



Shandon Golf Club

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\$30,000 Junior Golf Sponsorship

Shandon Golf Club have gratefully accepted a second three year sponsorship package to drive their highly successful Junior Golf Academy. Mr Peter O'Neil, through his Port Nicholson Trust announced on January 19th, that he would continue his commitment to Shandon's Junior Academy. Since he became involved in 2007 as both a volunteer coach, and the key sponsor, the Academy has prospered, attracting about eighty keen young boys and girls aged 7-15 years, to each of the eight week long modules. The academy has three skill levels - from absolute beginners in level 1, through to low handicappers in level 3. Golfing equipment is provided, and parents are encouraged to observe the coaching sessions - parents can then walk some of the course with their children, and play a few holes too!

Massive Hole In One on Two!

Tim Dougherty will forever be the stuff of legend at Shandon - scoring his Hole In One from the men's white tees on the second hole...360 metres!! Tim has been a member for close on two years and is unfortunately about to be transferred overseas.



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Driveway Signage Opportunities

President Brian Hill is your contact for reasonably priced advertising on panels up the right hand side (going out) of the main driveway. Contact Brian on 5688478 or ask at the office for a flyer.



There is no shot so simple that it can't be messed up.

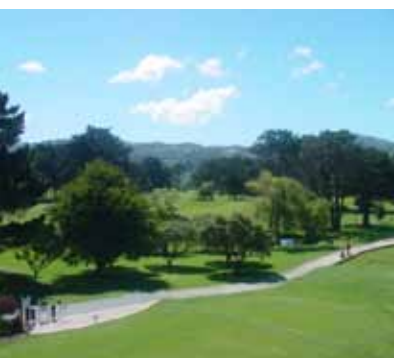
Club Tournament Winners

- Men's Summer Cup - Tipa Williams
- Bill Kyle Trophy - Opening Day - John Southon
- Harry Devos Memorial - Waitangi Day - Gail Aldridge & Raj Narayan
- Royal Cup - Evan Green & Stu Hurley
- Shankers Trophy at Carterton - you guessed it, won by Carterton!

Upcoming Events at Shandon

- April 25 - Anzac Day - Grant Smith Memorial
- May 16 - Women's Weekend Open Tournament
- June 7 - Queens Birthday Monday - Paddy Burke Memorial





Brian McLaughlin, left receives the Lauchlan Cup from sponsor and Shandon Member Neil Potter

PC Patch Sponsor the Lauchlan Cup

One of the Thursday Club's most sought after trophies is the Lauchlan Cup – won this year by Brian McLaughlin. Thanks to PC Patch for their generous sponsorship again – PC Patch provide all PC related services, and are located in Jackson St, Petone about 100 metres past the BNZ .



President Brian Hill (left) presenting John Southon with the Bill Kyle Trophy

Club Opening Day 2010

Ninety four members competed for the Bill Kyle Trophy on Sunday 24th January. Congratulations to the winner, John Southon who lead the individual stableford field. Nearest the pins went to Rachel Edmond and Tom Nicolle, while Jenny Whitwell won the major spot prize of a Night for Two with Breakfast, at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington.

March Storm Cleanup – Thanks Everyone

People's special qualities often surface in times of adversity, and this was especially true after the recent storm turbulence. We lost two complete trees, but the whole course was littered with branches and pinecones. While the greens staff did everything possible to cleanup the major problem branches and limbs, they really appreciated the outstanding efforts of those members who volunteered as part of the clean up – mostly picking up the smaller branches, twigs, and those mower messer uppers – pinecones!

Ladies and Gentleman, thank you all – this is what makes Shandon so special.

Mystery Te Omanga Donor

Maureen whispered that some kind member who had been saving their ten cent pieces loaded up the bar Te Omanga Donation box recently – just brilliant.





