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Pro Talk

Mike Duncumb

Head Professional

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Hello golfers, another interesting month at the club, with weather events, new tournaments, twilight golf and welcoming back Tom Lannie to the golf operations team.

Tom has been away for four years in a few different roles that saw him traveling the country. He started in the golf industry at the Peninsula Golf Club aged 16 and moved over to Wainui with us for the first few years. Tom has played golf professionally and has a wealth of knowledge in the golf industry. It is great to have him back and we look forward to introducing him to our growing membership.

Masters Monday 2023

This is going to be a cracking event, we have the Wainui Masters Monday set for April the 10th and already interest is strong. The event starts with breakfast while watching the final round on the big screen, followed by a shotgun start 18 hole tournament. At the end of the round, we do the Masters players draft, prizes and the trophy & jacket presentation. Entry fees are \$45 for a FP members, \$85 for a PAYP member and \$95 for a guest. Do not miss out on this one, get your team together.

The Masters is even more interesting this year with Kiwi Ryan Fox in the field. Make sure you watch his adventure on his Instagram and follow the #foxtracker

Need to save shots around the greens? Try these chipping techniques, which should help.

1. Chipping with a hybrid or fairway wood – Particularly good if you miss the 6th green to the right.



Approach this like you would a long putt, place the ball forward in your stance, position your weight even on both feet, grip down on your hybrid or fairway wood and make a shallow putting like stroke. The ball won't spin on landing and will run out towards the flag.

2. Use a wedge with less bounce This allows the leading edge to sit closer to the ground and skid across the top of the turf.

Points to Note

Slightly open your stance, position your weight more onto your front foot, keep your hands and wrists out of the shot and make a shallow swing keeping the sole of the club skidding across the turf through impact. This technique will work with any low bounce wedge.

3. Texas wedge

As the couch firms up and the leaf becomes finer, putting off the green is a great option.

Pulling the putter out from further off the green will give you a low-risk option for getting the ball on the green. A remarkably simple but effective tip for long range putting is keeping down over the ball for longer, and not lifting your head too soon. Like all clubs, a putter has a sweet spot that you need to

hit. Staying balanced and keeping your head down longer will improve your strike on the putter face and improve, distance control, ball roll and direction.

Fitting Studio

Titleist TSR1, TSR2, TSR3 Drivers and Fairway woods – We have the Flightscope Tour 3 back in the studio with the swing catalyst cameras up and running, we are having great success finding players more distance off the tee, this device measures ball and club speed and helps select the perfect piece of equipment to give you more distance. The ball speed gains generated with the Titleist TS1, TS2 and TS3 drivers can be seen easily and when being paired to a driver with the correct head design, loft, shaft flex along with the correct golf ball makes a big difference.



The new Pro V1 and Pro V1x golf ball is out now! The Pro V ball offers remarkable distance, soft feel for your short game and very low long game spin, which keeps the ball straighter, the members price per sleeve is \$22.50.

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Turf Talk

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Golf Course Superintendent

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It's a very common theme this year. Usually, we would be deep into some exciting projects and enjoying some lovely hot dry periods. But with 918mm of rain since the start of December, this summer has been one for the record books.

Wainui has fared well through the latest rain events (except for the 13th hole). Other courses like Napier Golf Club are facing a different



will help with removing water from certain areas, (no more puddle by the 4th tees).

It's not often people are here to witness rain events like these, but when they are, you get a good idea of the amount of water that



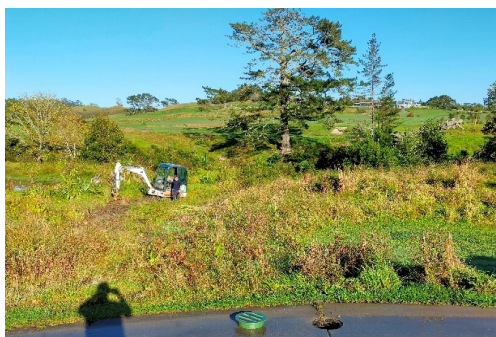
on with projects like the putting green and nursery, while we put back the pieces after these unprecedented rain events.

While the ground dries out, the digger has been clearing out and finding blocked drains which hopefully



picture. As you can see by these pictures they have lost quite literally everything!

These are just some of the photos emerging out of the Hawkes Bay. It really puts things into perspective and shows how lucky we are to have a golf course we can play on the day after events like this. Going forward, we will be pressing



makes its way through our property.

