

“Par For the Course”

A Newsletter Update from your Management Committee

Hello all,

Welcome to the first newsletter from your newly appointed 2023/2024 Management Committee. This newsletter is brief due both to being in the busy festive season and the fact that most of the committee are new and getting to grips with their portfolios. It is our intention to provide a monthly update from now on.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE -Karen Roche

December 2023

It is with much regret that I inform you that our President elect, Daryll Denyer, has decided to stand down from the position due to health concerns. I am stepping up into the role of President and the Vice President is now Wendy Matutinovich.

Daryll has been a tower of strength in the Presidents role since 2021 and has initiated many projects both on the course and off the course. He leaves big shoes to fill, and I will have my work cut out finding the energy and the drive that he has had.

This now leaves a vacancy in the committee. As per our Constitution, any vacancy occurring during the year may be filled by an appointment made by the Management Committee.

We are working towards filling this vacancy in the New Year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and I do trust that Santa will be kind and that the golf gods will shine on you over the Christmas break.

All the best

Karen Roche

President

MANAGERS MESSAGE – David Campbell

On behalf of myself and my staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of the Club and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, bright, and prosperous New Year. Bring on 2024!

2023 has been an extraordinary year for the Club, with great improvements to the course and clubhouse. The Club thankfully remains in a solid financial position and will continue with additional improvements in 2024. We will keep members informed with the progress of these.

We are looking forward to a successful holiday period, with one tee starts allowing members and guests to enjoy our great golf course. There will be spots set aside as per sections requests.

Please ensure you book, to avoid disappointment or long wait times. I trust you continue to enjoy the golfing experience provided daily at Waihi Golf Club.

It is the holiday period, so please be patient and be kind!!!

Have a fabulous Christmas/New Year period and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

David Campbell

Manager

Current Management Committee Structure and Portfolio responsibilities

- Karen Roche – President/Finance
- Wendy Matutinovich – Vice President/House
- Gary Dunning – Membership/Sponsorship
- Brian Baynes – Course
- Jill Morrison – Finance/Communication

PORTFOLIO UPDATES

COURSE UPDATE – Brian Baynes

Daryll Denyer and I had a course tour last week so I could get up to speed on what current and future plans for the course are in place.

The course management plan is guided by the Glasgow Report and the author visited the club recently and is now completing an up-to-date report that we should receive sometime soon.

Current plans that Daryll shared are.

- Improving the cart track above the 4th green. There is a patch that gets quite wet.
- Improving the path from the 5th tee.
- Turfing or seeding bare patches. You will know this has started.

Time frames are not yet set, and priorities may change when the new Glasgow Report arrives.

Players, thank you for the efforts you are making by using the dirt buckets to fill in the divots. This is much appreciated by our course staff.

Lastly, a big thank you to Mark Lindsay and his team for presenting our course in such great condition. Many people are commenting on the quality of work being done.

HOUSE UPDATE – Wendy Matutinovich

This last year we have put in the new doors upstairs and painted the clubrooms. The new shop is now operational and looking great and the next project on the agenda will be the refurbishment of the lady's toilet and shower area.

MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP UPDATE – Gary Dunning

The proposed new tee signs are still a work in progress – a new design is being worked on but due to the festive season will not be completed until early 2024.

FINANCE UPDATE – Karen Roche/Jill Morrison

As David has noted in his report the club is a strong financial position and as we head into our busiest time of the year with green fee players and cart hire this looks set to continue.

Finally on behalf of all your management committee have a safe and enjoyable festive season and hopefully you all get to play some golf in great weather.