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**THE NEWSLETTER**  
of the  
**OTAGO GOLF CLUB**  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**This Saturday's Competition is:**

<b>Men</b>	-	<b>Haggitt Cup Match Play</b>	<b>Blue Tees</b>
		<b>Others</b>	<b>White Tees</b>
		<b>Single Stableford</b>	
<b>Women</b>	-	<b>LGU &amp; Putting</b>	
<b>Tuesday 31st</b>		<b>Women</b>	<b>Course closed</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Course closed</b>

**Welcome:**

A warm welcome is extended to all players, managers, coaches, parents and supporters for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Finals and New Zealand Under 19 Amateur Championships. We trust these visitors enjoy Balmacewen course and all challenges that are encountered. We especially welcome Simon Thomas back who is managing and coaching the St Peters School team from Hamilton.

**Course closed:**

We remind members that the course will be closed from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> the finalists in the NZ Secondary School Championships have a 'blocked' tee time of 11.00am to 1.00pm for a practice round.

**Membership Raffle:**

The draw for this year's membership subscription raffle was won by Kay Aitken. Congratulations Kay and thank you for supporting the Club.

**Haggitt Cup:**

The first round of match play for the 2010 Haggitt Cup was played last Saturday. The second round of the Cup and first round of the Plate will be played this Saturday. The calcutta was auctioned off and all members will be following the progress with interest.

**Champions of Otago:**

The Champions of Otago – the competition involving all Club Champions in Otago was played at Roxburgh last Sunday. The Balmacewen team of Hamish Ireland (Senior); Mark Clemo (Intermediate) and Alistair Adam (Junior) represented Balmacewen very well with a team gross stableford of 90 (4<sup>th</sup>) and a net stableford of 106. Well done and thank you for representing the Club.

## Weekly Results:

### Saturday –Single Stableford

1 <sup>st</sup>	41 points	Gordon Campbell
2 <sup>nd</sup>	40	Andrew Dawson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	39 ocb	John Wills
4 <sup>th</sup>	39 ocb	Scott Drummond
5 <sup>th</sup>	39 ocb	Ross Parry

### Saturday - Women's Golf – Single Stableford

1 <sup>st</sup>	35 points	Tracey Storer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	33	Sue Cutfield
3 <sup>rd</sup>	32	Fay Murray

### Fresh Choice Player of the Day – Tracey Storer

### Tuesday – Women's Golf - Single Stableford

#### Silver

1 <sup>st</sup>	37 points	June Bridgman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	37	Rowan Greaves
3 <sup>rd</sup>	36 ocb	Lisa Henderson
4 <sup>th</sup>	36	Dianne Gillett

#### Bronze

1 <sup>st</sup>	41 points	Lillian Bartlett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	37	Maree Rose
3 <sup>rd</sup>	36	Ann Hamilton
4 <sup>th</sup>	35 ocb	Lynne Ellis

### Fresh Choice Players of the Day – Lillian Bartlett

### Wednesday Twilight

1 <sup>st</sup>	21 points	Evan Robb
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	Marty Duffy, Malcolm Liddell & Nick Nicolson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	19	Andrew Swan
4 <sup>th</sup>	18	John Alexander & John Cutler

### Thursday – Veteran's Golf – Single Stableford

1 <sup>st</sup>	42 points	Graeme Dixon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	41	Graeme McFarlane
3 <sup>rd</sup>	40 ocb	Ron Bridge

## Veteran's Golf - Balfour Ferguson Trophy - Medal:

This annual veterans medal competition will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – tee times from 10.15am. The event is open to all players 60 years and over and it would be tremendous to see a full turnout for this event.

## Pitch Marks, Divots & Speed of Play:

We appreciate that we frequently include in the Newsletter, a request for players to repair their *Pitch Marks*, replace *Divots* and be conscious of *Speed of Play*

All players are asked to repair their pitch mark, and if another un-repaired mark is nearby please repair that also. The same principle applies for replacing divots.

Speed of Play is important – please keep up with the group in front of yours.