Although officially summer is over, I'm hoping we get a bit more time to get things done and have some great days out on the links.



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Bits & Bites

Matt Burton

Bar Manager

What a rough start to the year! Just when we thought we had made it through the worst of it we get hit with another couple of major weather events leaving some people without power for days. I hope you all have stayed safe and helped those who have needed it.



Overall the course has held up well and once the rain stopped (on each occasion) the “temporary hazards” didn’t last long. It’s not been all doom and gloom, there have been more than a couple of brilliant days for golf with lots of daylight in the evenings still.



Along with golf and corporate events, this month we also have a club event organized by the golf committee to celebrate St Patrick’s Day. Join us on Saturday 25th March to for a fun filled night with great food, live band, and dancing!



Coming soon on tap: WEST COASTIN' HAZY IPA

Take your foot off the pedal and coast into this tropically-charged unfiltered Hazy India Pale Ale.

Brewed with Mosaic, Galaxy and Wai-iti hops. Wind blowin', waves crashin' and sandflies buzzin'...Cocktail hour on the West Coast has got a bit of bite.

Up Coming Events:

Thursday 2nd March – Twilight
Friday 3rd March – Burger Night
Wednesday 8th March – Mid Month Open
Thursday 9th March – Twilight
Thursday 16th March – Twilight
Friday 17th March - Steak Night
Friday 24th March - Rib Night
Saturday 25th March – St Patrick’s Day Event



Just for laughs: looks in better shape than some of our roads currently...

EVERYONE IS IRISH ON

St. Paddy's Day

SATURDAY, 25th MARCH
6:30 P.M. - LATE



Slow Water Band
Entertainment

Members are encouraged to bring guests of all shapes and sizes.

Tickets can be purchased in tables of 4, 8 or individually for \$60 per person (incl. gst) through the administration office.

Dinner is an Irish themed banquet buffet and includes the first glass of your favourite pint or House White or Red wine.

Come and join in with your fellow Members for a fun night of socializing at Wainui.

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GM's Corner

Terry Yacyshen

General Manager

Here we are finally getting some summer like weather and the first of March signifies the first day of autumn...not fair! I am confident there has been a climatic shift in weather patterns and the time we lost with cool, rainy weather during spring and the first part of summer will surely afford us an extended golfing season with good conditions for months to come. All this said, we cannot adjust where the sun travels and inevitably the shrinking daylight hours. Be sure to adjust your clocks back an hour overnight Saturday, 1 April as we move away from daylight saving time.

I'm having to edit this next paragraph as I was intending to announce our move to "couch" on the driving range fairway is finally complete! Of course, we have suffered another weather bomb overnight Friday, 24 Feb. to Saturday, 25 Feb. with 125 mm falling within a 24 hour period...enough already!



This effectively washed out the sand blanket we placed on the driving range throughout the week. The saving grace is that the spreading of stolons was to occur at the start of this week and therefore we didn't undertake the added labour and effort for it to be washed away. By necessity we are going to take a different direction by turfing out many of the bare areas and then seeding with Rye grass to create a surface and if the weather gods will fall in our favour we'll get on with re-establishing driving range operations.

Onto to some good news. We have gone through an extensive search process and can now announce our new Chef. This key role will not only be a working position but, providing the mentoring for our young crew that we've been searching for since Balti's departure. Please join with me in welcoming Mr. Kevin Morgan to our tribe. Kevin has a lengthy notice period he is working through and will get boots on the ground as of May 2nd. I want to be sure to acknowledge the efforts of all our crew in culinary and front of house for banding together for many months during the absence of this role on a regular basis.

At some point over March and April we will be reinstating the non-slip matting on both the downward slopes and bridge crossings to help with those

walking the course with the impeding autumn and winter weather. Ironical that this summer has seen more rain and slippery conditions than most winters, yikes!

Be sure to mark your calendars for an extended St. Paddy's day celebration event this year being hosted on Saturday, 25th March. The poster is included in Matt's column this month and/or can be seen around the club. Reservations for the event are being coordinated through the Administration office for tables of 4 to 8 and of course individuals are always welcome. Join your fellow Members at a table of bring some guests from outside the club, all are welcome! You can register by emailing admin@wainui.online, stopping in person or calling 09 444 3437 to join in on the fun.

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