



Viv Nyssen (women's vice-captain), Anna Reece, Maggie McCaughan, Janine Carroll, Bev McCauley (Silver Plate winner)

**Congratulations to Tom Kingi** - winner of the Summer Membership draw from playing Midday Madness & Lazy Sunday over the winter months.

**Summer Membership incentive** - introduce a summer member and receive a \$10 Proshop credit

**Harcourt's Classic** - Auckland Anniversary weekend - Jan 26 & 27 - entries out in November

**Player of the year** - winners Men's and Women's winners will receive courtesy of "The Pacific Golfer" magazine (formally Golfer Gazette) a play and stay package for 4 people!! Sounds like an incentive to play in as many club days as possible!



Bazz Thatcher, Richard Huntley, Shaun Ashford, Rueben Mills (Jim Lewis memorial winner)

On The Green

Renovation of the greens for both courses has just been completed and recovery is well on the way. This spring saw a change from the normal coring programme to a scarifying treatment. We believe this will allow the greens to accept irrigated water easier through the summer months and reduce the potential stress levels caused by hot temperatures.

The tree removal programme has been completed and with the loan of several earth moving machines from Peter Wilson we are slowly moving through various areas and completing the reinstatement. This may take a few months to complete but the new views we have been able to show will make the wait worthwhile.

I would like to thank the club members that were able to assist with the raking of the areas either side of the 9 fairway. The contours that we have achieved blend with the existing land forms.

As we move into the summer we have applied bio boost to the fairways on both courses in the hope that the grass cover will stay for an extended time into the summer.

**Good Golfing from the Greenkeeping Crew.**

Hopefully summer is here, although it is hard to believe some days. With it brings the return of James Funnell who has spent the winter in Ireland working at a flash hotel plus travelling around Europe. Welcome home James. So when you ring the pro shop, please remember to ask for "Big James" or "Little James" I'll leave it to you to work which is which!

On the shop front we have a new range from Taylormade which is sweeping the golf market at the moment, so try to get along to the demo day on Thursday 15th November from 10 am to 2 pm.

How many of you think that putting is up to 50% of the game? So if you spend \$500 on a driver doesn't it make sense to invest in a well balanced custom made putter?

Callaway have bought Odyssey and along with it comes all the technology of the most popular putters on tour. Everyone thinks that tour players get paid a fortune for using different company's equipment. Whilst this is true for some, if you are a Ping player and decide to use an Odyssey putter you do not get paid for it. So why do the pros use them when using a Ping putter would probably pay up to \$100,000? The tour players obviously think they are worth more in prize money to them than using the company they are contracted to.

Here is your chance to win one. Wednesday 21st November from 11am to 1pm come along to the "Drain em all" promotion. See in store for details, this is an exciting event for you all.

Jackie's summer range of clothing has arrived and is flying out the door. There are some clever materials that draw moisture away from your body whilst keeping you dry and cool! Plus she has some non golfing casual wear that looks great. There are new styles arriving every month up to Christmas, so make sure you have a look.

Finally a little tip for all of you. One of the recurring problems we have to correct is the lack of turn on the upper torso. Especially just after winter when your muscles are still cold, and less flexible.

Everyone knows to turn their shoulders, but a better point to focus on is your sternum or breast plate. If you try to move that around your spine it moves your shoulders, arms, and hips all as one piece. This helps to keep everything connected which should lead to a smoother takeaway. Try it, and if you get stuck come and see Big or Little James.

**Good Golfing**

As we draw near to the end of our official golf season, I would like to reflect back on the 2007 year for both men's golf and the Taupo Golf Club

Let me try and list my thoughts:

- Russell Wineera for using his PD workers on both Golf Courses to clean up - awesome
- Eddie Hawke and the Cobble Stone Path - fantastic
- The Board – The Tree removal project - brilliant
- Dennis Allan and the Bird Life Project - excellent
- Men's Committee, Men's Saturday Golf numbers - unbelievable
- Dennis Allan Men's working bee turn out - magic
- The Office, Caterer and Pro Shop Staff - performance plus

Some of the hi-lights achieved by individual players in the Club this year:

- Jason McIntosh playing his way back into the BOP Team, maybe the Tower Team
- Brett Taylor and Blake Prior making the BOP Junior Tower team (which came second)
- Troy Taylor winning the regional left handers tournaments in TePuke and Taumaranui as well as taking out the Tauhara Shoot Out
- Shaun Ashford taking out the Senior Men's Match play Championship
- Andrew Markman making the 8 man BOP Masters Team

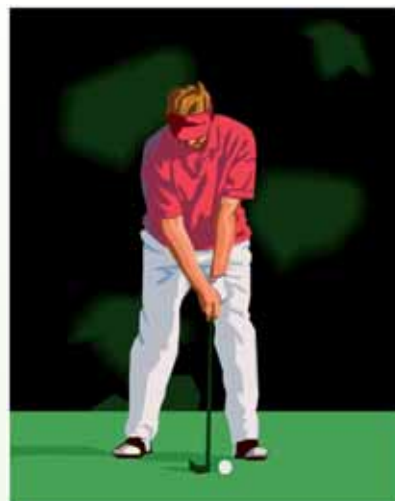
Sadly we lost three of our long standing members to illness. Filling their shoes are a crop a young players who are the future of the Taupo Golf Club. My thanks to Helen Clelland and Grant Hill for the time they have put in with these kids, well done. I also hear a Senior player in the club is also keen to take the more senior juniors under his wing ( we fully support you George Lasker).

There's an old saying (I'm so good with old sayings?) "the front won't work unless the back is strong" well that's so true. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women on various Club Committee's, helpers, scorers, starters, Board members an our elected representatives at BOP and National level , for the work they do behind the scenes, giving up their precious time to make the Taupo Golf Club what it is today a "Place of Choice"

Our 2008 Pennant season kicks off in early February, we are seeking expressions of interest for Selectors, Managers and Players for our 3 Senior, 1 intermediate an our junior Team. See the office to register your interest.

Finally to make your summer holidays more enjoyable, the men's committee have agreed to schedule golf events on various weekends throughout the summer period. Check with the Office.

Have a great Christmas and New Year celebration, but most of all "Keep Safe"



Mark's "Sense"

**Mark T ito**

Men's Players Captain 2007

