

NOMADS NEWS

JUNE/JULY 2008

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This years Open Championship was despite the adverse weather conditions remarkable in many ways. Undoubtedly the highlight has to have been Greg Norman's play which considering his age was just amazing. The Chartered Accountant retaining his title and delivering a speech that was worth listening to, and of cause Cambo surprising all by making the cut. He does seem to play his best in either tough conditions or difficult (U.S. Open type) golf courses, perhaps he should build his schedule using that criteria!

Having skipped the newsletter last month I have quite a bit of information to pass on so will limit the small talk. The first bit of news I can tell you about, is the next monthly game; that is the Bill Sims Memorial day to be held at Mangawai Heads on Friday the 22nd of August. The club is hiring a 45 seater bus to transport us all to what is a super winter golf course. The recent wet weather has played havoc with most of the Auckland courses and it will be great playing on a sand based track. Tony Banks is coordinating the event and is hoping to 'fill the bus'. If you are able to play please email Tony on tonywb@xtra.co.nz or contact him on 021 779147! The itinerary is:-

- 8:30 Bus departs from College Rifles Rugby Club car park.
- 9:30 Bus collects North Harbor golfers from Peninsula Golf Club.
- 11:00 Arrive at Man Heads Golf Club, tea, register and tee off from 11:30. (a light lunch will be provided).
- 6:00pm Prize giving and a two course meal.
- 6:45pm Return to Peninsula at approximately 8:00 pm and College Rifles Rugby Club at 9:00 pm.

The cost for all of this is just \$60.00! Guests are most welcome. Don't forget to bring a towel along.

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers the 'Battle of the Bridge' did not eventuate, perhaps we can still play it at one of our remaining monthly games. Whilst on competitions can I remind you that the J.O.Sullivan and Roy Best 2nd round matches need to be played by the 17th August.

MURIWAI 19/6/08

Player of the day: Craig Joynt 41pts.

Gold Cup Qualifiers: Craig and Bill Hanning (37pts).

Playing 4: Mike McKenna, Craig Joynt, John Foyle and Alan Cumming on 138pts.

Ind Prizes: Bill Hanning 37, John Phillpott 34, Jeremy Cooper 34 and Ian Braddock 34.

Guest prizes: Neil Reid 41pts, Ben Harding 38 and Mark Darrow 38.

NTP: Geoff Wilson and Kerry Sharpin.

2's: Jeremy Copper, Andrew Robertson and Jeff Wilson. Neil Reid eagled the 14th.

Longest Drive: Jeremy 'JIENORMOUS' Cooper.

Crying Towel: Don Scott 20pts, who was one worse than our Captain.

We had a pretty good turnout of 40 players which included 10 guests. The weather was relatively mild and the course and snacks absolutely brilliant. It should be a great venue for our Charity day. This course seems to go out of its way in looking after Nomads and it is always a pleasure to play there.

MANUKAU GOLF CLUB 17/7/08

Player of the day: Ian Braddock 38pts on C/B with Paul Rooney and Craig Joynt.

Gold Cup qualifier: Paul Rooney.

Playing 4: Craig Joynt, Mike McKenna, Alan Cumming and Waddy Pillay on 147pts. (3 of them defending their title!)

Ind Prizes: Paul Rooney 38, Ian Braddock 38, Mel Clements 37 and Neil D'Arcy Brain on 34.

Guest Prizes: Peter Morrow 42 and Waddy Pillay 38.

NTP: Phil Stickland and Peter Cotton.

2's: Mel Clements (2), Peter Cotton and Robin Sheffield. Ian Braddock eagled number 2.



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Longest Drive: Phil (Stuckit) Stickland

Crying Towel: He may have been pipped last month but on 25pts, yet again... David Bell.

A disappointing turnout of just 23 players included 6 guests. The weather was absolutely perfect with the weatherman getting the forecast very, very wrong. The course was in great condition and the scores reflected that, with the average score possibly being as high as 33pts. I suppose we have to bear in mind that we are playing off index handicaps. It is fair to say that the newly voted in handicap system is working well and there has been no noticeable slow down in rounds. If anyone hasn't had an eagle for a while they should consider playing in my 4 ball, as unusual as they are Neil Reid (at Muriwai) and Ian Braddock (at Manukau) have each nailed one, both very impressive being 20ft putts that never looked like missing. Ian did not get off to too bad a start at Manukau going, par, eagle, birdie.

Ongoing competitions update:

Presidents Trophy: (best 6 scores of the year): 204- Mel Clements, 199 Ian Braddock, 195 Tony Clephane, 191 Paul Rooney and Mike McKenna.

Captains Trophy: (Final result, 4 best scores of the first 6 meetings) 135 Mel Clements & Dereck Bowman, 133 Bill Hanning and Ian Braddock.

Vice Captains Trophy: 78 Craig Joynt, 72 Ian Braddock, 70 Mel Clements, 68 Mike McKenna. This is ongoing and still has 4 months to go, being 4 best scores of the final 6 meetings.

CHARITY DAY 2008 MURIWAI 16TH OCTOBER

Peter Langerak is once again coordinating this year's event. We are hoping for a field of 120 players and this year we are 'going that extra mile' providing a 3 course buffet meal after

the golf. Drinks will be available on the course, along with a sausage sizzle and coffee & scones at registration. Muriwai have given us a very generous green fee rate and because of the deal on offer we are able to retain the charge of \$500 per team of 4. We have booked 24 carts and these will be available at \$30 each on a first come first served basis. Registration will be at 10:30 and a shot gun start at 11:30 will get the field off and running. Please register your team as early as possible notifying Pete at jlangerak@xtra.co.nz and posting cheques to Pete at :- Apartment 1403 Heritage Towers, 22 Nelson Street, Auckland 1010. If you need further details he can be contacted on 027522204. I will be assisting Pete with prizes and hole sponsorship. Hole sponsorship will once again be set at \$500 per hole, I would appreciate a strong response as this generosity makes a big difference to the 'pot' we are able to hand over to this years charity organisation. If you can donate any prizes or cash towards the event please liaise with me, I can be contacted on 021 415 276 or MClements@xtra.co.nz. I gather the committee has received submissions from 4 worthy charity organizations and will be deciding who to support within the next month.

That's about it for this month, and a reminder that should you wish to join Mike McKenna's golf tour to the Sunshine Coast contact him ASAP. I gather they have an awesome time and have once again lined up 7 great courses. Remember to support our Sponsors, City Golf and Team MacMillan BMW. Look forward to seeing you at the bus on the 22nd of August.

Mel.

Remember golf is like a marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you!

Golf: You hit down on the ball to make it go up! You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins and on top of that the winner often pays for the drinks. (please remember that when I lose!)

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