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23 September 2026

Course Improvement Update from Ryan

SEPTEMBER COURSE REPORT

It has been a very hectic month on course with aeration of all greens and tees completed.

The greens were core aerated with 12mm hollow tines to a depth of 60mm, once we had removed all the pulled cores we then applied roughly 36 tonnes of sand to fill the majority of the core holes and once brushed in they were given a light over seed of brown top.

Unfortunately the weather didn't quite play ball when we needed it too when it came time to spread and brush the sand, which has meant that there is still quite a bit of sand sitting on the surface which has hampered the ability to cut the greens in the morning when there is a lot of moisture still on them. Not only does this make a mess of the greens as the sticky sand is dragged around it also puts a lot of wear on the cutting units due to the abrasiveness of the wet sand.

We are already seeing very good recovery, and I am slowly reducing the cutting height, and it won't be long until the greens are back playing like they were pre aeration.

Unfortunately due to the high amount (14%) of organic matter in top 20mm of our greens profile this is a necessary process that needs to be continued so we can continue to dilute that thatch layer that causes soft and spongy greens. This effects infiltration rates and can make them more susceptible to disease. This process also allows for better gas exchange in the profile, allowing oxygen to reach the roots and gives the roots space to go deeper.

This will give us not only a healthy turf plant but one that provides a high quality playing surface.

This work is very time consuming and is not possible without the help of some very hard working and passionate volunteers that just keep turning up every week. Robin and I can't thank you enough for the hours you are all putting in to make this golf course better every day.

With soil temps slowly rising and a bit of moisture floating around we have had a significant flush of growth out on course which has seen a significant increase in the frequency of mowing, in particular the rough and fairways. This growth will be expected to continue as long as there is plenty of moisture in soil and we don't dry out too fast with the forecasted windier than normal conditions brought on by the El Niño weather pattern

We have also managed to complete a lot of big/small jobs out on the course over this period. The bridge being the obvious one and I think it's fair to say, Jansy and Jim have done a marvellous job. It is finished to a very high degree of workmanship and looks even better with Leigh and David's plantings around the base of the bridge which has just softened the effect of the large timber structure.

We completed a few returfing jobs as well making good use of the turf nursery. Now that we have removed the trees causing major issues on the practise putting green we have re-turfed where all the weak performing turf is and also took the opportunity to make it a lot bigger which will be very handy when we host a big tournament.

We also created a new teeing ground on the 8th for the ladies which is on much more level ground and away from the hedge.

The 16th tee is also being extended to take the ladies tee up the front and provide more length off the blue tee. These 2 adjustments to the ladies tees will no doubt need to be updated on the scorecard and also tee signage.

Upcoming work/projects on the course will see the stumps ground around the practise putting green so we can clean up and reestablish the area in turf.

At the start of November we will install the new tee irrigation on the 7th, 8th 11th and 15th holes. This will save us so much water when irrigating these tees which is going to be so valuable if it is to be as dry as they are forecasting.

I would also like to see all the scrap metal and other associated rubbish around the green keepers shed dealt with as it just looks untidy.

We are hosting the Taranaki speed golf champs in less than 2 weeks and also have Trimax doing some filming of the course on the 15th of October, which should hopefully give the course some good publicity that doesn't cost the club, so the next month is going to be busy one preparing the course to play and look its best.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thanks to everyone who has helped out on course.

There has been some crazy hours put in by a lot of the volunteers and I can't tell you how much that is appreciated. Work of this scale is just not possible without the contribution of volunteer help and I'm very lucky to have the best group of volunteers going around that put their heart and soul into this club so our members and visitors have the best experience possible.

Ryan Blackbourn

Course Closure for Taranaki Speed Golf Championship

Note that the course will be closed to all players (except those in the Speed Golf Champs) from:

Saturday 3 Oct from 2pm

Sunday 4 Oct until 1pm.

Men's Club Captains Report

Hello to all, hope you are all well.

Twilight, Big THANKS Coops and Rob for taking this on, please if you can help see them, thanks.

LAST WEEK: TOP DOG FINALS on Saturday and then the mixed top dog on Sunday: **SO THE WINNERS ARE**

Jed THE COACH Rowlands and Wayne OH ..OH ...OH Odonnell

Marie ON A HOT RUN Rayner and Lesley straight putter Elliott

Gordy Nostradamus Quinn and Terry the rock Butler Well done to all.

This week Haggie is on Gross and Nett – twos, and its **Off the Whites** so no holes out team..... rack em up!

SPEED GOLF see note in red above.

AGM TIME SOON: The AGM is in December and there will be some roles to be had. It's good to have change and fresh input so if you think you are up for it start thinking about cheers These roles are very important to the running of the club, so they need to be filled thanks.

Greens are getting there in a few weeks they will be sweet.

Thanks to Lesley for doing the newsletter while Stuart was skinny dipping overseas.

QUOTE / COMMENT OF THE WEEK. NOTHING TO SAY FOR ONCE. Lofty and SOS C/Cs



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Ladies Club Captains Report

Final of the Ladies Top Dog was played on Saturday. [Congratulations](#) to Lesley and myself for winning the match. Thanks to Caron and Bronny for a great match, a lot of fun and banter.

