

# Board Newsletter Number 1, 2019

Welcome back to 2019 and another exciting golfing year. It was pleasing to see such a solid turnout for our opening day with the Jim Mackenzie Memorial Trophy being keenly contested. There was some outrageously good scoring on the day - Lucas McGee and Greig Sparrow spring to mind. Congratulations to Lucas McGee and Kirk Schimanski with a net 56 for winning the Jim Mackenzie Memorial Trophy.

The Property Brokers shoot out was an outstanding success and a credit to all who participated and watched. Many thanks to Property Brokers for the sponsorship of that event. Sadly, it is the winner and the first person to drop out on hole 1 that are remembered. Congratulations to Hamish Niles as the winner and commiserations to Terry Molloy as first out on hole 1. Honourable mentions must go to Dave Hewitt, and our ageless Club patron Bill Hetrick.

We look forward to the Brandon Open on Saturday 2 February. We have a good field who will participate in this 36 hole competition. We had considered approaching the company who makes Voltaren as a sponsor for aching joints, muscles etc - sadly they are unavailable. It appears that the only solution will be to take a concrete pill and harden up!

The Board has had their first meeting of the year and has identified a number of priorities:

- A Sub-Committee has been formed to move forward with the upgrade of the men's toilets and changing area and the heating/cooling within the clubrooms. We were very fortunate to receive a grant of \$30,000.00 from the Lions Foundation and hopefully with voluntary labour input we hope to be able to stretch that money to meet the costs of the both upgrades.
- We have a focus on membership growth which needs to be an ongoing focus. We will endeavour to hold events during the year to attract new members. The "We Love Golf and You Will Too" promotion will be held on Waitangi Day 6 February, 5.30pm and Sunday 10 February, 2pm. Members are encouraged to bring along a friend, neighbour or family member or if you can help on either day please come along.
- We are investigating the costs and issues of installing an electronic scoring card system. Members of our Sub-Committee will travel to Levels to view their system that has just gone live this week. We will also dedicate the Saturday raffle moneys to the costs of this project and will report on progress in future newsletters.
- We have a Fundraising Committee that is underway. We will have a movie night in May for the Elton John movie - Rocket Man. Tickets will be available shortly for this and we look forward to your support. We will also have a specialist meat raffle. More information to come in future newsletters.
- We have also formed an informal committee to address our greenkeeper Ben's question to the Board as to "what is the vision for the course"?. At this stage this group consists of Ben, Bruce Day and Neil McDonald. They welcome input from any member who has thoughts on the vision for our course.

We would also like to promote our Club and Club colours. For the men and women we have organised a zip jersey that is a composite of wool and polyester, which will make it hard wearing. In the cooler months it will come into its own. We have also organised for the men a Kookabura green shirt. We would like our pennants teams to be able to wear this shirt and jersey. We will promote the sales of both of these items on Saturdays and will have examples available for you to consider.

The Board is pleased to see that our membership payments are rolling in – many thanks. As a Board however, we do note that if a payment plan is put in place it is still for the full amount. It is not the situation of where if the payment stops the subscription stops, i.e. it is a commitment to pay for the full amount of the membership. The board offers this payment option to assist you and your budget.

Good luck for the coming year. The board welcomes any feedback from you as a club member.

