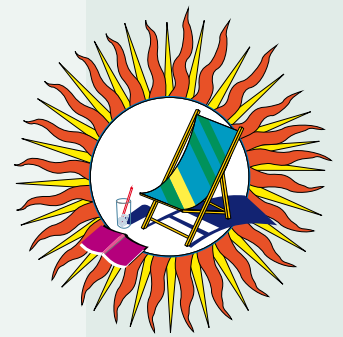




Shandon Golf Club



Autumn Newsletter
2008

This newsletter is also available on our club website at www.shandongolf.co.nz

Weekend Women's Open

Entries open shortly for the 2008 Shandon Weekend Women's Open Tournament – scheduled for Saturday May 17th. Contact Elaine Neill for details.

Grant Smith Memorial Tournament

Mark this one in your calendar – ANZAC Day this year falls on Friday 25th April. All members welcome in this annual club event. Mixed Pairs Canadian Foursomes, 12.30pm Shotgun, \$5 entry per person. Enter in Match Room.

New Caterers

If you haven't yet enjoyed the superb new food and espresso served by Trish & Francine a.k.a. 'Tee Room Caterers', treat yourself soon. They also out-cater at your business or home. Call Trish on 0274 104 161, or email at her trishterris@xtra.co.nz

Mark Brown

When Mark has a few days back in NZ we will officially congratulate him (at a club function) on his recent stunning achievements as a Professional – after winning the Sail Open, and Johnnie Walker Classic, Mark will need some good old kiwi R&R. Mark has his own website www.markbrowngolf.com

Regional Interclub Finals

Well done to our team who came a close second in the regional final at Masterton. Richard Pegg, Chan Young Chun, Andrew Green, Jonny Dittmer.

Montana Golfing Rules....in case you are traveling there soon!

The Montana State Department of Fish and Wildlife is advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for bears while playing on Gallatin, Helena, and Lewis and Clark National Forests Golf Courses. They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not to startle the bears unexpectedly. They also advise you to carry pepper spray in the case of an encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch for signs of bear activity. Golfers should be able to recognize the difference between Black bear and grizzly bear droppings on the golf course. Black bear droppings are smaller and contain berries and possibly squirrel fur. Grizzly bear droppings have bells, golf-gloves and sunglasses in them and smell like pepper spray.

Bring on the Taggers!

At least if our greens were tagged we could still putt on them....PITCH MARKS on the other hand do incredible damage if they are not repaired straight away. Although if you can curve your ball left and right with the occasional jump shot over these little craters you probably won't worry about fixing any pitch mark you see on any green. That's enough bitching about pitching, now let's move on to divots on the tee blocks and fairways....John and the greens crew place seeded sand supplies around the course for your use. If you or anyone in your four carves out a handsome FLYING DIVOT just place it firmly back from whence it came. Come on Shandon pay attention to these details that preserve our fine course – educate your guests too.

Victory in the Feltex & Fergie Cups

Club Captain John Lambert with on his right, Ray Farrell winner of the Feltex Cup, and on his left, Peter Reweti winner of the Fergie Cup. John has a six month leave pass from his Club Captaincy role while on contract in Qatar. John Lees is Acting Club Captain while JL is away.



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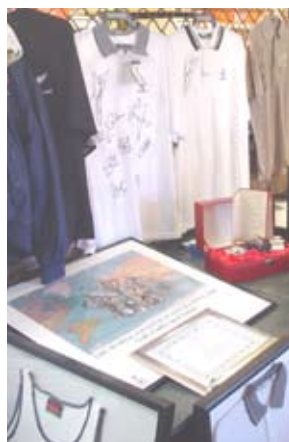


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George Gee Memorial Tournament

Nearly 140 players competed for the George Gee Memorial Trophy, with Dave Linkhorn the overall winner. Members and Sponsors were treated with a sausage sizzle on arrival prior to the 12 noon shotgun start. On entering the Chinese themed clubhouse after golf, all enjoyed a chilled glass of bubbly, then entertainment from a Chinese Dance Troupe,



and Sword Dancer. Auctioneer Jim Lang, and assistant auctioneer Glenn Naylor rattled through memorabilia and collectables including an excellent oil painting of the second hole by Course Superintendent John Haley. All up more than \$7000 was raised at the auction. Our thanks to Golf Club New Zealand who donated the major item – a weeks golfing holiday for four.

Staff Update

Christine Tane who was working casually in the bar now staffs the office on weekend mornings, with Kay managing the office weekdays (not Wednesdays). Maureen is assisted in the bar by Josanne on alternate weekends, and Cindy (and often Brian McLaughlin) when we host corporate or other events.

Fresh Image for Shandon?

We need to standardize our logo, club colours and marketing image. Can you help pin point exactly what is special about Shandon, and what words or images best describe our club. Please talk to your committee or board members or Travis or Kay in the office – these ideas will go to professional designers, and allow us to present some alternatives at this years AGM.

We currently run with two logos (ducks & shield) and numerous print styles. The 'fresh look' will also allow us to kit all our interclub teams out in one Shandon style.

Shandon Holden Scramble

Get your team of three ready for this years Scramble at Shandon – Friday May 16th on your home course...starting around 10.30am. Enter via Glenn Naylor in the Pro Shop.

New Women's Tee Block on 9th

We recently had the offer of soil and fill suitable for the completion of our women's tee on hole nine. As part of the Marsh design, this appears to shorten the hole, but will bring in to play the planned new fairway bunker midway to the green on the left.



"I love the women's tees on this course!"

John Haley has place sketches in the Match Room.

Golf Autoscore Tri Series 2008

This social interclub competition started two years ago and is a heck of a lot of fun...particularly since Shandon beat both the other clubs to win the trophy in 2007. There are five teams of four from each club, each with either one or two women. One round at each club on a Sunday – Manor Park 8th June, Wainuiomata 27th July, and the final at Shandon on 24th August.

Teams who competed last year have the right to re-enter this year. If you did not play last year and are keen to participate please contact Travis, who is coordinating the teams.



"NO BIRDIE BAG SHOULD I USE FOR THIS SHOT?"

GPS Measuring Devices

The Shandon Golf Committee have endorsed the use of GPS measuring devices by individuals on the course for club events. As yet Wellington Golf have not endorsed these devices, so they cannot be used for WGA events or Interclub. A local rule will be written on our board outside the Match Room shortly.



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