Pro Talk

Mike Duncumb

Head Professional

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Putters on Sale

In store, we have the Ping, Odyssey & Scotty Cameron range of putters, these are fully adjustable for length, and we have had some great results fitting them using the SAM PuttLab. There are 5 models with varying amounts of toe hang, shaft angle, shape and putter face inserts. Putters can be tested on the putting green, and I am happy to help you work out your putting stroke or small improvements to get the most out a new putter.

The SAM PuttLab is the world's most accurate and comprehensive putt analysis and training system. It is the perfect way to custom fit your putter and a must when buying a new putter.

SAM PuttLab displays the results in easy to understand graphic reports. Discover your individual strengths and weaknesses for a better and more efficient putting stroke. Within seconds, the system gives you individual feedback on your putting strokes. The analysis reveals even the smallest details of your movements and allows you to develop improvements and stroke adjustments quickly.

With the wet course conditions, we all need to make a special effort sanding fairway divot's and repairing pitch marks.



Location: 35 Windmill Drive Wainui 0992 New Zealand Please take and use the sand provided every time you play and fix your pitch mark and one other on every green.

How to Fix your Pitch Marks

- Discard any loose pieces of turf taken out by the ball
- Insert the pitch mark repair tool just outside of the back of the pitch mark
- Lever the turf towards the centre of the pitch mark
- Repeat this motion from all sides of the pitch mark
- Gently tap the repaired area with your putter

Ground Conditions

Check your footwear, with the potential of slip hazards and when walking around the course it is important to play in suitable footwear for the conditions. Check that your soft spikes, are not worn out and are seated correctly in your shoes. With good grip & traction comes more ground pressure, the pressure created between the ground and your feet helps increase club head speed on the down swing. We have replacement footjoy spikes and new winter shoes available now.



Grips Check, clean or replace your grips. This is the best way to gain control over

the golf club. When playing the in rain a cord grip helps prevent the club from slipping. There are new grip options being added to our range all the time. The Golfpride LZ Midsize grip adds size under the lower hand in your grip to help control the release of the club. A Midsize or Jumbo grip can help position your hands correctly on the club if you wear a large or extra-large glove. Also added to the golf shop glove range for winter is the Footjoy Rain grip glove. These work amazingly well in wet weather and stop the club from slipping in your hands \$25.00



Pro Tips - Bunker Trouble

If you are having trouble getting out of green side bunkers, make sure you have the correct club and try these 6 tips:

- Move the ball position forward in your stance
- Open your stance and dig your feet into the sand
- Open the club face of your sand iron and keep your grip pressure very light
- Make sure you tilt forward and create some spine angle
- The bunker shot should be a positive swing
- Keep your shoulders loose so they can turn and keep your arms soft so they can fold and hinge and always make a full follow through

Mailing:

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Alain Le Sueur

Golf Course Superintendent

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The sun has been shinning and the course is drying out. The putting green is looking great and with some sunlight and some warmer days, the turf will start to really grow and puts its roots down, which will help to stabilise and firm up the surface.

Plenty of top dressing with sand will help to smooth out any imperfections and provide a true putting surface for when it opens.

Patience is the key now. For the

to get out there and chop down the winter's growth. Hopefully, this is the



certain areas of the course were since the beginning of 2023 and

we do plan on addressing as may areas as possible during the summer season for new drainage installation in preparation for our next winter season.

All will have noticed the work undertaken at the 16th walk off from the green which has been turfed with the kikuyu riddled turf from the 2nd hole 65 tee. This turf will be much better suited to a rough area than on a tee.

turning point in the seasons, and we get better drying days. It really is good to see some grooming being able to get done.

It's amazing how much better our course looks when things like the rough can be cut. Rest assured we'll not forget about how wet

This gives us the ability to re-seed the tee on hole # 2 and not battle with the kikuyu which had taken over and see just how this seeded process works as we trial this approach.

Thank you for your patience and please try to avoid the turfed area until it grows in and when we can open it up.

> I look forward to sunny, warmer days out on the links, getting some good projects done and presenting the course to the highest standard.



surface to stand up to the traffic, it needs a few more months of good growing weather before we open it up.

