



Par for the Course

A Newsletter Update from your
Management Committee

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Hello all, Welcome to the third newsletter from 2023/2024 Management Committee.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Karen Roche

It was an inauspicious start to February and the golfing year with our Opening Day fixture hampered by bad weather and only 30 players venturing out into the rain. Still a good day was had by all, and our 2024 season was officially started.

For the rest of the month, the sun shone, green fee players continued to come and try out our wonderful course, and we hosted two major tournaments – it was certainly a busy month.

It was the first time our club has hosted the Legends tour and The Expol Legends Pro-Am was a mighty success.

For the 8th year in a row Oji sponsored our 54-hole tournament. It was a high calibre field with over half the players on a handicap of less than 10.

The annual Buddy Day was held in early February. A big thanks must go to the Ladies committee and members for running this day. This is a vital link with potential new players and is a non-threatening way to get new people to try out this great game of ours.

Twilight golf on a Tuesday evening continues to be a big success with over 80 players turning up each week to have a fun round of golf.

All these activities have combined to give a very pleasing financial start to the year. This positive start to the year has enabled us to push on with plans for course improvements – the path around 4th green and 5th tee are now top priority.

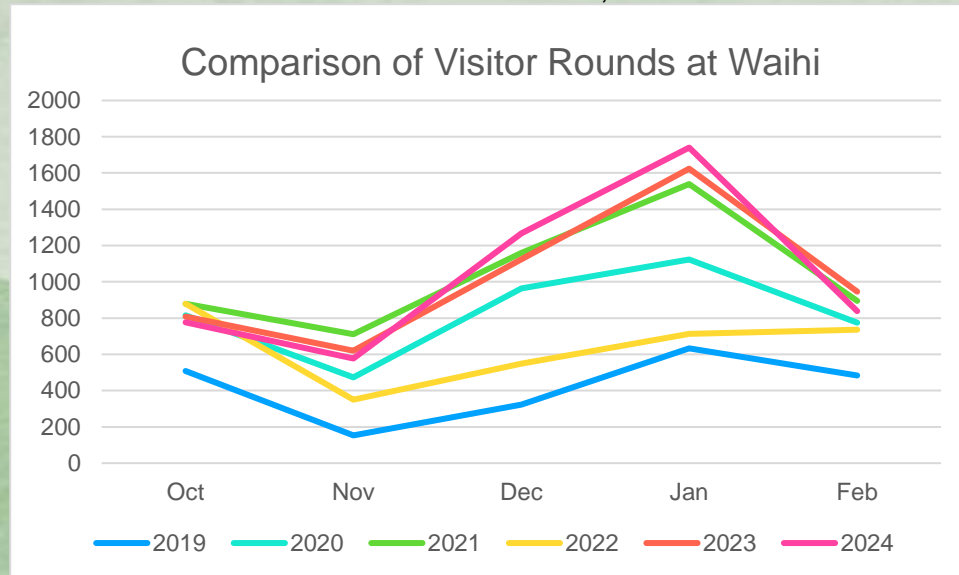
Hope you are all able to be making the most of the great golf conditions on offer out there at present – there have certainly been some amazing golf scores being recorded. Well done everyone.

Best regards
Karen

MANAGERS MESSAGE - David Campbell

The holiday season has come to an end, but our golf course is still in high demand. We recently hosted the Waikato Men's Championship Pennants and the Central BOP Ladies Interclub. We have several events in March that we're looking forward to.

I'm pleased to report that all our income streams have surpassed last year's results. This improvement can be attributed to the good spell of weather we've had and the enhanced club facilities, which ensure that our visitors enjoy their experience and keep coming back



It's great to see that the golf section is getting a lot of support from the members. The club is planning to start working on some projects around the course soon, which includes finishing off the 4th Green & 5th Tee area and cleaning up a few trees.

We would like to welcome Sabine, who is in her last year of college, to our pro shop team. Jadore has gone off to varsity, and will return during her breaks. Alex is still working in between her hockey commitments, and Kaylene has managed to get a well-earned break. Thanks to their hard work, the shop is doing great, and new products are arriving all the time.

Kind regards,
David Campbell
Manager

PORFOLIO UPDATES

COURSE UPDATE - Brian Baynes

Dry weather means jobs for the grounds staff are changing away from mainly cutting grass. The teeing areas have been sliced to let air and water in. They have been fertilized and hoses with sprinklers are in use to try and keep them growing.

Fairways have also been sliced to help water penetration when the rains come.

More sand is coming for the bunkers.

The Course Advisory Committee met and includes the Course Convener, Mark, and representatives from the four player groups.

The new Glasgow Report was discussed and a longer term plan will be developed.

The initial projects will include improving the drainage on the path above number 4 green and grassing the current path below as well as changing the exit from number 5. This will mean a fairer result if your ball falls off the green and will spread locations where carts leave the path, which will be concrete.

There will also be some trees removed and trimmed followed by a stump grinder. When the digger comes to complete drainage on number 4 it will do a few other minor jobs as well.

Finally, thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the green weeding and paspalum weed wiping. We need a few more and if you can help with this please let Dave in office know.

Mark says thank you for those of you repairing pitch marks and he has noticed improvement so keep at it team.

