

# NOMADS NEWS

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## FELLOW NOMADS

Trust you all had a festive Christmas and all the very best in 08. May those New Year resolutions hold fast, and the crucial putts drop! I think it is fair to say that we are not sorry to see the sporting year 07 pass on by, it did not fulfill the promise it held. Perhaps the same could be said for our club, despite the best efforts of your committee we struggled to increase membership and our playing numbers were down on last year. Hopefully your new committee will have greater success in getting our numbers up, although this largely depends on us ALL getting guests along to experience a playing day. I cannot see why this should not happen, as the fundamentals are strong. These include:

- a) A dedicated core of members who are determined to grow the club.
- b) Strong values including friendship through golf, networking and assisting those less fortunate than ourselves.
- c) A strong financial support base.
- d) An excellent website.
- e) International camaraderie through our affiliation with South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Australia.

As is tradition our AGM was held after Gold Cup at Titirangi on the 7th December. I unfortunately was not able to stay for the full duration of the meeting but I gather it went very smoothly. A Special General Meeting was convened shortly afterwards and the main debate was centered on reviewing our handicap system where clearly there is a 'point of difference' amongst members. Essentially the view point taken by some is that our handicap system is unnecessarily complicated and may be putting off new members. Others argue that we are part of an international organization and we should adhere to the recognized Nomads Handicapping system. The motion to move from the Nomads handicapping system to Slope was narrowly defeated as the two thirds majority was not achieved. Although the motion was defeated the incoming committee will need to carefully consider the very useful feedback given by members as well as the fact that over half the members present indicated that they are not happy with the current system. There will no doubt be further discussion and developments on handicapping and scoring in the New Year. Personally I would like to see our two match play events played off our club handicaps.

## GOLD CUP 2007

This was held at Titirangi on the 7th December with a field of 32 players. What a golf course this is, every time I play there I am come away more and more impressed, it really does have some great golf holes and it is hard to think of any weak holes. The fairways were absolutely immaculate.

Monthly game results, being the 1st game of the '08 season:

**Player of the day:** Ian Braddock 36 pts.

**Gold Cup qualifiers:** Ian Braddock and Roger Sumich.

**Team Prize:** Stephen Gladding, Paul Rooney, Lapa Laubscher and Jason Pinkerton.(126 pts)

**Ind Prizes:** Roger Sumich 36pts.

**2nd:** Terry Zouch 36 pts.

**3rd:** Ian Braddock 36 pts.

**4th:** Wim Janssen 35 pts.

**NTP:** Reno Wynstock and Terry Zouch.

**Longest Drive:** Bulldog Bell.

**Two's:** David Bell, Terry Zouch, Roger Sumich, Hein Erasmus, John Endean and Win Charlebois.

## 2007 WINNERS

**Gold Cup:** Ian Braddock.

**Roy Best:** Russ Maloney who def. Mike McKenna

**John O'Sullivan:** Russ Maloney and Ian Braddock who def Bulldog Bell and Paul Tremewan.

**Presidents Trophy:** Ian Braddock, r'up Kerry Sharpin.

**Captains Trophy:** Jason Pinkerton, r'up Reno Wynstock.

**Vice Captain's Trophy:** Greg Wertheim.



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Congratulations to all especially Ian Braddock for coming away with 3 trophies including The Gold Cup, and Russ Maloney who won both the John O'Sullivan and the Roy Best. This is the first time we have a winner of both the match play events in the same year, not bad for an old man with two artificial hips! French wine clearly did him some good. Whilst on artificial leg parts it was good to see John Philpott playing golf again. Welcome back, John I wonder if you will be able to entice your regular partner back, now that he now knows what it is like to win the J O S trophy.

As I mentioned earlier I was most impressed with Titirangi and have decided to run a little survey on what us members think are the top Auckland courses. Results will be duly posted in a future newsletter. Could you please send me an email giving your top 10 courses in order. My email add is **[MClements.co.nz](mailto:MClements.co.nz)**

My list:

- 1) Titirangi
- 2) Auckland Golf Club  
(must profess to only having played it once)
- 3) The Grange
- 4) Gulf Harbour
- 5) North Shore
- 6) Remuera
- 7) Southhead
- 8) Formosa
- 9) Muriwai
- 10) Pukekohe

I look forward to hearing about your selection.

May I wish the incoming Captain David Bell and his new committee all the best in their term of office and pass on my congratulations and thanks to past Captain Ian Braddock, along with his committee comprising of Bill Hanning, David Bell, Charlie Tapper, Peter Langerak, Neil D'Arcy Brain and John Kelleher (and, although not on the committee, Norman Fairweather for handicapping and John Mansbridge for the website) for all the work they put in during this past season. For the first time in 8 years Bill Hanning will be taking a break from the committee. Bill on behalf of all of us, many thanks for all the work you put into the club. May your retirement be short lived!

Finally, a reminder of the first paying day for the new year at Formosa on 24 January at 12.30pm. You can register on the Club's website **[www.nomads.co.nz](http://www.nomads.co.nz)** and for those who cannot remember how to do this there is a handy hints package under Club Information. You can register your guests there as well. Even if you cannot play, it would be helpful for the day's planning if you register that you cannot attend.

All the best in '08.

Mel.