The mixed Top Dog winners were Rachelle and Terry, [Congratulations](#).

Tuesday Sue Staples had a wonderful round with 65 nett, awesome golf Sue. Twos were drawn, well done Joy.

Saturday the girls play LGU and Home Pennant along with Foreman Trophy. Last chance for eclectic and putting for this year.

Tuesday the ladies play the course backwards. 12 holes starting from the 18th. Great challenge to get over the trees.

We have put on the notice board the 2027 Pennant names, please put your names up if you are wanting to play. We hope to get 2 weekend teams and 1 midweek team.

Also the 2027 committee positions will be posted over the next week, so please think about joining the group to help with the running of the ladies section.

Our secretary, Meryn will be sending via email the 2025 General meeting minutes and remits. Any remit changes or new remits must be emailed by October 26. These will be posted on the notice board and discussed on Monday 9th November at 6pm at the Ladies Annual Meeting.

We require raffle donations please. We have the 18 hole ladies Christmas Hamper on 6th November and the 9 hole champion of champions on Monday 9th November. Any donations would be great. Please leave in the ladies room or give them to Meryn or Fay.

Good golfing,

Marie

Ladies 9 Hole Members

We managed to get around our 9 Holes with only threatening rain - until the last hole and then it bucketed down so consequently we all got a bit wet - some with no umbrella or coat, got soaked to the skin ☹️

This week we played LGU and putting - Division 1 winner with NETT 34 was Barbara Hunt and Division 2 winner with NETT 31 was Sharmaine Bone.

Putting this week 3 points to Teresa Tuffery with 14 Putts

2 points to Rhonda Foreman and Barbara Hunt with 15 Putts

1 points to Joy Andrews with 16 Putts

Rhonda Foreman also got a Ferret and received a golf ball for her great shot.

Teresa T

Wednesday Club Report

This was the first round of the top dog. Murray (Pooch) Peterson and Mike Burkhart had a great round with a nett 61; W O'Donnell and Martyn, 64; Cleaver and Smith 64.

Division One in the haggle was Pooch with a nett 66. Ivor Sarten, and Greg Jans both 73.

Division Two winner with nett 71 was David Butler, Stuart Skene, Andy Smith and Phillip Cleaver 72, and Graig Dent 73 Nett.

The greens are a lot better as we had seven 2s, Greg Jans and Keven O'Donnell 3rd, Ivor Sarten, and John Krestschmar 7th, with Pooch, Kelly Brown, and Shane Smith 15th.

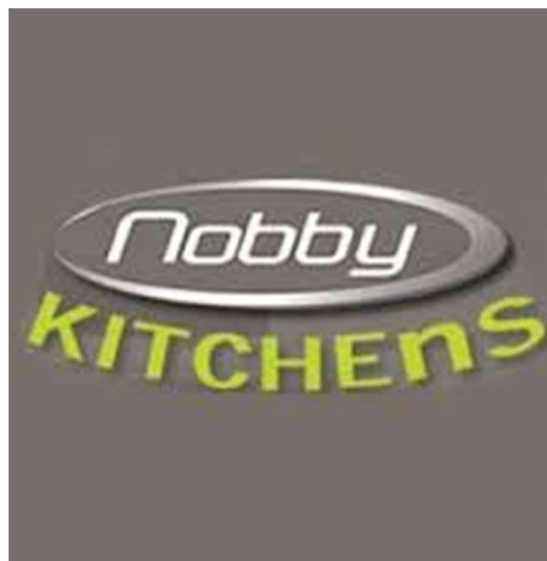
4 Raffle winners.

Cheers

Wednesday Club.



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Sponsors 7th Hole

Bar Roster

Huge thanks to the volunteers that have put their hand up to help, much appreciated.
Please organise your tee time to be available for your time slot.

Date	Time 12.30 to 2.30	2.30 -4.30
12 Sep	Shane	Nicole
19 Sep	Kerry	JR
26 Sep	Terry	Jody
3 Oct	Shane	Nicole
4 Oct (speed golf)	Need volunteer(s) to	operate the bar.
10 Oct	John V	Bronny
17 Oct	Terry	Kerry
24 Oct	John V	Shane
31 Oct	Kevin	Rochelle

Please remember that if your duty date does not suit, please swap with someone or contact John 027 480 4210

NOTE: The rostered bar staff are the designated Fire Wardens, and a list of duties can be found next to the can crusher. Please **familiarise** yourself with the **Evacuation.**



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Manukorihi Golf Club Newsletter

Editor: Stuart Skene Email: manukorihinewsletter@gmail.com

John Garner's golf tips

Possibly the most important Lesson that I've ever given you all so far is this one: the most important distance on a golf course - **"is the 6" between the ears !!!"**

You all read about golf, you hear information, some of you even practice – but do you use the “old grey matter”? “Don’t allow the heart to rule the brain. **Emotion v The Brain!!!**

Good Luck & Good Thinking!!
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WOMEN AND GIRLS

Golf New Zealand workshop sessions

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Join us for a practical workshop focused on helping clubs attract, engage and retain more women and girls. We'll share what we're learning from women and girls across the country, including the key barriers they've told us can make it harder to get involved and stay involved.

