

# NOMADS NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2007

## GREETINGS

Quite a milestone for our club this month, we turned 10 years old! Nomads (New Zealand) Auckland became the 4th country to join the institution which was started in South Africa in 1960, followed by Rhodesia now Zimbabwe, and Botswana. There are 18 clubs worldwide, (over 3000 members) including 2 in Australia who kicked off about 4 years ago. Instrumental in getting our club off the ground included the late John O Sullivan, current members John Philpott and Ian Braddock and past members Mike Gibson (the inaugural captain) Peter Ramsay, Guy Newlove and Lisle Thackwray the clubs first President. Other members who I know of that have given an extraordinary commitment to the club include Bill Hanning, Ray Parsons, David Bell and Peter Langerak. Like any club, success is largely dependant on numbers and commitment. Whilst it is probably fair to say that numbers have perhaps been somewhat disappointing the commitment of many members has put the club on solid ground and it is now a well known golfing organisation admired for the financial help it has given to those less fortunate than ourselves, having raised in excess of 250 000 dollars. Something to be really proud of!! The club has spawned friendships and business networking as well as many interesting experiences including participation in the South African Nationals tournament which opened a few eyes, literally for some! The club is well placed and look forward to another 10 years of golfing and giving. Of course we could not have got this far without the support of our sponsors. Our current major sponsors include Team McMillan BMW and The Golf Warehouse. Our other sponsors are Janssens Continental and Millar & Co/ St Heliers Bay Wines. Our grateful thanks to those companies.

## MANGAWHAI HEADS

To celebrate our 10th anniversary the committee arranged an 'away game' on 16 August and hired a bus to transport members to the course. As we all know with golf, the weather has to play its part and unfortunately we came horribly second on that count. Whilst on the bus I could not help relating to those guys who are 'twister chasers' in the Mid USA, as we literally drove into the eye of the depression. Our clubs name suggests travellers, thrill seeking

extreme golf, I am not sure. But with arrangements in place there was little we could do. Suffice to say all 32 of us got thoroughly drenched and with the exception of Paul Murphy, John Abbott, Neville Boyd and Tony Banks who finished 18 the rest of the field had a shower after 9. Paul mentioned he was having a knee op the following Monday, and hence his reason for completing the round, quite why the other 3 continued is beyond me who has this strange notion that golf is played for enjoyment. A most enjoyable dinner and brief prize giving, which included an amusing fines session from Paul Tremewan, was held at the clubhouse in the evening before returning to Auckland. To all those instrumental in organising the trip, David Bell, Ian, Pete and Neil our grateful thanks.

## MATCHES

As there are no results to give I will give you an update of the competitions which are now coming down to the business end.

### Roy Best

Ian Bowman v Russ Maloney (winner to play Meltzer)  
Norm Fairweather v Mike McKenna and John Isaac v Ian Braddock.  
Please get these matches played as they are now overdue.

### John O Sullivan Trophy (semi finals)

David Bell & Paul Tremewan v Mel Clements and Norm Fairwether  
Ian Braddock & Russ Maloney v John Abbott and Kerry Sharpin.

### Presidents Trophy (best 6 scores of the playing year)

Kerry Sharpin and Ian Braddock lead on 198.  
Jason Pinkerton on 194  
David Bell on 192  
Neil Spencer 189  
Followed by the rest of us choppers.

### Captains Trophy (Best 4 scores of the first 6 games.)

This has been jointly won by Jason Pinkerton and Reno Wijnstock on 137.  
Kerry Sharpin was next on 136.



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## MATCHES CONTINUED

**Vice Captains Trophy** (Best 4 scores of the last 6 games)

Peter Griffiths 69

Ray Parsons 68

Norm Weisman 67

Pete Cotton and Allan Cummings on 63.

## CHARITY DAY 07

Due to be played on Friday 19 October at Titirangi, preparations are well underway for staging yet another successful day. You will have received an email from Ian giving details and entry forms both for teams and hole sponsors, please get them back to us as soon as possible. We have a hole sponsors drawn prize which will include a free week end of golf at Wairaki and accommodation in Taupo. Hole sponsorship will cost \$500 and only hole sponsors will be in the draw. Also we are looking for donated prizes

Please get involved we have pledged \$25,000 to "Camp Quality" an organisation that does a tremendous amount to work for kids with cancer and well deserving of our help. It is unfortunate that the tournament is the day before Labour w'end however to postpone our travels a day or a few hours should not be a major. The Golf Warehouse has once again donated all Titirangi green fee costs. Eric Faesenkloet has made this generous donation over the past 2 years and we are indeed grateful for his continued support. Let's remember he can only support our club, if we support his business. In recognition of Eric's long term support for our club he has recently been awarded Honorary membership.

## MEMBERSHIP

Other membership news include Frans Huysman's indication to rejoin the club and the transfer of Phillip Drew to Associate membership. Phillip continues to do a most efficient job in formatting the newsletter you receive. Stephan Hugo has moved back to South Africa and has requested a transfer to Nomads Boland. I cannot think of too many people who have moved back to the Republic but I guess Stephan always felt a little claustrophobic here, the

man needs to be in the bush! He certainly seemed to hit the ball into the rough often enough with that strange grip of his. Stephan made many friends during his 7 years in New Zealand and we wish him well on his return to his native land, just be careful you don't get shot, burgled or car jacked!

## COMMITTEE NEWS

With the new website up and running we are looking to have on-line registrations commencing with the 15 November playing day at Pukekohe. More details will follow.

With the AGM coming up in December we are looking for new committee members for next year. With monthly meetings and a very small amount of additional work this is a great way to support your Club and spread the load. If you are interested or would like to know more contact Ian Braddock.

Also we are looking for a Nomad to assist John Mansbridge with keeping the web-site up to date. (how does "Vice-webmaster" sound?) John estimates about 2-3 hours every second month and he will give a full briefing and support. Please contact John if you would like to discuss further.

The committee has spent considerable time reviewing our handicapping system over the past 6 months including possible changes. One option for change is to move to slope/club handicaps. As modifications (if any) will require constitutional amendment the committee will be asking members for their views on this important issue.

We will be shortly circulating an email setting out issues and options and would encourage you to give us your views.

A reminder of the Saturday 3 November fun day (with partners) at Kaye Maxwell's golf facility at Drury for those who are interested. We are planning an early afternoon start, 9 holes of golf and a luxury buffet dinner. Non-golfers welcome.

That's about it for this month, to those lucky buggers Philpott, Maloney and others who are off to France to support the A B's enjoy your trip and bring the cup back home, it is overdue!

Till next month enjoy your golfing and look forward to seeing you at Huapai on Thursday the 20 September where we have a noon start.