Happy golfing.

USE OF ROUNDUP AROUND TREES

We are frequently asked about why we do not spray around trees?:

David Ormsby comments are as follows:

- Spraying is carried out around trees to reduce maintenance (time – largely) and once you start spraying to reduce damage to mowers.
- Once you start spraying particularly on your light soils, the lack of vegetation causes the soil to erode, exposing the roots which are:
 - Damaging to mowers
 - Pose a safety issue for golfers due to lies around roots.
- In the main the turf cover under trees is usually very thin any way due to competition from trees (light, moisture, nutrients)
- The big issue I see with spraying as the scars around trees generally get larger each year and they spray out to the drip line (or beyond) of the trees resulting in large scars.
- My preference is to not spray and if you do spray it should be a very narrow strip around trees (300 – 400mm) wide to prevent weed eating requirements and so mowers can get in close to tree trunks.



HOUSE UPDATE - Wendy Matutinovich/Gary Dunning

We are pleased to report that the outside toilet and shower area upgrade is almost completed with just the painting to be finished soon.

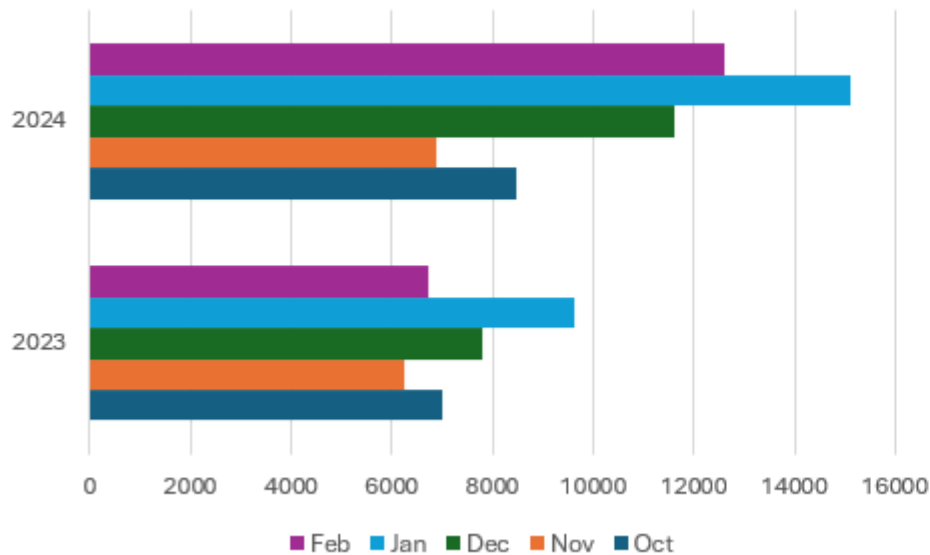
The Ladies Locker Room design plan is also underway, and it is hoped we will have something to consider and cost out in the next four weeks or so.

MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP UPDATE - Wendy Matutinovich/Gary Dunning

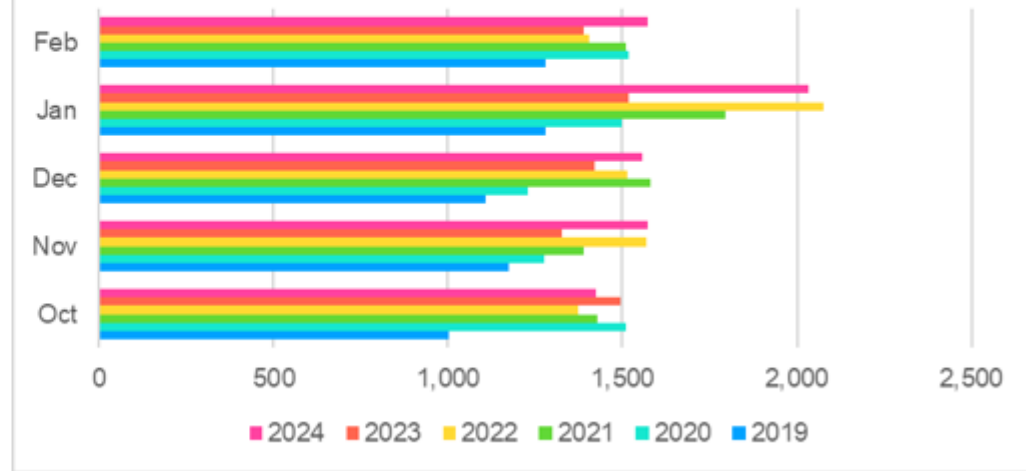
Not much to add from last month except we are making progress with the new signage and a mock sample has been produced by Design Shed in Waihi. We are now in the process of discussion before the final draft is put together.

FINANCE UPDATE - Karen Roche/Jill Morrison

Comparison Of Cart Income



Comparison Of Member Rounds Played at Waihi



Member communication with the Management Committee is welcome and can be done in different ways:

- Items in the 'suggestion box' at the club are read at our monthly meetings so that is one way.
- You can write a formal letter c/- our Manager - David Campbell.
- Alternatively all of us are around the golf club at different times - feel free to approach us to have a chat - we are your elected members.