The sessions will cover:

- Where are we now? An overview of women and girls in golf and what the latest research is telling us.
- What are women saying? Key findings from our recent surveys, including the biggest barriers and some of the positive changes we're seeing.
- What does this mean for your club? Barriers and practical ways to address them.
- Girls Golf, an introduction to the new programme
- She Loves Golf, new resources and upcoming opportunities

There will also be plenty of opportunity to share ideas, successes and challenges with other clubs, hear what is working in different parts of the country, and ask questions.

Who should attend?

Anyone involved in growing participation at your club, including club managers, committee members, participation and membership leads, coaches and volunteers.

Approximately 2 hours | Light refreshments provided |
Practical resources to take away



**Thursday
October 1st
Ngamotu GC
3:30pm**

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Loves
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GOLF NZ

**Girls
Golf.**
GOLF NZ



**REGISTER
by email
office@aranakigolf.co.nz**

Club Programme

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 Course Closed - Coring	1 Course Closed - Coring	2 Course Closed - Coring	3	4	5 Green keepers Revenge
6	7	8 Top Dog Rnd 2 BBB 2	9 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	10	11 Mid Monthly 8 - 11 am	12 Tupai Cup - Stableford & De Brett Cup-Nett (L) Top Dog rnd 3 2BBB
13	14	15 Top Dog Rnd 3 BBB 2	16 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	17	18	19 Top Dog Finals - Men & Women Others Stableford
20 Spare Day Top Dog Finals	21 Main Committee Meeting @ 7pm	22 LGU & Home Pennant Foreman Trophy rnd 2 last chance Putting eclectic	23 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	24	25	26 White Tees - Nett (L) LGU & Home pennant, Foreman Trophy rnd 2 nett Last chance Putting & eclectic
27	28	29 Play Course Backwards - 12 Holes	30 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	1	2	3

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Barry Brown Mass Start 9.30 Nett
4	5	6 Purple Tees	7 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	8	9 Mid Monthly 8 - 11 am	10 Captains Choice (L) Hidden Holes - Stableford
11	12	13 White Tees	14 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	15	16	17 Bridge Cup - stableford Men & Ladies
18	19 Main Committee Meeting 7pm	20 Gross Stableford	21 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	22	23	24 LF Trueman Stableford (L) Gross Stableford
25	26 Labour Day	27 Mid week Shootout	28 Wednesday Sweepstake 9:30 Mass start	29	30	31 Nett (L) stableford
1	2	NOTES: Mens Golf Trip 27th October - 1st November				



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GOLF CLUB

WOMEN'S OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026



OPEN TO AFFILIATED WOMEN GOLFERS
WITH AN 18-HOLE NZ HANDICAP INDEX



EVENT DETAILS

Registration
8:45am - 9:30am

10:00am Shotgun Start



COMPETITION

18-Hole Stableford Competition

- Gross Prizes
- Nett Prizes
- Stableford Prizes
- Fantastic Prizes & Raffles



HOSPITALITY INCLUDED

Morning Tea
Lunch

ENTRY FEE

\$50

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4TH OCTOBER**



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ENTRY FEE
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\$3,500
WORTH OF PRIZES



A GREAT DAY
OF GOLF

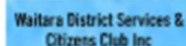


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18 Hole Open Xmas Hamper

Saturday 31st October 2026

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Tee off times from 8am to 1 pm

Entry Fee \$40 Includes twos and a steak
meal

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prizes

Entries close Sunday 25th October 2026

Entries to

Ray Finlay 0272707542

Mike Taikato 0272896697

Clubhouse 06 2738102

Come along and enjoy a day out on the Patea Links

SAVE THE DATE

New Plymouth Golf Club

Ladies Spring Fling.

 **Date:** Thursday 22 October 2026

 **Location:** New Plymouth Golf Club

 **Format:** Stableford, Gross

18 & 9 Hole Divisions

 **FASHION PARADE**

 **PRIZES**

 **LOTS OF FUN**

Enquiries and Bookings to:

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SAVE THE DATE

KAITAKE WOMENS

OPEN 54 HOLE FOURSOMES 2026



 Date: Thursday 29th & Friday 30th October 2026

 Venue: Kaitake Golf Club

 Location: Kaitake Golf Club is 15 minutes south of New Plymouth on Surf Highway 45 just past the seaside village of Oakura

 Canadian & General Foursomes / Mixed Draw Stableford

- Similar format as previous years but with a 2026 twist
- Enjoy sumptuous cuisine at our many café's and restaurants
- Explore the gorgeous gardens in the [2026 Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival](#) : 30 October to 8 November
- Accommodation – check out Airbnb, Bookabach & [Oakura Beach Holiday Park](#) for lovely modern well appointed cabins

Full details and registration information coming soon

Enquires & to sign up for notification when registrations open
email ladiessecretary@kaitakegolf.co.nz
