

## Club Manager's Comments

I'm pleased to say that we continue to provide a wonderful facility for members and visitors alike and we have had some excellent feedback of late regarding the courses and our events.

Continuing the positive news I'm pleased to welcome on board the Taupo Cosmopolitan Club as a Gold sponsor. Greg McIntosh and his team have been supporters of various events over the years and with a good number of our members also regulars at the Cossie Club this is a great partnership. We also thank the Sportshop team who recently extended their Diamond sponsorship.

While we are thanking people, a big thank you to Youthtown for assistance with the purchase of a Toro tumble coring machine which will be used to core the fairways twice a year along with regular slicing.

The members guest green fee trial was a success and will now be permanently offered. For those not familiar with the offer, 18 hole Green Fee \$25 on Tauhara or \$35 on Centennial after 12pm 7 days a week. 9 hole option also available of \$15/\$20. Of note these rates are for all guests including those who are not affiliated to a NZ Golf Club. We trust this will enable you to host your friends and family on our courses on a regular basis!

A key to the clubs future success is the introduction of new members and we have been working hard to provide this opportunity. A recent initiative has been the Sportstart programme through Sport Waikato which introduced 24 people to the game. My thanks to our members who became mentors under the guidance of Patrick from the Proshop. I feel we all have an obligation to do our bit for the future of the club so if you or any fellow golfers are interested in helping us with new golfers please let me know.

Make the most of the warmer weather and good golfing.

### Grant Hill

Club Manager



Some of our enthusiastic juniors:  
(back) Katie, Fergus, Arron Poppy  
(front) Joseph, Jazmin

## Juniors Report

We have an enthusiastic group of junior members who come along every Sunday morning to play their club golf. Their ages range from 6 to 14 with most still playing a 9 hole competition. A new system is being trialled with them playing a specially designed card for juniors by NZ golf. It is structured with pars that are attainable for the size & ability of junior golfers, for example a long par four for members might be a par five or even a six for the juniors. In its desire to get kids into the game NZ golf are also planning an online handicap system for juniors. At the moment boys and girls start with the same handicap as an adult! On Friday afternoons after school The Junior Club meets for a practice session. All our juniors are accompanied by parents or grandparents these are mainly non golfers although many are looking at the possibility of a summer membership.

I asked the juniors why they like to come to golf ...

I love playing on a Sunday at Taupo Golf club as it gives me the opportunity to play with and against other junior members. We get to go around the different courses and are lucky enough to have people like Jim, Helen and Derek to give us coaching points as we are playing, we are also learning the rules and etiquette of golf

Arron Cole

I think golf is a fun educational sport that teaches you good co-ordination skills and etiquette. Hannah Mclean

I enjoy the junior golf on Sundays because I like to play against my friends that I have made since joining. I like the 19th hole because the sausage rolls are very yummy. I like it because Mum walks around the 9 holes with me and gives me tips and reminders about my positioning. Jesse Kilmartin.

I like playing golf with other children my age and trying to beat them. I also like hitting the ball with my new driver and chipping in the hole. The best thing is when I get to

play with Jakob and we have fun trying to hit the ball the furthest. Dylan Bagley

It is very fun, I enjoy playing golf with the other kids, the prizes are great, the people are friendly, I like the lessons and golf is my favourite game. Konstantin Simonov

"We like golf on Sundays because we meet other people and have prize giving" Jazmin & Poppy Brown

Golf is my favourite game; the prizes are great I like the kids I play with, I like the lessons, and I like the Club House and the pies!!!! Nikita Simonov.

Alastair Blackett thinks "that its awesome and its a very skilled sport to play with friends and your self on the weekend and especially the prizes that we get on Sunday and it makes me try to get much better at it. Thank you Helen "

I like going to Junior Golf on Sunday mornings because I love golf, I get to spend time with my Dad and other juniors and its lots of fun afterwards in the clubhouse with games and prizes. Mathew Forsyth

"It's fun, I like it because it's quite challenging and gives me great satisfaction, I just rocks!!" Jakob Jensen

By the time you read this newsletter "Junior Tiger", which is being staged throughout the Country, will have been to the Taupo Golf Club.

Our juniors are looking forward to competing on 15th November.

This is a great promotion by New Zealand Golf to encourage young people (up to 14 yrs) and families to play golf.

Two lucky golfers from throughout New Zealand will win a trip to Disneyland!

