

PICTON GOLF CLUB

Newsletter - January 2022

Welcome to the start of another “Golfing Year”. I was hoping for a Covid free year as I am sure a lot of you were. When we went into the **Orange Protection Framework**, our committee met to develop a policy for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated golfers.

After much discussion, we now have a policy which states that anyone can play on our course but if you want to enter any competition or enter our clubrooms, you must be vaccinated. This has been running for some time and is not causing any concern. We have a list of members whose vaccine passes have been verified and for all competitions and tournaments this year, vaccine passes are required for entry into a competition.

Having this policy already in operation has made our transition to **Red Protection Framework**, very simple – nothing changes, just making sure we have no more than 100 people in our clubhouse. Golf NZ were very quick to issue guidelines but as we use the Vaccine Pass system, it has been an easy transition for Picton Golf Club.

Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who have maintained our course so well over the holiday period. It is pleasing to hear feedback from visitors on the course. They have been singing the praises of Picton.

Trees

You will have noticed that a few Douglas Fir trees have been removed from the course. They were a real problem for the machinery and for golfers as they dropped those small cones. They will soon be gone!!!! The club has had a lot of donations from firewood sales as a result. If you wish to order firewood, please contact Jeff Pascoe.

Course Rating

We have requested a “Course Rating” which determines the slope score of the course. Many variables are calculated, trees, bunkers, measurement of fairway length, width, roll, elevation etc. There may be a few small changes to tee areas/stroke holes but we will let you know if and when changes are made. Realistically courses are rated every 5-6 years.

Programme

Our 2022 Programme has been printed and will be available with your bag tag and receipt for payment of this year’s subscription. It is very disappointing to let you know that some of the dates are incorrect. It is very frustrating to have dates/venues confirmed then have them altered a few weeks later. Let us hope it doesn’t cause too much confusion this year.

Opening Day 2022

The start of the season will be on February 6th, tee off at 11am. The format is American Foursomes with Mixed and Men's teams. Let's start the season well with a very good crowd. It would be fantastic to see every member attending!! Members are asked to bring a plate of food for afternoon tea. \$5 per player.

Awatere Golf Club visits

This year we have begun looking at a "sister club" idea with Awatere. The dates for the inaugural year will be April 23rd and August 26th. (Not in our Programme book) The format has not been decided but it would involve a visit to Picton by Awatere members and vice versa. Awatere have always been very supportive of our tournaments and several of our members regularly visit Awatere for their fixtures. More information will be forwarded in due course.

Tasman Women's Golf Selectors

Congratulations to our own Jo Prescott who has been appointed a Tasman selector for 2022. The other selector is Rete Kydd from Rarangi. Our warmest congratulations to both women.

9 Hole Cards

We have received a directive from Golf NZ that all completed 9 hole cards must be handed in for handicapping purposes. Please do not keep the cards until you play another 9 holes. I know some of our members have completed 9 holes in the hot summer months – make sure these cards are handed in.

New Members

We have had quite a few new members join over the last couple of months and we welcome you to our club. I am sure you will enjoy the course and our friendly members.

I hope we have a very settled year and that everyone continues to enjoy the benefits of belonging to the Picton Golf Club.

Regards

Jenny Hart (President)