With the course drying out, the rough mowers have had a chance



Bits & Bites

Matt Burton

Bar Manager

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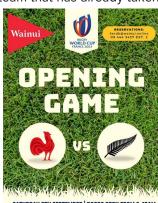
Paul Duncan

How good has it been to finally see some sunshine, long may it last! We've had a steady August in F&B with the highlight being a very well supported Quiz Night with over 100 participants in the event. A big



this competition started than a face-off between the French, at home, and the New Zealand team that has already taken

home the Webb Ellis Trophy times? Since the World first Cup held in 1987, these two leading nations of world rugby have kept up a healthy rivalry that has always delivered on its promises.



SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER | DOORS OPEN FROM 6:45AM KICKOFF 7:15 AM BRUNCH MENU AVAILABLE

shout out to our quiz master Don Budge for putting the quiz together. It was a great night with the kitchen team firing on all cylinders.



the front of house team upping their weekly step count. а few head scratching questions, and some laughs round it out!

Congratulations to team Saving Ryan's Privates, taking out the top prize.

Rugby World Cup

Kicking off on Saturday 9th September the All Blacks take on France, kickoff at 7:15am with doors open from 6:45am. Brunch menu being served, hot coffee, cold beer, followed by a round of golf – what a better way to start the weekend!

This opening match of between New Zealand and France is the match that all rugby fans, and sports fans in general, have been awaiting since the draw for the pool stages. What better way to get

Book your table on: 094443437 ext. 2

Just for Laughs



Up Coming Events

Sunday 3rd Sept-Father's Day Buffet Luncheon

Monday 4th September until Thursday 7th September Club House upper level closed for deep cleaning

Friday 8th September – Burger Night Saturday 9th September – Rugby World Cup Opening Game – France v All Blacks The View Eatery opens at 6:45 a.m.

Head Chef

Friday 15th September - Steak Night Wednesday 20th September – Mid Month Open

Friday 29th September - Rib Night

Father's Day Sunday 3rd Sept.

forget Don't dad. or anv other father figures in your life, this Sunday - it's too late not book to а table! We are expecting full house so be sure to reserve.



What's Hot in the Kitchen!?

This spring you will notice some changes to our menus as we move into the time of year where some amazing produce will

be coming our way.
Not too far from now
we'll be featuring
the new season
asparagus which will
start arriving from
our local suppliers.
Below I have
shared my favourite



Asparagus Tart recipe, a delicious, costeffective dish, great for the whole family.

Pastry

225g plain flour, plus extra to dust

Salt a pinch

120g cold butter, plus extra to grease 1 med egg yolk

Filling

300g asparagus 284ml double cream 2 med eggs beaten

50g gruyère/nutty cheddar fine grated

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GM's Corner

Terry Yacyshen

General Manager

Hooray for September 1st as it heralds the arrival of spring in Aotearoa. With the slow return of the sun to our island home and a gradual increase to the opening hours for the golf shop and expanded clubhouse operations to meet the course activity.

This will of course become more apparent as we change to daylight savings which occurs overnight from Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th of September.



Being ever hopeful we are all excited for Mother Nature to cooperate a bit better over spring and summer with warm and drying conditions. If you listen to the meteoroligists apparently, the El Nino conditions have started to arrive in the pacific ocean. Along with this are expected drier conditions in

our neck of the woods, hooray! Should this continue I believe our fairways and other areas will move ever closer to a mature turf sward and provide our best year for course conditioning and playability.

On behalf of our Members in general, our Board and staff I would like to extend a warm Wainui welcome to the influx of new Members over the past couple of months. Several of these new entrants have come from Gulf

Harbour and we hope you will find our courses and clubhouse facilities warm and welcoming. As a bit of a general overview we have a strong commitment to the following vision of becoming one of "Auckland's leading golf destinations and first choice for customers". In pursuit of this aspirational statement it is our intent to focus on the following priorities:

• Carefully developing, maintaining and presenting the golf course through the enhancement and presentation of playing surfaces to the highest possible standard all year round to provide a challenging test of golf, yet enjoyable for golfers of all abilities.

- Providing a comprehensive range of services on and off the course enabling Members, guests and visitors to enjoy, develop, play and compete.
- Offering a consistently high standard and variety of food and beverage offerings and events in congenial surrounds that fosters camaraderie thereby attracting new Members to the Club and improving current Member engagement by providing an inclusive and welcoming environment.
- Ensure optimal financial performance underpinned by stable governance and staff, whilst operating the Club in a transparent, compliant manner.

We look forward to another busy spring and summer and hope all our Members have the opportunity to visit us, play often and enjoy the products and services on offer.



