclub games have been played with Rotorua and Springfield Clubs.

We are currently second with one game to be played at Taupo on July 28th with a strong team to be put out to defend the trophy.

**Val Somers-Edgar**

Convener.

The frosts have struck and the ground temperature is now down at 8 degrees, which means grass stops growing. We need 10 degree soil temperature to keep grass growth. I guess this is what happens in winter! The greens have managed to get to this time of the year in reasonable condition but the fairways have struggled with lack of growth and soil conditions being compacted. We have been fortunate to be able to use the council's slicer and have sliced the fairways on both courses twice.

We have started a program of bunker renovation which includes easing the steep faces and rolling the turf over the front edges. This will modernise the look of the bunkers and keep the water runnels to a minimum. The

turf will stop the pumice from washing out of the faces. Currently we have completed the fairway bunkers on 4 and the greenside bunkers on 12.

The areas of the course where the trees were removed have been recontoured and nearly all have been reseeded. We will have to wait until the ground temp rises to see seed germination.

For those of you that have moss encroaching into your lawns make sure that you keep the fertiliser applications up and the height of cut slightly higher. Moss will only get a hold if there are bare spots or the grass has an open growth habit.

Good winter golfing and bring on the warm weather.

This year's Harvey's Open tournament on Sunday July 6th attracted an excellent field given the cold winds. Taking out the title and Ron McIver Memorial trophy was Josh Merriman and Carol Paewai (36 points) on count back from last year's winners Ross and Lori Nixon, with Grant and Jenni Hill third. A separate men's division was run for those men unable to attract a suitable lady, and this was won by David Lomas and Dick Fraser (32 points). The days nearest the pins went to Cushla Arbuckle, Charley Boocock, John Wilson and Carol Paewai.

### **\$3,000 raised for Team Taupo (Plunket, Hospice, More FM/Smith Sport Shoes Junior Scholarship)**

The inaugural Team Taupo Ambrose was held on Friday July 4th on the Tauhara course. "Crack up's" (Brent Parkinson, John Hare, Rod Vennell and Don Newman) with 61 for nett 52 & 1/8 were the winner of the day along with Team Taupo who will receive around \$3,000. "3 Rums and a coke" (Neil Hickman, Jason McIntosh, Marcus Barron & Ray Johnson) were aptly named and pipped "Huka Falls River Cruisers" (Dave Kilmister, Derek Barclay, Bruce Klue, Grant Hill) third for the runner-up position. Congratulations to "Team Steelo" (David Steele, Libby Steele and Andrew Searle) who defeated "The A team" (Andrew Leiataua, James Morgan and Cherie Sinclair) after a blitzing twelve under 57 off the stick. Of surprise to some was that Andrew Leiataua took out the long drive competition against David Steele.

The Men's 2008 Strokeplay Champions have been found with Jason McIntosh holding on to a substantial lead despite an excellent closing round from Josh Merriman of 71 and McIntosh's poor health. McIntosh's 72 hole total of ten under the card secured him his 4th strokeplay title, thirteen strokes ahead of Merriman. In the Intermediate division Charley Beagle held off the challenge from John Wilson to win his first major title. In the Juniors, head cook Daryl Morris came from behind to overtake the fading Martyn Trainor and Boysie Kiff and pip Brian Mason by one stroke. This was his first major club title in his thirty plus playing career.

The BOP Golf Junior Q School series commenced on Monday at the Te Puke Golf Club with seven Taupo players opting for an early start to travel, rather than a school holiday sleep in. Familiar frosty conditions confronted the players on arrival and resulted in a two hour delay, a little surprising at the seaside venue. Best of the Taupo players was Grace Senior who was second and the gross but took home the best nett prize with 71. Other prize winners were Brett Taylor who with 75 finished fourth in the Under 19 boys gross, and Blake Prior (83) finished 5th in the under 15 division. Next event in the series is at Springfield Golf Club in Rotorua on Monday. Points are gained from each event with automatic entries into the BOP Development Squad available for the taking.

### **Events coming up:**

Anchor Milk & Morris Catering Women's 27 Hole Foursomes – Thursday August 7th

Chris Jolly Outdoors Open – Sunday August 17th Centennial course

Alexander Windows Open – Sunday September 14th Centennial Course

SPCA Ambrose – Friday September 19th

Liquor King Mixed Foursomes - October 4th & 5th

### **Tauhara practice fairway:**

A reminder to players that right of way has been given to those on the practice fairway. Please ensure when returning to the clubhouse you avoid crossing the practice fairway, both for your own protection and to give value to those who have paid for the privilege of using it.

