

## FORUM 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

PRESENT: Ashburton, Geraldine, Gleniti, Highfield, Lower Waitaki, Maungati, Mayfield, Methven, Pleasant Point, Rakaia, St. Andrews, Temuka, Timaru, Tinwald, Tokarahi, Waimate, Waitoa Park

APOLOGIES: Ben Ohau, Fairlie, Kurow, Frances Mulvey Temuka, Michelle Kelly Board, Julia Knight North Otago.

HOME LINKS: Clubs are reminded to check the Manual to make sure these are played in the time frame set down by N.Z. Golf. Can get up - to - date Manual from N.Z. Golf \$35 or on Website.

NATIONAL TEAMS: Rakaia with a good score of 18.6 under came 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Zealand with the top Club in N.Z. Lawrence in Otago having 24.2 under.

R.J. LOW CUP: Waimate held onto it with 4 wins but then fell at the last hurdle to Ashburton who now hold the cup.

36 HOLE FOURSOMES: Clubs are reminded when doing their programmes for the following year to not put their Nancy MacCormick on the same week as this tournament like a lot of Clubs did this year. With this tournament not being as well patronized as it could be, after a lengthy discussion it was decided to make it 27 holes for next year with 9 holes being played in the morning lurch then 18 in the afternoon.

H.S.B.C. CHALLENGE: Clubs are reminded that this is coming up and should push it within their Clubs as it is for **ALL GOLFERS** 18 holers and not just 9 holers. Clubs will receive their information on this shortly.

TOURNAMENTS: Letter from Temuka voicing their disappointment at their Open Tournament being around about the same time as Association Teams and also clashing with pennants. It was pointed out that with majority of clubs starting 1<sup>st</sup> week in Feb and ending about mid Nov this gave us 43 weeks most Club days are on a Tuesday or Wednesday so that takes these days out. There are 17 rounds of pennants to put in which leaves 24 weeks plus there are 7 Association Fixtures. Foursomes, Stylemaster, National Teams, Assn Teams, Veterans, Millenium Trophy and Champion of Champions and there are 43 Club Tournaments so we ask Clubs that have 3 Tournaments a year to cut back to 2. Ideally it should be 1 each!! This is not counting 9 hole Tournaments. And of course this is not taking in the WEATHER!!! So you can see that this is a very full calendar so it is up to the Clubs to check the draft calendar when it comes out and be in touch if not happy.

It was decided to hold all Association Fixtures centrally so when clubs are putting in for the Tournaments next year keep this in mind.

Gleniti wanted a discussion on Tournament prizes as they have stayed with a Gross prize followed by Netts etc. This was thoroughly discussed and left up to the individual clubs to decide on their own distribution of prizes as they see fit.

**HANDICAP SYSTEM:** Letter from Methven concerning the new handicap system which no longer provides the netts which results in having to manually check cards and if you have large fields at Tournaments this adds to the time to verify the scores of the winning players. Will write to N.Z.

**MILLENIUM SALVER:** This was supposed to be at Akaroa but having a lengthy phone conversation with Canterbury Golf has now been changed to Greendale on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Clubs will be sent a notice later but are reminded that they send the name of player and a reserve, handicap index up to 25.0 with telephone No's IF the reserve is needed they will be RUNG to confirm.

**PENNANTS:** Slow play. Please look up slow play in the rules and it is up to the host club to keep the field moving. REASONABLE TIME is when playing in fours. 13 mins 30 secs per hole which is 4 hours 10 mins per 18 holes. Up to Club Captains to go thru this with their pennant players before each game. Also Host Clubs to remind all players to keep up with the ones in front before they go out to play.

**OPEN:** Letter from Kurow wanting to change the team from 6 players to 4 after quite a discussion and then a vote it was unanimous that the Open stay at 6 players. (sorry Kurow)

Geraldine would like less zones which would give more games, we will have to wait and see the entries for the pennants to see what would work and also keeping in mind that we will have to find more days.

Keep to the handicap index of 40.4 for all pennants except Silver.

**MIXED PENNANTS.** Would like to see these continue but we have only 4 Sundays to play these, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> January. As these are a relaxed form of play and players want to play with own partners doubles only, but this will also go to mens forum as well which is in August

**SCORING FOR PENNANTS:** Ashburton would like to see Womens and Mens scoring on the same system for Pennants. This will be discussed at Board Meeting.

**REFEREES FOR FINALS:** It was brought in last year that we brought in a referee for all finals, so far I have had to find one for the Silver and Veterans finals and it is very hard to find a person to give up their day for this when not needed. It says in the pennant rules an official to follow play which in the past has been all that has happened and they have not been needed. After a discussion it will revert to official following play. It is up to Club Captains of the teams to make sure that their players know the rules and read the Local Rules on the board before commencing play

SILVER: Clubs were made aware that when the Silver Pennant was brought in back in 1978 this was used as trials and match play practice for the Russell Grace team (now the interprovincial team) there were very few teams involved but served its purpose, over the years we have lost this and would like to see it come back in for that purpose. So after much discussion it was decided to try next year with the Silver being played at the end of the year as the Interprovincial is now played in December, handicaps will come back to 18.4 and this will once again be used as match play trials for the interprovincial trialists. Teams will still be able to substitute players in the afternoon if they so wish and also composite teams will be allowed. Everyone thought that was a good idea as it will get our players to play more 36 hole games and have more match play practice going into the interprovincials which must be beneficial to all concerned.

REPRESENTATIVE: Jenny Kellahan outlined the trial dates for the Masters and Interprovincial team pointing out that the Masters team picked itself as at each trial game they entered their gross stablefords in a book and the 4 players with the highest scores would be the team, they must have at least 4 scores in to be eligible. The interprovincial team will be picked on performance in match play and trials set down by selectors Jenny Kellahan, Catherine Knight and Barbara O'Connell,

HOLE IN ONE: A hole in one must be scored on an affiliated course during a completed stipulated round (Rules of Golf definition) in stroke play or match play (The stipulated round for 9 hole players is 9 holes.) " *Stipulated round*" consists of playing the holes of the course in their correct sequence

DEVELOPEMENT SQUAD: Barbara O'Connell outlined a plan where she wants the Club Captains from each Club to give her the names of players under 50 on 18.4 or under or even if there is a promising player on a higher handicap who is coming down. Barbara will run a day once a month where they will all meet and be encouraged to go further with their golf.

WEBSITE: N.Z. golf website is being updated to make it more user friendly and provide more information. The time line for this is July - August Rebuild complete site in conjunction with Dot Golf. Sept – October Content and Imagary loaded. Late October live

NEXT FORUM: On February 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Gleniti