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Hi Shandon Golf Club Members. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Shandon President and introduce some ideas as we move forward.

First of all I would like to recognise the tremendous work our previous President Brian Hill has done for Shandon over the previous 11 years. Let's hope 'Hilly' continues with his quality maintenance of work around the golf club and the commitment he has had in developing many quality juniors via our successful Shandon Golf Academy. On behalf of all the members a 'big thanks' to you Brian.

I have been a member at Shandon for 47 years after being introduced to golf by my Dad Jack Morgan at, the age of 15 and was lucky enough to have played Duncan Cup for 15 years. Pleased to say our current Duncan Cup team under the watch full eye of Steve Weir is a very successful unit.

Current Wellington Golf Selector and previously a NZ Golf Council Member.

Shandon has a special culture of members from a variety of nationalities, which creates a friendly welcome feeling, and also a well maintained golf course with all 18 holes having their own challenge. It is important that this 'Shandon Welcoming Culture' is continued as we begin our campaign to attract new members whilst ensuring our current members are 'getting value' for their subscriptions.

We are fortunate to have a number of groups within the Shandon Club including the women's weekend / mid week, 9 hole ladies on a Tuesday morning, the successful twilight events, the Taxi boys, Thursday club, Petone Putters on a Saturday, Seniors on a Friday, who



**John Morgan, Shandon President**

all contribute to making Shandon an enjoyable place to play golf. I intend to introduce myself to these groups over the next few months.

Some 'key' areas that Peter (General Manager), Hilary (Chairman), and the Board are working towards are as follows:

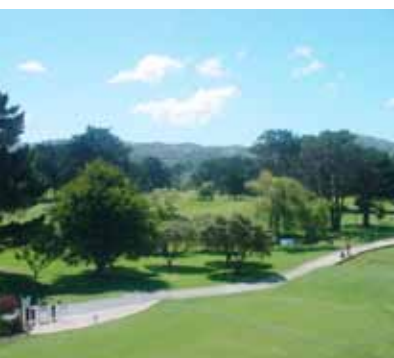
Reducing debt in an effort to make Shandon more profitable. Over the next few months there will be some announcements on our long term planning. I am pleased to advise we have had a positive uptake in our 5 year membership offer which will contribute to reduction in debt.

Corporate / Sponsorship. The club is about to make an appointment for a person, who will work on a contract incentive payment, to negotiate with prospective corporate sponsors on an ongoing basis.

Mark Brown our successful professional on the European Tour has agreed to front and voice



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some radio commercials and press adverts to encourage more members to consider joining Shandon. There is also a 'new member committee' established which will arrange to contact these people and make sure they feel part of Shandon. If you notice a new member on the putting green please have a chat, as I am sure we all remember how intimidating golf clubs can be when you were a new member.

Finally, if you would like to offer your comments on how we can further improve Shandon, please feel free to contact me on 0274 435 932 / 566 6644 or email [morgan.yorkbay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:morgan.yorkbay@xtra.co.nz) as the Board would really welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Look forward to catching up and enjoy your golf.

## **John Morgan President**

Signs that summer is with us has been evident by the substantial number of members and green fee players using the course over the Christmas period. During that time the kitchen was painted and new vinyl flooring laid. Thanks to Brian Hill, Hira Govind, Bill Massey and Peter Hartstonge for their help with this project.

We look forward to the continued fine weather and use of the café and bar facilities which can be enjoyed by all members and guests.

## **Board for 2010-2011**

Elected members-Hilary Dussing, Jim Murtha, Steve Weir, Zabe Orchard (new), John Morgan (new president). Appointed members -Chris May (representing midweek and weekend women), Bruce Smith (representing men), Peter Hartstonge (Secretary / General Manager). The Chairperson is Hilary Dussing. The Board welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

## **Golf Committee 2010-2011**

Club Captain – Bruce Smith, Vice Captain – Ross Blick, Committee – Richard Whittington, Bruce Young, Kevin Finnegan, Grant Ingham and Evan Green. In addition to these men, the Golf Committee invites the President, Golf Professional, General Manager, Midweek women's Captain (Jo MacKenzie) and Women's Weekend Captain (Chris May).

