

NOMADS NEWS

JULY 2007

GREETINGS

How was that storm a few weeks ago! Talk about battering down the hatches! Just looking over Peninsula golf course, I see a few trees are now horizontal and awaiting removal. Knowing my luck the trees on the right hand side of the fairways will still be standing and waiting to collect my draw, but one thing for certain is that every course North of Auckland will be effected. The professional tree fellers will be inundated with work, and I suspect a few golfers will be quietly celebrating the demise of 'that darn tree!'

The U.S. Open has come and gone, and just like 2 years ago when Michael surprised them all, Cabrera, a coach less, shrink less, overweight smoker from a country that probably has less than a couple of hundred courses beat the world's best! Wasn't it great to see this ex caddy driving 380 yard par 4's with that 'what the hell' attitude. Now that's what people want to watch, throw away that 3 wood, just gimme that 8 degree driver. Although I suppose it does not work for everyone, just ask Jean Van der Velde and Phil Michelson. Likewise as we all know the Irishman snuck in at the British Open. One wonders how much of a lead a player needs before coming down the 18th at Carnoustie, just goes to show the pressure involved in playing the last in a major, especially if you don't smoke. This tournament is surely THE event of the year, the spectators understand the game, the course is tough but fair and the event just oozes history.

BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

This was held at Muriwai on the 8th of July and I regret to advise that the South regained the trophy, with a winning margin of 6 points. The North captain tells me it was all a bit of a setup, as I gather he had to second a couple of players from the South to play for the North team and they ensured that the South won the challenge. (He didn't really say that) No hard feelings, BUT may I suggest a couple of changes. Firstly, we do not play the event in the middle of winter as the Northerners are at a distinct disadvantage in that living nearer to the equator we are not used to

the cold and secondly it is common knowledge that North Harbour residents are renowned for their mental strength and playing combined stable ford does not really give us the opportunity to display this quality. Considering the poor turnout with the North unable to muster a full compliment of players I say we should cancel that 'warm up' and play for proper bragging rights at Mangawai Heads? After all Fiji do not claim to be the top side in world rugby when they win the World 7's! What format do they use to play the Ryder Cup? I rest my case.

(Editors comment: What a load of rubbish – it was won fair and square by the South!)

NEW MEMBERS

We have 3 new members to welcome to the club.

Dave Cooper: Dave's partner is Jenny and he plays out of Manakau Golf Club off a handicap of 12. Dave is M.D. of Scottish Pacific a finance company that specialises in factoring, lending, invoice discounting and general business finance.

Greg Wertheim: Greg's partner is Keri. Greg is the business development manager of Scottish Finance.

Nick Kirk: Nick's partner is Joan and he plays out of the North Shore Golf club off a handicap of 9. Nick is an executive director of Five Star Finance a company specialising in financing the sale of consumer products, excluding motor cars.

MURIWAI 21ST JUNE

Once again a good turnout of 45 players, which would have been better had the weather played it's part. Considering it was a very blustery day with intermittent rain the scores were remarkably good. I think more players used a wood on the 148 m par 3 8th than an iron. Peter Langerak and Bill Hanning once again booked us in, our thanks to them. Ian gave us a newsy address which included a snippet that the club intended hiring a bus and having a dinner at the Mangawai Heads game which is due to be played on August the 16th. It should be a most enjoyable day.



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RESULTS

Player of the day: Paul Rooney 37pts.

Playing 4: Richard Ridler, Mark Jansen, Wim Hansen and Neil Spencer.

Ind. Prizes: Paul Rooney 37, John Abbott 33, Norman Weitzman 33 and David Allen 33.

Guest Winners: Craig Hustler 36, boy it must be tough for him to play for money.

Paul Weaver 35, Stan Abrahams 33.

NTP Stan Abrahams and Marc Jansen.

Longest Drive: Craig Hustler, this was only about 100 meters short of the 18th green, HUGE!

Crying towel: Greg (Chrysler) Moven on 21.

Paul Rooney and Neil Spencer both qualify for Gold Cup

Cummings 36, Pete Cotton 35 and Norm Weitzman on 34.

Peter and Ray qualify for Gold cup.

NTP. Dave Cooper and Craig Joynt.

Longest Drive: Rob Briscoe.

2's. Pete Griffiths, Reno Wijnstock and Dave Cooper.

Guest winners: John Paine on 34 and Frank Geaney on 32.

Crying Towel: Neville Boyd on 23, who probably wins the best prize on offer, Wim Janssen's ham, I think committee need to review this prize allocation, although David Bell could argue that one. By the way David have not seen you pick up this prize for sometime, what's going on?

In leaving I will remind you that Charity day is coming up shortly and we will be sending both entry forms and sponsorship appeals, please support the event and get them back early.

Look forward to seeing you at Mangawai Heads on the 16th of August, further details will become available but remember we will be having a bus to take us out there. Please try not to think of me playing golf in the Sunshine Coast next week, can't stand those clear sunny days! A reminder, if you could support our key sponsors Golf Warehouse and Team MacMillan BMW whenever possible.

Cheers Mel.

Did you know? Sir Walter Hagen was the first golfer to earn 1 million dollars, He ended up winning 11 majors and is credited with that well known saying " Don't hurry, don't worry and stop and smell the flowers on the way". As we all know clubs and apparel bearing his name are still sold today, 38 years after his death. How many people can say that. Well I suppose the obvious answer is no one, but you know what I mean. He was golf's first superstar!

A gushy reporter told Phil Michelson, "You are spectacular, you really know your way around this course, what's your secret?"

Michelson replied, "The holes are numbered!"

THE GRANGE 20/7/07

32 players including 5 guests participated. A somewhat disappointing field considering the response we have had for the last couple of games, but I guess this was down to the weather forecast which was not encouraging. As it turned out, the weather played ball and some of us even had first hand viewing of a Bollywood film which was being acted out on the 3rd. Chatted to a cameraman, who indicated that it was the first time a Bollywood movie was being made in NZ and there was another one to follow. Not before time, he reckons, as the industry was struggling after a few very good years with Lord of the Rings etc. So there we go, NZ golf courses coming to the rescue of our ailing film industry, don't suppose there are too many courses over there. How good were the snacks that night, cannot remember getting better.

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Player of the day: Peter Grffiths with 39 points, I think I am right in saying that Peter was 3 over for the first nine, not bad for a 19 h'cap.

Playing 4. Kerry Sharpin, Paul Tremewan, Mike McKenna and Craig Joynt. Mike, no more whingeing about handicaps we now have on record that you won a prize!

Ind. Prizes: Pete Griffiths, Ray Parsons, 38, Allan



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