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CHARTERIS BAY GOLF CLUB

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Sponsored Tournament

This year's tournament was again a great success. It does appear that anything concerning finals, tournaments and me seems to be a message to the weather gods to rain, but that aside, it was a great day. We had around 90 entrants and even more prizes so everyone went home with something. In fact it was one of the best prize tables I have been able to select from at a golf tournament of our size. Thanks to all those who furnished prizes, to those who were available to help on the day and a special thank you to John Gimblett who works very hard behind the scenes to secure the much appreciated hole sponsorships.

The sponsored tournament is our biggest single fundraising event and the proceeds we receive from everyone's contributions are used to underpin the clubs financial stability.

That leads me to a big thank you to all the hole and prize sponsors who make the event worth our while. We encourage our members to support those companies as they have supported us. The club looks forward to the on going support which so many of you have been giving over the years. There will be a link on our website showing your support and we know that your support of our club will be reflected in our member's support of you.

Should we have omitted to identify you as a supporter please contact us and we will update our lists. We do receive a lot of support and at

times we may lose track of where things have come from.

You can email info@charterisbay.co.nz if you need to address any issues.

Please check out the attached list of companies we owe the success of the tournament to.

You can also check out the results at www.charterisbay.co.nz

So thanks again to all involved and we wish you all the support for the coming year that you have given us.

Editor

On behalf of the Charteris Bay Golf Club Membership

Patterson Cup

Patterson Cup has started. The first game was on Sunday the 29th March. We played at Ellesmere and came up against Burnham.

Patterson Cup is a match play event. Teams comprise 8 male golfers with their combined handicaps totalling a minimum of 120, which is the science behind the selection process. Since matches are played off the stick it the handicap balancing that is important.

Thanks to all those who have made themselves available and sorry to anyone who has missed out on selection for the first round.

As for the first match, although hard fought, we eventually went down 3½ to 4½. Ray Collins kept his winning streak going with another win to add to the perfect season he had last year.

I will be in touch about selections for the next round. A sheet is still in place on the notice board for those interested in playing. Even better, you can contact me directly by phone or email c.sara@golfengineering.co.nz

Chris Sara

What's On

Key dates for you to note:

Sunday May 10: Diamond Harbour Rugby Club's annual fund-raising golf tournament. Ambrose Tournament for teams of four men, women or mixed, with great prizes and heaps of fun. Everyone is welcome – make up your own team or join one on the day. Entry fee is \$25 per person. Registration from 8 to 8.30am at the Golf Club, tee off from 8.30am. Prior registration, to ensure an early tee-off, can be made by phoning Elaine on 329 4512 or contacting a Rugby Club committee member.

Patterson Cup: April 19, May 3, May 17, and May 24 at Charteris Bay

Masters Golf

Dave Sime thanks all those who made themselves available for last seasons Masters Golf. You need to be over 50 for masters and the matches are played to handicap. Thanks to Dave for managing the team.

Committees

House Committee

Recycling - As you have been empowered to do, so have the Club; recycle. We have been issued recycle bins which are meant for a defined range of rubbish; however, the rubbish bins on the course were meant for all rubbish. This has caused us to think about how we will deal with the “recyclable” items that appear in these bins. The council require that only rubbish be placed in “rubbish bins” and recycling be placed in the “recycling bins”. Therefore, it would be appreciated, where possible, if you could retain you recyclables during your round and place them in the bins at the clubhouse at the end of you round. All other rubbish can be placed in the course bins. Our priority is a clean course so please use the bins.

Course Committee

Unfortunately we have been having a few issues with the watering system due to breakage and leakage. The roots along Debridges (No6) caused some problems and the pipes have been moved. We are working at getting the system back to full working order.

Match Committee

Golf Etiquette - With winter around the corner the greens will become more susceptible to damage around the cup. Please note the following ways to minimise damage:

1 – When removing your ball from the cup step back from the hole and lean in too retrieve your ball; avoid crowding the lip.

2 – Don't use your putter head to flick the ball from the cup.

3 – When holding the flag you can tilt the flag and therefore keep well clear of the cup.

Remember, the more care taken around the cup the better it is for those who follow.

Match Day Committee – Please respect the individuals that take the time to organize the draw and results for the game of the day. If you have issues with the way the draw is formatted direct them to the committee and don't pressure those doing the work. Suggestions are more than welcome but need to be constructive and practical. Remember that the type of game being played on the day is generally set and available for view from your book or website. Field formats are done to best utilise the course and minimise delays. Group selections, excepting stroke rounds, are done by random draw.