*Helen Clelland*

## Under 23 Championships - no more

NZ Golf has advised the Taupo Golf Club by letter in July 09 that the Under 23 Teams Championship Tournament that we have hosted for the past 15 years, is no longer to be held. Their reasoning is that there are other tournaments now on their calendar to promote under age golf, and that our event and the Under 23 singles held in Hastings just prior to Taupo in January in each year are no longer required.

This brings to an end a wonderful era in the history of our club and the Tournaments we have been able to host.

Having been involved in the running of this tournament from inception and as the Coordinator for a number of the intervening years I have asked the Management of the Club for this little space in the newsletter. Here we can look back over the years with pride and a sense of satisfaction in the manner in which our Club conducted this prestigious tournament. At the completion of every years event, we received tremendous applaud and thanks from New Zealand Golf and each of the District Associations Teams and our fellow Australian State Teams for the manner in which we had produced the Course and the smooth manner of progressing the play through the three days of the event.

For this, you the members, are to take a bow and accept the heartfelt thanks of the Committees of the day for your assistance in making the Tournament the undoubted success that

## Men's Captain Report

The Men's playing is drawing to a close with all events now finalized after some fierce competition. Final placings in the Player of the Year are still to be calculated but at the time of writing Warren Cholmondeley - Smith holds a narrow lead over Jeff Vartiainen.

The Championships were again keenly contested.

The Stroke - play Championships saw Lou McCauley and Roy Menton led from the first round to win their respective Junior and Intermediate divisions. The Senior division was effectively a two man contest between Josh Merriman and Michael Keenan with Josh hanging on by one shot. The tree Champions will be playing the Bay of Plenty Champion of Champions event at Te Puke on the 22nd November.

A fine sunny day saw a large crowd of supports turn out to watch the finals of the Harveys Match - play Championships. Brett Taylor (Senior) Warren Cholmondeley - Smith (Intermediate) and Jeff

Vartiainen (Junior) were convincing winners while Roy Mento collected the Jim Lewis Plate.

The committee recognizes there have been issues around timing and qualifying for these events and have made changes for next year with a view to having fewer unhappy people.

In other events we note that Mark Landl and Elwin Hockly won the Middlemore Mugs for the second year in succession.

The disappointing feature this year has been the rather sparse prize table on offer for Saturday competition. We have come through some difficult times in this respect but the committee has resolved to put real effort into obtaining some sponsorship for next year, be it one major sponsor or several smaller ones. If anyone has any thoughts or offers in this area, please speak to a committee member.

*Dick Fraser*

evolved over all those years. The volunteers, no matter what task allotted, gave of their utmost to ensure Taupo Golf Club has been recognised both nationally and internationally as a leader in hosting and producing top quality events.

To all present and past members, involved in this tournament, be it by your assistance in operating the score boards, refereeing, spotting, billeting of the players, transporting, loaning of your trundler, cleaning and setting up of the course, or sponsorship in the giving of moeny or prizes for helpers tournament, or services in kind, please accept this insert as a personal thank you from your Club.

We can now look forward to the other national tournament(s) allotted by New Zealand Golf, secure in the knowledge that as a Club - We are up there and can deliver. In closing we acknowledge the staff of your club, Management, Office, Professional Shop, Greenkeepers, Cleaning, Catering and Bar personal, for their tremendous input in making the Under 23 Teams Championship a recognised quality success tournament during the past 15 years.

*Doug Scott*

Chairman U/23 Tournament Committee

## Proshop News

As some of you will know, James Funnell who has worked for me for the past five years, has decided to make Ireland his permanent home and just visit us during this summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his valuable contribution to my pro shop and wish him all the best for the future.

Nick O'brien will fill the position left by James. Nick is a fully qualified NZPGA member and I hope you will make him feel welcome. He is available for lessons on most days, call in to the pro shop and make yourself a time.

Patrick has nearly completed his first of three years as a trainee professional, and passed all his exams, some with the highest mark in his year, so congratulations to him and keep up the good work. Also thank you to Chris Pritt for her wonderful input into the vibrant atmosphere in the shop.

We will be getting a putter fitting system at the end of November which will revolutionize how we can fit putters to strokes and not the other way round! Keep your eyes out for this and book yourself in for a fitting.

We have both three and four wheeled sun mountain trundlers back in stock. If you haven't tried one of these ask in the proshop for the easiest, lightest pushing trundler on the market.

Finally, for all your Christmas shopping needs come and see us in the proshop. From junior clubs for the grandkids to drivers and bags for yourself, if we haven't got it, we can get it for you.

Have a great Christmas and safe party season, and see in the new year

*James Morgan*

Head Professional