

# Wainui Press

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## Pro Talk

Mike Duncumb

Head Professional

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Hello golfers, With the US Open behind us the golf shop team is looking forward to some late nights, early mornings watching the 151st British Open at Royal Liverpool, Hoylake. 16th – 23rd July. The Open Championship is one of the most prestigious and historic tournaments, and this year's event will be no exception. Last hosted in Wirral in 2014 when Rory McIlroy took the trophy. With Ryan Fox in the field for his fourth major of the year there is plenty of exciting golf coming up. Who will lift the Claret Jug this year?

### Titleist Pro V1 Left Dash

We have just received the left dash Pro V1 back into stock. If you want to increase your distance try this ball. \$25 per sleeve, the features include:

- Extraordinary distance consistent flight
- Lower full swing spin than Pro V1x
- Slightly lower flight than Pro V1x
- Firmer feel than Pro V1x
- Great stopping power
- Firm cast urethane elastomer cover



As we navigate the wet winter conditions and the busy start sheets it's important to look after the golf course and keep

an eye on your speed of play, both of these issues tend to get highlighted when the golf course gets wet and balls are plugging off the fairways. If we all do our bit when we play, we can improve the experience of the members playing behind us.

### Divots

- All divots on the course should be repaired; the divot should not be replaced instead covered with sand.
- Remember all golfers must take a sand bottle every time they play.

### Pitch Marks

- Any pitch marks created and/or found on greens should be repaired with a pitch repair tool.

### Bunkers

- Always enter and exit the bunker at the lowest point.
- Carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints behind, and around you with the rake as you exit the bunker.
- Always leave rake in the flat of the bunker with the handle pointing toward the tee.

### Ready Golf Tips to help with Slow Play

Rule 6.4b (2): Playing out of Turn in a Safe and Responsible Way ("Ready Golf") This is a good way to improve your groups speed of play. Also, if your group is not keeping pace with the group ahead, it is expected that you adopt Ready Golf until you have 'caught up' with the players ahead. Quite simply, Ready Golf is a common-sense approach to play the ball when ready.

- Dismiss all honours;
- Don't wait for others before approaching the tee and hitting;
- Proceed to your ball as quickly as

possible;

- Play the ball as soon as it is safe.

### Time-saver Hints Always ready to play

- Be on the First tee 5 minutes before your allocated tee-time
- DO NOT Tee-off BEFORE OR AFTER your tee-time
- Proceed directly to your own ball.
- Plan your shot and select your club when approaching your ball.
- Only take one (1) practice swing, and prepare yourself while others are hitting.
- When in doubt, notify your marker and hit a provisional ball.
- Know the Rules of Golf and [Golf Club] Local Rules, including those about out of bounds, penalty areas and lost balls.

### Don't waste time

- Never record scores on or near the green. Count strokes and write scores at the next tee.
- Don't leave a cart/bag in front of the green. Leave it to the side towards the next tee.
- Carry extra tees, balls and ball markers in your pocket.
- Quickly purchase food/drink. Players don't have 10 minutes in the View between holes 9 & 10

### On the green

- Park clubs/cart beside the green in line with the next tee.
- Study the line, slope, grain, etc before it is your turn.
- Leave Flagstick in the hole.
- Encourage your playing partners to putt, if they are ready to do so.
- When the first player is finished putting, they should proceed to the next tee (without disturbing the other players yet to putt). There is no point three people standing around doing nothing when the group needs to catch up.

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## Turf Talk

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Golf Course Superintendent

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With the current weather situation, we can get stuck into some smaller

older, drainage needs to be cleaned out and upgraded wherever necessary to keep our lovely dry fairways performing at their best.

at 3.5mm).

As much as it looks ready on the surface, it is what is going

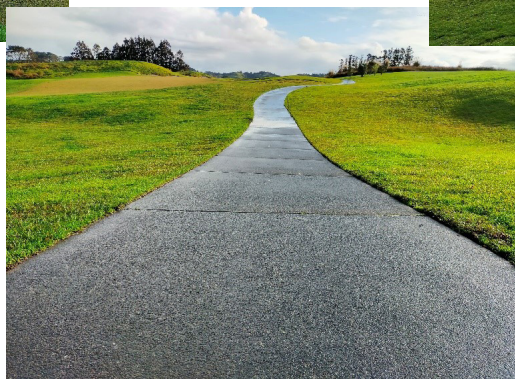


It has been a long time, but we now have our very own path edger. This machine is great and attaches to the front of our Ventrac tractor. After a few years, the overgrowth has become quite considerable, and it is great to see those crisp edges once again.



projects like fixing drainage and irrigation improvements. The one thing you notice on a new golf course over time, is whether the systems in place are doing the best job that they could. Since the introduction of couch into the fairways and approaches, we have been trying to avoid overwatering the couch in front of the greens. In some cases, the sprinklers are so far back that the couch is inundated with excess water. This is a great time of year to improve on those inconsistencies.

