



NOMADS GOLF CLUB (NZ) INC

po box 6444 , wellesley street , auckland , new zealand

MAY/JUNE 2009

GREETINGS

Trust you are surviving the foul weather, I guess that fortnight of sunny skies and chilly nights could not last forever, but wasn't it just great, perfect for golf as well. Yes, Winter is upon us and for those of us who are not skiing nuts the only plus with this time of the year has to be the Tri Nations. Indications are that this year the three sides will be of similar strength, it could just be the tightest tournament to date, and I would not be surprised if each team won their home games and it comes down to bonus points. Bring it on!

CLUB NEWS

We have two new applicants that will be inducted at Muriwai on the 23rd. They are:

Gary Van Rensburg: Gary is married to Tracy, plays out of Formosa off a 13 handicap and is a management consultant specializing in website design, and was proposed by Mike McKenna.

Barry Nock: Barry is married to Suzie, plays out of Pakuranga off a 12 handicap and is a Business Improvement Analyst (don't we all need one of these!), and was proposed by Pete Langerak.

John Kelliher still has some new shirts and caps for those members who were not at Manukau, get hold of John and arrange to have them collected as he cannot be expected to hold onto them for too long. They will be available for distribution at Muriwai. John can be contacted on 09 534 4603. Would those who do have the new shirts please wear them at our monthly meetings and stick the old ones in the back of the cupboard or the bin so as to ensure uniformity.

WEBSITE

Neill Reid of Cyberstate has been tasked with upgrading our current website, which whilst having served us well is now due a revamp, and we hope to have the new site up and running by September. Neill has given us a big discount and if you are looking at upgrading or designing a new website I would ask that you consider having a chat with Neill.

TIE AWARDS

The following are due to receive ties:

5 year: Charlie Tapper; Peter Griffiths and Philip Drew and Lapa Laubscher.

10 year: Roger Sumich, Ken Patterson and Ray Parsons although I am not too sure about the last name as Ray has been a Nomad for over 30 years?? By the way rumour has it that Ray will be moving back to Auckland from Rotorua.



COMPETITIONS

We have a result in the Captains trophy which is attained by the player with the best 4 scores from the first 6 months of the playing year. This effectively came down to a single putt as John Philpott finished on 146 points, ahead of Paul Monks on 145, Mike McKenna on 141, Tony Clephane on 140 and Russell Maloney on 136 points. Congrats to John.

John O Sullivan: There have been some 'upsets' in this year's event. Last years winners JP and Roger Sumich were beaten by Paul Monks and Steve Gladding and they now play Bill Hanning and Tony Banks who put away the 07 winners Ian Braddock and Russ Maloney in the semis.

MONTHLY GAMES

PENINSULA GOLF CLUB PLAYED ON THE 21ST MAY

Records show we had 32 players which included 3 guests and to be honest I don't remember much more about the day, I guess that's either because it is my home club or early signs of dementia! But to those who assisted with the day of which I remember Tony Clephane being one, many thanks. What I can tell you, as most of you would have heard, is that recently the PGC members overwhelmingly voted in favor of accepting an offer to swap the land for the existing course with a new course to be built at Wainui (about 10 mins. west of it's current location) and some cash. The developers PLDL have indicated a desire to build a 'world class facility' which will also include a short 9 hole practice course and club house possibly with conference facilities. The course designer will be Grant Puddicombe who is best known in New Zealand for having designed and built The Lakes Resort in Pauanui. So if any of you Nomads are thinking of joining the club to play the new course on a regular basis, it might be worth taking that option up shortly as I suspect the membership quotas will fill up fairly quickly. I also suspect there will be many 'golf course residents' scurrying off to their local council offices to check the zoning of the golf course they border on.

Player of the Day: Charlie Tapper with 40 points by lot over Paul Monks.

Playing 4: John Isaac, Andrew Robertson, Tony Clephane and Lapa Laubscher with 145pts.

Ind. Prizes: 1st: Charlie on 40, 2nd Paul on 40, 3rd Mel Clements 37 and 4th Ian Braddock on 36pts.

Winning Guest: Remo Ribechini on 37pts.

N.T.P. Peter Griffiths and Gary Van Rensburg.

Longest Drive: Powerball Pinketon.

Charlie and Paul qualify for Gold Cup.

2's: Tony Banks and Gary Van Rensburg.

Crying towel: John East on 22 points, welcome to the club John!



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MANUKAU 18TH JUNE

We had great weather and had a good turnout of 43 players. The course was absolutely mint, perfect greens, dry fairways and well groomed bunkers! Definitely a course I could play each week and was quite surprised to see that within our club only Norm Weisman is a member there. Sadly the snacks were a bit disappointing and my apologies to you all on that note. With the course being so well groomed the scores were very good and I cannot remember a crying towel being 'won' on such a high score of 26 points. The other noticeable event was the absence of David Bell, who was away in Taupo. I think this was David's 2nd game he has missed in the past 5 years, not a bad record! Tony Clephane stepped into the breach and with the assistance of Ian the prize giving went without a hitch. Thanks to Tony Banks for doing the scoring and Roger Sumich for the entertaining fines session.

Player of the Day: Charlie Tapper (this name rings a bell!) on 40 points over Craig Joynt by lot.

Playing 4: Reno Wjinstock, Craig Joynt, Mike Brown and Roy Easton on 144pts.

Ind Prizes: 1st Charlie 40, 2nd Craig 40, 3rd myself on 39 and 4th Steve Gladding and Neil Spencer on 37pts.

N.T.P: Myself and John Philpott.

2's: Russ Maloney, Paul Monks, Charlie Tapper and Rimo Ribechini.

Longest Drive: Big John Isaac.

Crying towel: David Hill, 26pts.

TOURS

A reminder that we need to have names by the end of July for the Oz mini Nationals being held at Noosa Springs from the 23rd-25th October, we currently have 6 confirmed entrants with a few of us staying on a few extra days and taking spouses.

The Queenstown trip has been postponed to March / April next year.

Mangawhai Heads (Bill Simms Road Show) is still scheduled for the 21st of August.

South African Nationals: The 2010 Nationals is scheduled to be played at Pretoria and the 2011 Nationals is set down for Boland which is pretty close to Cape Town, perhaps with South Africa hosting the World Cup next year and accommodation costs being at a premium we may wish to look at sending a team over for this one in March 2011 and get our former member Stefan Hugo who now lives there to arrange a few tours etc.

Nigel Poole has also informed me that he is aware of another golf tour for next years Masters event, so if any of you are looking at going to Augusta in 2010 let me know and I will forward that information onto you.

As we have quite a few new members join this year I thought it would be opportune to recite the Nomads creed taken from the meditations of John Donne.

"No man is an island entire of itself;

Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.....

And any man's death diminishes me for I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls,

It tolls for thee."

In closing on behalf of the committee we would like to thank David and his willing PA, Marcia, for the many hours of work they have put into Nomads over the past few years in arranging our games and sorting out membership issues. As mentioned at the Manukau game I shall now be co-ordinating this role and so would ask you to direct any queries you may have my way.

Please remember to support our main sponsors City Golf who continue to give us tremendous support as well as Millar and co. Whilst mentioning City Golf I can advise you that Zaine Mickelson is no longer working under their umbrella but is still coaching and organizing golfing tours to Fiji etc. Our thanks to Zaine for his past support. I suspect Giles will now be doing the coaching lessons.

Look forward to seeing you at Muriwai Golf Course on the 23rd of July where we have a 12 noon start. Please remember to register on our website www.nomads.co.nz

Mel.

Ponder this: ***Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die!***