## **Brian Hill, President 1999 to 2010**

Club Captain, Bruce Smith, presented Brian with the Tom Caithness Trophy for his services to the club.



**Brian Hill – Caithness Trophy**

## **Subscriptions for 2011**

All subscription notices were sent out to members on 23rd December 2010. This was later than last year due to the delay in obtaining BNZ registration for the new direct debit system the Club has implemented. Membership cards for 2010 expired on 31 January 2011, so please ensure either payment has been made or a direct debit form has been completed. Contact Kay or Peter in the office should you have any questions.





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## Champion of Champions

Shandon hosted the 2010 Champion of Champions competitions in December. Home course advantage may have been in play with The Shandon Team of Richard Pegg, Bobby Ng and Bruce Anderson taking out the title, closely edging out the team from Miramar.



*Bobby, Bruce and Richard*

## Wellington's Best Golfer for 2010 is a Shandon Member

Everyone at Shandon knows he is good, now everyone in Wellington should know. Long time Shandon member Richard Pegg won the Wellington Order of Merit for 2010. This is a fantastic achievement as it recognises consistent performance over many regional and national competitions during the year. Well done "Peggy"! Can you do it again in 2011?

## Club Tournament Winners

### Grand-dad Trophy

Ross Blick

### Crundwell Trophy

Kim Allen & Pam Corbett

### Committee Stakes

Ross Blick

### Christmas Hamper

Emmeline Fidow & Owen Sherwood

## Bill Massey Trophy Award

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to Interclub, Chris May was awarded the trophy for 2010.



*Bill presenting trophy to Chris*

## John Corbett Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the Clubs "Outstanding Junior Member" each year. The Criteria for this award includes; enthusiasm, participation in club activities, work ethic and respect shown to club dignitaries. Luke Leesburg was recognised this year for these qualities.

## Junior Academy Coaching School

Peter O'Neil is continuing his wonderful support of the Shandon Junior Golf Academy for 2011. The Academy continues to be an enormous success. Details of the 2011 modules and dates are featured on the Shandon website and brochures are available from the Office. The first module form 2011 commences on Sunday 6th February.





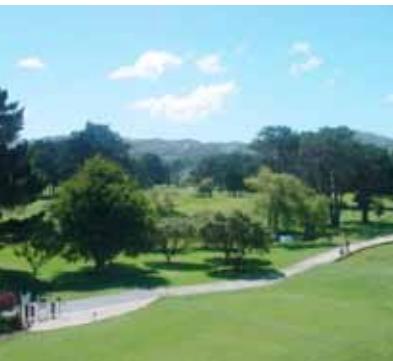
## DB Breweries Twilight

Thanks to Darryl Turley who has made Wednesday nights during summer a roaring success with in excess of 60 players teeing off at 5.30pm. DB was very generous with their product and the ten week competition for this year started on the 19th of January –everyone is welcome. Thanks to Carolyn of Tee on the Green who has served sumptuous evening meals for \$10.



## Coring

The greens are being cored on 21st – 23rd February (inclusive). The course is closed during that time and all members have playing rights at Wainuiomata. Please contact Wainuiomata directly to book your tee time on 564 7746.



## Schools Golf

A huge thank you to Pelorus Trust who have enabled the Club to bring in over 200 school children from round the Hutt Valley to learn to play golf over the summer months before Christmas. We have 2 more modules commencing in February and running till the end of March with over 230 children from eight schools participating. We require more helpers, so give the office a call to speak to Kay or Peter.

## Pro Shop

Glenn Naylor our resident professional would like to welcome Jade O'Brien to the pro shop staff. Please pop in and say hi to Jade.

*Jade O'Brien*