You will also notice a bit of drainage work going on. As a course gets



There have been some great comments about the new putting green and a lot of you asking about when its opening. The green has great coverage on it now and we are cutting it at 6mm (course greens are

on underneath that really matters. The roots have not fully established and being on fresh sand, the surface is still very unstable and will take a while to get to a point where we can drive machines on it. While we have had a mild start to winter, new turf will always take longer to establish during colder temperatures. All I can say is that when we are ready to open it, it will be ready to take whatever we throw at it. Be patient, those practice putts for that 70-footer from nine green back up to eighteen will be here soon enough.

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## Bits & Bites

**Matt Burton**

Bar Manager

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The month started off well with the successful running of The Wainui Women's Invitational Event, there was a full field of



96 players who enjoyed all aspects of the day. With this being the first visit to Wainui for a lot of participants, it was great to be able to showcase our course and facilities, for which we received many positive comments – job well done by all involved in planning and executing the day!



We also hosted several other successful events during the month including a member's 40th birthday celebration, ScenicNZ Cruise Expo, and the Porsche Car Club for their annual run and brunch.

### Parking

To allow easy and convenient access to The View for customers (members and non-members alike), while out on the course please use the lower car parks and leave the upper car parking available for customer of The View. If you are out playing a round, your vehicle is typically utilizing a parking space for 3-6 hours from your arrival time (depending on if you are playing 9 or 18 holes). After you have finished your round and packed your clubs away you are more than welcome to bring your vehicle to the upper car park for convenience.

### What's Hot in the Kitchen!?

Well it has officially been a month since I took over the kitchen, and I'm settling in well. It's been great to run into some familiar faces as it has meeting some of the members. Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming.

Slowly but surely, we have been making changes to the food offering. One area we have made changes to has been our cabinet. I've been working alongside our baker, Steve, to concentrate on more home-style made from scratch items like our biscuits, slices, sausage rolls, club sandwiches, pastries etc. We've had a great response so far!

We have a brand-new pizza menu, a refreshed bar snack menu (Karaage Chicken is popular!), and a new Chefs menu which we run daily Wednesday to Sunday. Our special nights have also seen a shake up with new steak options, new burgers, and Louisiana ribs served up on

Rib Night. Look out for our new Brunch menu in July.

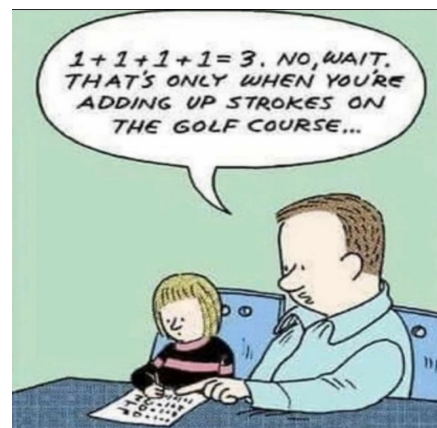
We'd love for you to invite friends and family to our wonderful club, I look forward to cooking for you.

Chef Paul

If you need a winter warmer before, during, or after your round, pop into The View and grab something hot and tasty - you can also phone us from the 9th and place a coffee order from our regular opening time of 11am 7 days a week!

### Just for laughs:

We all know someone like this...



### Up Coming Events

Friday 7th July – Burger Night  
Wednesday 12th July – Mid Month Open  
Friday 21st July - Steak Night  
Friday 28th July - Rib Night

### Save The Date

Friday 11th August – QUIZ NIGHT  
Details coming soon...

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## GM's Corner

**Terry Yacyshen**

General Manager

Happy to see the back side of June 21st and thoughts of the sun's return to our island home with the promise of better weather conditions and greater opportunity to access Wainui and all it has to offer. No doubt this year has set records across New Zealand of which we'd rather not see again. For those who are keeping count going back to 1850 a typical year accumulation of rain to end of May is approximately 1250 mm with the prior record being set in 1917 with 2310 mm. This year we topped that 100 plus year record with 2336 mm and a monthly record in January and February the 4th wettest on record. I am so happy to say that

forced with ongoing closures and sub-standard conditions. I am going to boldly predict we do not repeat this for 2023/24.

Even though the weather hasn't cooperated, we have re-opened the driving range, albeit not ideal for ball collection, and our newly expanded putting green is in good health and continues to mature ahead of schedule. Alain and his crew are anxious to continue with addressing drainage for tee access and fairway access and egress to allow a drier pathway to access our sand-capped fairways. The next leg of this work just cannot be started during this time of the year. Rest assured it is constantly top of mind for all.

A thank you to all Members who, for the most part, have been following the "flagged access/egress" indicators when using power carts. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to use carts even though at times they've been restricted to power cart paths only. Many of our sister clubs have banned carts completely and have been forced into course closures this year due to turf conditions being too soft.

suggestions throughout your round we'll be doing all possible to ensure everyone enjoys their day and has enough time



following to share the memories made during the round with your group in The View for a well-deserved beverage and bit to eat.



Wainui and our turf care crew have done a great job in presenting our courses given the challenges faced, knowing that many courses are being

Thanks to Mike this month for his tips to help with slow play. Always a hot topic at any club, by following his

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