

# Tee to Green - April 2026

## MEN'S COMMITTEE NEWS

### BEACH CUP RESULTS

Saturday 21 March saw the final of the Beach Cup being played between Paul Williams, the defending champion, and John Drent. This was an epic battle throughout the match - with the scores being level after 9 holes and after 17 holes. In the end, John Drent prevailed 2 up - shooting a very tidy 41 stableford points on the day. Congratulations to both players for their play during this competition.



**4BBB:** The first round of matches will be played on Saturday 11 April, with the final to be played on Saturday 16 May.

Who will come out on top this year? Can the Drent / Standfield combination back up last year's win?

**April MIDWEEK MIXED MEATPACK OPEN**  
CROSS-NET-STABLEFORD-2'S  
+ TEAM STABLEFORD PRIZE  
**THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2026**  
TEE TIMES AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10:00am - 11:30am ENTRY \$30- Visitors Welcome  
Tee times available on Dot Golf NOW. To book call Pro-shop on 07 863 8678 NOW!  
@waihigolfclub | golf@waihigolf.co.nz | waihigolfclub.co.nz

### MEATPACK

**23 April is the date for the next HUME meatpack. Join in the fun of the day.**

### FMG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This is underway again for 2026. Points from opening day are entered. Check out all the information:

### FMG POTY INFO

# 2

**April**

Last day for the summer eclectic - time for one more birdie, maybe?

**Winter Shootout starts this day as well – make sure you join in asap.**

# 9

**April**

This Thursday sees the winter eclectic start. This runs through to 26 September.

# 1

**Pro Tip 1st Hole**

A drive left of centre is best. Approach to the right of the pin as the green slopes to the left.

But not too far left - don't want to get caught up in the trees along there.

## CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANTS 2026:

### SUNDAY 1 MARCH AT NGARUAWAHIA

The team, consisting of C Meyer, D Denyer, A Roche, A Cochrane, L Phillips and J Meares had an impressive first up win against Putaruru. Winners for the morning round were A Roche 6 / 4, A Cochrane 4 / 3, C Meyer 3 / 2, and D Denyer 2 / 1. In the afternoon the team was not so lucky, losing to Te Kowhai by 1.5 to 4.5. J Meares recorded the only win with A Roche having a tie and the rest of the team losing narrowly. The result still leaves the team in 2nd place with the next round at the Dunes in Matarangi.

### SUNDAY 15 MARCH AT MATARANGI

The team, consisting of C Meyer, D Denyer, A Cochrane, A Roche, L Phillips and J Meares played Ngaruawahi 2 in the morning. A Roche and D Denyer secured wins; L Phillips and A Cochrane had halves. A 3 all draw for the morning. In the afternoon the team played the local team, The Dunes, and went down 5 matches to 1 - A Roche having the win.

## HANDICAP MATCHPLAY PENNANTS 2026:

FIRST ROUND SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY AT HORSHAM DOWNS AND PAEROA

**WAIHI 1 headed to Horsham Downs to play Cambridge.** After winning all three foursomes matches in the morning, the boys wrapped up the match with singles wins to P Williams and J Seymour / J Meares secured a half in his singles. A win over Cambridge by 5.5 matches to 3.5.

**WAIHI 2 headed to Paeroa to play Tahuna.** This was a close battle with both teams being locked in at 1.5 matches each after the foursomes. At the end on play, it was still all locked up at 4.5 matches each - a tie being recorded for the result. E Evans had 2 wins on the day and C Pilmer played well for a win and a half. A tough battle.

SECOND ROUND SUNDAY 8 MARCH AT MORRINSVILLE AND TAHUNA

**WAIHI 1 headed to Morrinsville to play Ngaruawahia 2.** A dominant performance here by the team winning 7.5 matches to 1.5. Two wins each were secured by J Meares, C Samsom, R Peden and P Williams.

**WAIHI 2 headed to Tahuna to play Hauraki.** Another tough match for this team but they came away with the win 5.5 matches to 3.5. Undeclared on the day were C Pilmer and E Evans who won their singles and combined for a half in their foursomes.

THIRD ROUND SUNDAY 22 MARCH AT WAIHI AND THAMES

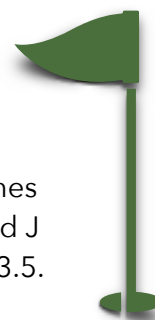
**WAIHI 1 stayed at Waihi to play Horsham Downs.** The boys fired up at home to take a win 7 matches to 2. Two wins each were secured by L Phillips, J Meares, C Samsom and J Seymour.



**WAIHI 2 headed to Thames to play Thames.** A good effort from the team to beat the locals on their home track 5 matches to 4. Two wins on the day for Mal Coldicutt and Grant Wenzlick.

**WAIHI 1 are currently leading their pool. Waihi 2 are also at the top of their pool.**

Well done to both teams.



## RULES CORNER

### PREFERRED LIES - what you can and can't do

Purpose. When occasional abnormal conditions affect only parts of the course, those areas can be defined as GUR. When such conditions are widespread, the Committee may adopt a Local Rule for "preferred lies" (also known as "clean and place") to ensure fair play or protect the fairway.

The standard wording is **Model Local Rule E-3:**

"When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less the player may take free relief **once** by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: [Specified size of relief area, such as one club-length, 30cm / inches] from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
  - o Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - o Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Occasionally the Local rule will be adapted to allow the player free relief as outlined above in any part of the general area (ie in what is commonly known as 'rough' and 'fairway' but not bunkers or penalty areas)

#### Key points:

Marking the ball

- Under MLR E-3 there is no requirement to mark the ball before lifting.
- Marking is best practice, as it avoids disputes, but there is no penalty for failing to mark, provided the ball is placed correctly within the relief area.
- The presence or absence of a marker does not affect what the player may do.

Placing the ball

- Even if the Local Rule is printed in truncated form (e.g., "clean and place 30 cm"), the full MLR is always implied. That means a limit on placing to once only.
- Placing is complete when the ball is at rest and the hand is removed.
- Once you place the ball on your chosen spot and release your fingers, the ball is in play.
  - You cannot then pick it up or touch it again to find a nicer tuft, even if still within the 30cm regardless of whether you have a marker down.



#### What if the ball won't stay on the tuft? (Rule 14.2e)

Now, as sometimes happens, what is the situation when the ball is placed correctly after cleaning and placing but won't stay on its tuft and rolls off. ...

#### Timing comes into it

- If the ball was not at rest, ie, moved within a second or two, the player must proceed under 14.2e. Without penalty you must try again on same spot then, if it rolls off again go for nearest spot where it will stay in place.
- If it immediately rolled off the tuft and without doing this process, you played it from its new position - that would be the general penalty as you have played from a wrong place
- If the ball was at rest after being placed, ie, stayed at rest for a few seconds, and then moved, the player must play it from its new spot. No penalty - natural forces. If it has luckily rolled nearer the hole that's fine, if it rolled into a divot hole - that's bad luck

#### On the fringe of the putting green:

Be aware that you have only one opportunity to place the ball back onto the fringe even if you intend to putt from the fringe. You may not place your ball, lift your fingers away and then return to touch the ball again to adjust your directional alignment line on the ball. It makes no difference if you have a marker down or not - if you move the ball again it is 1 penalty stroke.

**IMPORTANT :** some clubs use a different local rule E2 which is lift, clean and replace, which is just as it says - The ball must be marked and replaced on the exact same spot.