Harry Devos Memorial Tournament

The Devos family welcomed about seventy members on Waitangi Day, Saturday February 6th. As usual the family started on No 10 tee near 'Harry's Seat' toasting his memory twenty one years after he passed away. At the prizegiving, Dave Devos spoke on behalf of all the family, and presented the winners with shirts and hats – well done Gail Aldridge and Raj Narayan.

Andrew Green – First Professional Title

The Pro-Am was at Eketahuna and Masterton Courses, sponsored by DHL Global Forwarding and Recreational Services.

Saturday was the first day at Eketahuna with a shot gun start at 11am (literally a shot gun). I started on the par 5 15th and started with a par, I birdied 17, 18 and 1, then another at the par 5 4th hole and then had a bogie at 6. After that the really bad weather set in with gale winds and rain, in which I played solid golf in this period even with all the greens having surface water. I finished with a double bogie on a very short par 4 14th which left a very sour taste in my mouth but also fired me up to make up for it the next day. I still finished up on 1 under par, 3 shots back from the leader but in those conditions it was a real respectable score.

I had been struggling with my putting for some time leading up this event but a quick tip from an old mate of mine (Ben Harrowfield) who said. "Just get your hands forward a bit more".

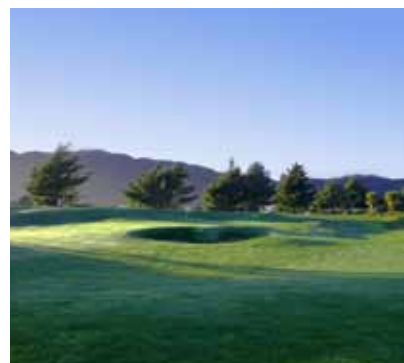
That tip was gold, I never missed any short putts after that, even through the flooded greens at Eketahuna. In fact, the putter was white hot at Masterton where I hit 14 greens in regulation and only 25 putts.

Overall I finished up at 8 under par for the 2 round event, 3 shots clear of 2nd place to give me my first Professional win and a nice little pay cheque, (A bit more than what I get for cutting grass).

I would like to thank Shandon Golf Club for their on-going support for me, not just with my golf but also my Green-keeping apprenticeship. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be able to do the two things that I enjoy doing.

Andrew Green

Until turning Pro in 2009 Andrew was a member of our highly rated Duncan Cup team, and is currently working as a greenkeeper at Shandon when not playing golf – he is half way through qualifying as a greenkeeper through the Sports Turf Institute. Andrew has won or shared the last two tournaments on the PGA of NZ Pro-Am Tour and has moved to the top of the order of merit.





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Pegg & Donnelly Perform Well for Wellington

Richard Pegg and James Donnelly excelled as members of the five man Wellington team, in Invercargill at the SBS Interprovincial tournament in March. What a credit to Shandon having two representatives in the team - both played solidly over the seventy-two holes. Team Wellington came fourth overall and in the individual competition, Richard Pegg was in joint second place, just two shots off the lead.

Old Caterers - New Caterers!

After two years of brilliant service as caterers at Shandon, Trish & Francine are moving on - we are sorry to see them go! They will finish in May, when our new team will take over. Interviews are underway at present and an announcement will be made as soon as possible.

Tuesday Twilight Magic

When Darryl Turley and his crew organized a new look twilight competition in March, the response was outstanding. With a capacity of eighty people, the field was closed off two days prior to the first night on Tuesday 9th March. This four week pairs tournament is a trial for ongoing twilight competitions, and looks like a winner. Keep watching later in the year for details of the next Twilight tournament starting in October.

New Practice Bunker

Course Superintendent Greg Galway and his staff have created the earthworks and drainage of our new practice bunker. This is located near the 17th green, at this end of the practice fairway tee. Once the new grass is established, sand will be added. This is a much needed addition to our facilities and replaces the hole in the ground with sand at the far end of the practice fairway.

Holes In Less Than Two!

Lorraine Smith aced the Par 3 4th hole on a beautiful sunny Sunday at Shandon on February 21st. Congratulations Lorraine! Congratulations to Philip Blagdon who scored his first-ever hole in one while playing in a business tournament at Te Marua. And also Joshua Allan, still in his mid-teens who scored his third hole in - this one while playing at Royal Wellington.

