

PICTON GOLF CLUB

June Newsletter

Hi fellow golfers

The wet weather certainly changes how our course plays - please be aware of the changing conditions as we enter winter. The course looks fantastic, thanks to the group who look after the mowing/bunker work on our course.

As I recover from a bout of Covid, an enforced relaxation period is not a bad thing. It is definitely a reminder that we do need to slow down at times and appreciate our lives. If you too are battling Covid, my sympathies go out to you. The Covid systems put in place by the Ministry of Health certainly give you assurance that you are not alone and help is at hand.

Our clubhouse is looking really good. Thanks to Brian Carver and Nick Wright for the paint work. I do hope you have noticed the improvement.

Our inaugural Tohies v Tussocks competition has taken place. I was so proud to be a Picton Golf Club member by seeing the support our members gave to this event Picton v Awatere. It was arranged after our programme went to print so the dates could not be put in. This will continue over the years with the Memorial Shield going to the winning club each time. Hopefully Picton can win it again when we play the next round at Awatere in August. A bus will be available to take our players to Seddon and bring them home. Further details will be given later.

Another big change in the pipeline is Picton's move to computerised score cards. This is available at many other clubs throughout New Zealand. Our committee voted for the change a couple of months ago and we applied for funding through Pub Charities. Our application was successful and all the hardware has been delivered to us. Minor modifications are underway in the clubhouse to set up the new system. We will have two access monitors, one outside and one inside. You will be able to retrieve your scorecard from our printer, once you have logged on with your NZ Golf ID number. When your round is completed, you will enter your card number and the score on each hole. I am sure many of you have used this system at Rarangi, Blenheim and Marlborough. Please be patient with us as we activate the new system in the near future.

Our Interclub teams have all begun their competitions and I thank them for their willingness to be available for team selection. For the first time in many years, we have a McDonald Cup Interclub team. Thanks guys.

Four of our women, Maria McConway, Jo Prescott, Kaye Keys and Jenny Hart braved the elements and represented Picton recently at the Tasman National Teams event, held in Westport, in wet and trying conditions. The Tasman winner was Marlborough from Nelson and Greymouth. Picton were just 4 strokes back from Marlborough for fourth place, equal with Totaradale and Westport.

Golf NZ are currently working on our new rating and there may be a few slight changes to our course layout but we will keep you informed as to any changes.

Our ITM Business House competition has completed three rounds in fine weather. How different to last year! Fingers crossed for our final round on Sunday 19th June, tee off at 11am. The round of golf will be followed by prize giving.

Picton Golf Club fully supports the fundraising golf event for the Papatuanuku Trust. This is at our club on Monday 6th June. A nine hole charity event with your entry fee of \$20 giving a light lunch and prizes. It begins at 11am. Bring your mates along as you don't need to be a golfer. All welcome.

Happy golfing.

Regards

Jenny Hart (President)