Take care when recording and tallying scores, and sign your card, as it saves the handicappers a lot of work.

Thanks in advance
Match Committee

Membership Email Database

Not receiving your copy of the newsletter? You may not be on our list. To register, simply email your name to the following address: register@charterisbay.co.nz with your name in the subject line.

I do sometimes get error messages from some addresses so I apologise if you have already registered but don't receive the message.

Webmaster

WEB Site

The website is growing week by week. I have added more detail to the calendar. There are rollover comments so simply point your mouse to the [c1] etc and you will be given addition information about the calendar entry. Some things were not available during the printing of the book and hence the calendar will be able to reflect upcoming events or changes that have been made at short notice. Visit the calendar often to see what is happening.

The results section is growing as we progress into the season. It is a great way for you to keep in touch with who has won what and where you stand in ongoing competitions.

I envisage the website becoming *your* first port of call for information; and *our* first point of contact to inform you.

Over the coming weeks and months I will be playing with formatting etc to enhance your online experience. Please visit often to see how it is progressing and I apologise if at time you experience issues while browsing. It has been formatted for "Windows Explorer" at this stage, so other browsers such as "FireFox" may not allow you to access all the links. They are there so open the site in "Explorer" and have a look.

Should you have any information that would enhance the site email info@charterisbay.co.nz and I will endeavour to add it to the site.

Webmaster

Articles Needed

Broken plastic tees go in the yellow recycle bin; but do wooden ones go in the green, yellow or red bin?

Tired of reading what I write? If so, get writing and send it to: newsletter@charterisbay.co.nz

If you don't have a computer, but can write so I can read it, you can submit any articles directly to Chris Sara, on paper!

Chris Sara
Editor

Handicap

When playing away from Charteris check your handicap at DotGolf website www.golf.co.nz or by texting your 7-digit membership number to **3673**.

Club History

The Secretary is a devoted servant of the club, a tireless worker, with so many strong points that his fellow members have come to forgive his slightly obsessive attitude to their slow play (they sometimes cannot muster his fleetness of foot, energy, or exuberance)

Late in 2000, his four arrived at the last green with the four-ball result, and the tiny wager, still in doubt. In tense silence, friend and foe watched as he took great care in assessing a long, difficult and vital putt. He hit it perfectly and confidently watched it hold exactly the right line, with just the right momentum. Against all the laws of Physics, Theology and Justice, it lipped out and all was lost!

The clergy have long been renowned for the forbearance shown in the face of such slings and arrows and on this occasion the Church would have been proud of the restraint shown in the language of disappointment. The victim of this cruel luck confined his reaction to simply throwing his hands in the air in frustration. There was a moment when it seemed the errant putter was to be hurled into the nearby stream, but no, one of those hands still held the thoughtless club.

Unfortunately, his playing partner, Owen, stood close behind him. Not content with its earlier mistake, the club came into sharp, firm and noisy contact with Owen's skull. The story becomes less clear here but it seems certain that Owen lost the hole, consciousness and a lot of blood. He excused himself from the after-match function as he had a few things to get sewn up. He comes from tough stock and he was quickly back in circulation.

The Golf Club is never slow to recognise its responsibilities, and the next week, members were provided with a safety kit for those drawn to play in the ministerial four. This comprised a crash-helmet and riot shield as well as a comprehensive first-aid kit. The gathering was treated to a spirited reading by the late Derek Laver of the following verses penned by an anonymous immediate Past President.

Owen's Lament. (The Canon's to the right of him)

We all heard the sickening thud,
We nearly lost Owen for good,
We heard Richard mutter
"I just used my putter,
Maybe it needed a wood"

Never play after drinking hard liquor,
Try not to swing any quicker,
Keep your eye on the ball,
If the putt doesn't fall,
Don't stand too close to the vicar.

Move quickly through streams, dips and ditches,
If you're slow, you may find he bitches,
He's a bit of a gun,
With a great sense of fun,
His partners are often in stitches!

From Westward, to Willows and Ayers,
Richard will sooth all your cares,
If he does miss the hole,
And lay you out cold,
He'll remember you well in his prayers.

Sponsors

Charteris Bay Golf Club extends its gratitude to all those individuals and companies who generously donated time, prizes and sponsorship for the 2009 Sponsored Tournament. It is through this support we maintain our club and without their ongoing support and contributions we couldn't be as successful as we are. We encourage you to support those who support us and look forward to their continued support in the coming year and beyond. Thank you all once more and we wish you a successful year.

On behalf of **Charteris Bay Golf Club Membership**

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