Eagles Halberg Cheque Handed Over

After holding 'Halberg' Days in most golf clubs throughout NZ, the Eagles Golfing Society (the red jacket brigade!) recently handed over their annual fundraising cheque to the Halberg Trust- a whopping \$176491. These funds help youngsters with disabilities participate in sport - it's a great cause. Thanks to all Shandon members for your support over the past year.





New Cleaners

One of the most important elements of our club - seven day cleaning in the wee small hours! We recently farewelled Whanau Cleaners after five years, and have contracted the professional commercial cleaning company of Robin King & Associates - we expect you will see a steady improvement in presentation of all areas of the clubhouse.

Korean Members Sponsorship

The club is delighted to announce that the Shandon Korean Golfers Association has initiated and funded a divot repair project. You will shortly find small green buckets for the carrying of seeded soil that can be placed in divot holes. These buckets clip on to your trundler. The main base and refill bin will be between tees 1 & 10, with a drop off station outside the Pro Shop. Other smaller refill bins will be located on par three tees. Thanks to all our Korean members who fundraised for this idea – it will make a useful improvement to our course presentation.

SHANDON GOLF CLUB STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board met several times in the latter part of 2009 to formulate an updated Strategic Plan. This will be used for setting future objectives – here are some of the key points:

Strategic Plan

The Board is responsible for establishing the policy and strategic direction for the club. The desired outcomes are formalized in a Strategic Plan that is updated periodically and presented annually to the membership for their information.

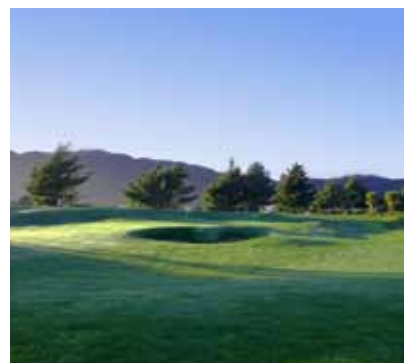
Strategic Plan 2010

The vision

“To provide an excellent golfing and social experience for all who use the Shandon Golf Club and its associated amenities”.

Competitive positioning

A flat course located close to Wellington and Lower Hutt cities regarded as one of the top courses in terms of challenge, course presentation and playing conditions. Shandon membership is made up of many cultures which provides a welcoming and hospitable environment.





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Shandon's Core Values

- Maintained as a members course
- Diversity of membership
- No elitism – a working persons course
- A wish to have Shandon seen as the club of choice (top of mind)
- Strong junior participation
- A challenging course
- Flexibility around membership payments
- Multiple membership categories to cater for all

Top Priorities specifically for 2010

- Improve operation of the pro shop and services toward becoming the best golf shop in Wellington.
- Improve course presentation. Make sure greens staff are working together and communicating. Gather feedback from special groups as to course condition.
- Ensure that all volunteer groups are organised and that communication between them and the course superintendent is seamless and regular.
- Actively market for new members. Introduce new 10 year plan, set up marketing group to advertise. Target 30 new members for 2010.

- First, maximize our value from the current sponsors and business partners. Ensure sponsors all conduct fund raising tournaments each year that directly will benefit Shandon.
- Increase revenue to Shandon from all golf tournaments by 10%
- Conduct a major fund raising tournament in conjunction with or in cooperation with the 2011 Rugby World Cup.
- Establish “focus groups” within the Board and golf committee members to ensure the objectives of this 2010 plan are met. For the year 2010 these will be:

- Marketing: Rachel Edmond
- Sponsors & Corporate Partners: Steve Weir
- Special Events: Jim Murtha
- Communications/Fund Raising Golf Tournaments: Bruce Smith/Jo MacKenzie
- Maintenance and Health & Safety: Brian Hill
- Staff and all others: Travis Gawler and Hilary Dussing