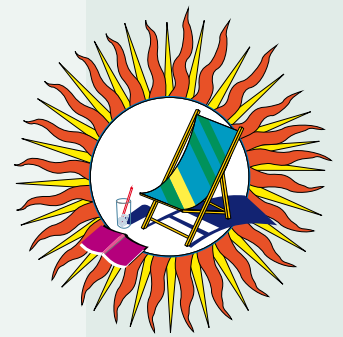




Shandon Golf Club



Winter Newsletter
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Duncan Cup & Interclub Success

Look for another winning team photo to join the Duncan Cup collection just near the bar. Steve Weir, manager of the premier 36 hole men's team, led his men through a brilliant season again. Then to beat Miramar in the Duncan Cup final at Royal Wellington by 11 and a half, to 3 and a half was simply outstanding.

Contributing to the success was a staunch band of Shandon supporters wearing red 'Tommy' (Tom Caithness) hats – highly visible in the gallery.

John Lees and his team, our other 36's, won the third division's Andy Shaw Trophy.

Grenville Burton managed the Division Three 18 Hole Men's team to a convincing season win – they move up to Division Two in 2009.

John Morgan appointed NZ Golf Councilor

John has been a Shandon member and fantastic club ambassador for forty seven years. This year his talents are really in the spotlight: After recently joining the executive of Wellington Golf Association, they have appointed him one of the three provincial selectors, and he sits on their Marketing Committee.

Then he recently took Rodney Bartrop's place at a national level as a councilor for New Zealand Golf. Congratulations John.

Hole In One Honours

Congratulations to;
Larry Balloch (18th), Maurice Turner (12th), J H Jeon (12th), J H Kim (4th)

Phil Marra (Greenkeeper) - Merit Nomination

Phil has a busy life not only as a parent with young children, and a vital member of John Haley's greens team, but also as the wizard mechanic who keeps our greenkeeping equipment in first class running order. Over the past three years, he has also found time to successfully complete his studies to fully qualify as a greenkeeper, through the Sports Turf Institute in Palmerston North. And now he has been recognized by the local Course Superintendents Association as their top trainee – consequently he is put forward as a contender for the national title. Good luck Phil.

Spouting

A very big thank you to Brian Hill and his band of volunteers who attacked the leaking spouting just outside the men's locker room entrance – perfect timing just before the recent rains. Thanks too for Dave Andrews procurement of the "loan" scaffolding supplied by Unilever.



Club Trophy Winners

Vance Cup – Jon Jeeves & Rick Stevens

Jock Hardie Cup – Wayne Coleman & Dave Hyslop

Grant Smith Memorial – J Y Hwang & Sam Cirillo

Vance Cup Winners 2008



Jon Reeves (left) and Rick Stevens (right) receive the Vance Cup from Golf Committee member Bruce Smith. Jon & Rick won on the 41st hole defeating Grant Ingham and Richard Whittington.

Jock Hardie Winners 2008



Congratulations to Dave Hyslop (left) and Wayne Coleman (right) who won the Jock Hardie Cup, with a narrow victory over John Wilson & Matt Clarke.

Representative Success

Chan Young Chung – Winner, Under 19 South Island Strokeplay Championship

In the annual Wellington versus Hawkes Bay tournament, Wellington won both the senior and junior men sections. Well done to Andrew Green who played number one in the senior team, Jonny Dittmer, Chan Young Chung, and Marc Jennings.

Dress Standards Review

Following a request from the Board, Golf Committee members discussed revision of the current dress standards. In line with most other clubs in our area, we have now adopted a "neat casual" approach to the minimum dress requirement. Pro Shop staff will still turn away anyone, jeans or not, who does not meet the "neat casual" look.

Mark Brown Function

Thanks to everyone who attended the function to acknowledge Mark's marvellous achievements to date. Since then, Alan Hunt has procured a life size photo of Mark with the Johnnie Walker Trophy – it's displayed just inside the Tom Caithness Lounge on your left as you enter.

Rest In Peace

Since the summer newsletter, we note with sadness the passing of these members;

Terry Doile
Doug Hill
Bill Milne

New Mower

John Haley and the greens team are looking forward to the latest addition to their mowing fleet. A new Jacobsen fairway mower is set to arrive in July – this will give us the flexibility of having two fairway mowers, allowing better course presentation, and use of staff time.

Burglary and Theft

Please be careful with your personal effects. Several members have had items stolen - phones, wallets, or golf gear - from the changing rooms. There was also a break in to the Pelorus shed where some members store golf carts and quad bikes. And the professional's storage container in the main carpark has been broken into twice.

New Greens Vehicle

Whiting Financial Services have found a way to fully fund the new greens ute. The Holden Rodeo 2002 is in excellent condition, and is shortly to be signwritten by Brendan Foot Holden. Thanks to Dave Whiting for his ingenious idea.

Junior Pennants - Wow!

We entered teams in three of the four regional zones, with two teams winning their zones and qualifying for the overall final at Manor Park. The Central Zone team managed by Dean Robb included James Perkinson, Jordan Robb, Luke Leesburg, and Mac Leesburg – and they were winners of the Junior Pennants Rosebowl – the first ever Shandon win in this event. Fantastic. Not forgetting also, that our other Shandon finalists, Justin Wilson's Northern Zone team (also part of the Naenae College Golf Academy) came third overall.

Shandon Women's Weekend Sponsored Open

The Shandon Women's Weekend Open Tournament was held on Saturday 17 May. We were fortunate with the very pleasant weather on the day, and the course proved a challenge for the 98 players which included several Wellington regional trialists and players from various Wellington and Wairarapa clubs. The tournament was an outstanding success, due in no uncertain terms to the support and generosity of our sponsors.

Winners of the day were:

	Gross	Nett	Stableford
Silver	Presi Sina (Trentham)	Chris Balloch (Shandon)	Kim Allan (Shandon)
Bronze	Dee Lukey (Manor Park)	Jo Emson (Shandon)	Britta Fraser (Judgeford)



(L to R) Bronze Gross winner Dee Lukey with Elaine Neill, Club Captain and Pesi Sina.

New Photocopier

Our business partners Fujitsu NZ have replaced the aging and unreliable office photocopier with the latest available – crisp clear quality now available!

Golf Passports

Many members have collected their new Golf Passports from the office. This gives Full Playing members three fee rounds each at Manor Park, Hutt, and Wainuiomata. Call in for yours, or email us to post it to you.



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