The players following your group will appreciate your consideration. Many thanks

## Johnnie Walker Golf Club Promotion:

During the month of September Balmacewen will be working with Dot Golf with this promotion. Members supporting Johnnie Walker products go into a draw to win a trip for 2 to Melbourne including a round of golf at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club and a 2 day VIP golf

experience to see the worlds top golfers compete in the Australian Masters. More details to follow.

### **Trundler Shed:**

With the Secondary School finals and NZ U19 Amateur Championships being played during the week 30 August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September and the course being closed, the Club will need to store up to 140 sets of golf equipment each night.

We would like to do this in the trundler shed – it would be of great assistance if members could take their golf bag (& trundler if needed) home during this weekend (28/29 August). Equipment left in the trundler shed will be stacked up in the far corner and we are unable to guarantee access to this during the week. ***If your trundler is not being used Shelley would love to borrow it.***

### **From the Club Captain:**

#### **Course Etiquette:**

##### ***The Spirit of the Game – Safety:***

The game of golf relies on the integrity of the individual – players should not play until the players in front are out of range.

**Note:** For visitors playing in the Secondary Schools & U19 Champs please wait until the group in front are out of range, or off the green – particularly on holes No 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17.

##### ***Bunker maintenance:***

Players visiting bunkers, after playing out and raking up the area, please consider where the rake is being left. The procedure is – rake to be placed on the grass tongue of the bunker, or in the middle of the bunker, in the raked up 'soft' sand..

##### ***Pace of Play:***

Shelley will be regularly monitoring 'speed of play' on the course, particularly on a Saturday. During these patrols please adhere to and respect any requests made to catch up or increase pace.

### **New Zealand Women's Masters:**

The Masters will be held at Maraenui Golf Club (Napier) – the first 36 hole trial will be held at Chisholm Park on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. If further information is required, see Evan in the Office.

### **Men's Senior Otago Golf Trials:**

*(Handicap Index Maximum 3.0)*

Trials for the above are as follows:

September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

September 12<sup>th</sup>

September 18<sup>th</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

North Otago 72 Hole Spring Open

Wanaka 36 Hole Open

Millbrook 36 Hole Challenges

St Clair 36 Hole Challenges

Chisholm Park 36 Hole Open

Taieri Classic 72 Hole Open

### **St Andrews Cross Feast:**

Please write in your diaries now, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November for the Club's annual St Andrews Cross feast. This year considerable work has already been done, with a new band plus ticket prices will not include free refreshments – these will be by way of a cash bar.

### **Support our Sponsors:**

The Club benefits greatly from the support of our sponsors and it is tremendous if the members acknowledge this by supporting these people and their entities.

Murray & Dave at Cableways Tavern are great supporters of Balmacewen. They have just completed some renovations and 'their place' is well worth a visit.

### **Unfinancial Club Members:**

Unfortunately we have to record, that members whose annual membership subscriptions were not paid on or before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, have been resigned from Dot Golf and the Club.

A scorecard will not be able to be printed and we encourage these members to contact Jane or Evan in the office.

### **New Zealand under 19 Amateur Championships & Secondary Schools Final:**

Balmacewen are hosting these NZ Championships during the week 30<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

The format of the week is as follows:-

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	from mid-day	-	Practice round for Secondary School finalists
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	all day	-	36 hole Secondary School finals
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	all day	-	Practice round for 140; U19 championships
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept		-	First round of U19 Championships
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		-	Second round of U19 Championships
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		-	Third & final round of U19 Championships.

We appreciate that the course will be closed for this period and have arranged for reciprocal privileges at St Clair & Taieri courses. Please be aware that Chisholm Park will also be hosting the U19 Women's Championships during this same time and their course will also be closed.

*If members are planning a round of golf at St Clair or Taieri please telephone and book a tee time.*

### **Rugby Tickets:**

The Club has again secured tickets to all home games for the Otago team.

Prices are:	Main stand	\$10.00
	Terrace	\$ 5.00

### **Firewood for sale:**

The Club has a supply of firewood for sale. This was timber cut down last year, split and ready for burning. Cost is \$70 per standard trailer (6' x 4' without cage sides)

This wood is available at these 'cut' prices to members, neighbours and friends of Balmacewen. See Evan or Jane in the office for access to the wood and payment

### **From the Proshop:**

**Taylormade Promotions** Buy a current model driver and receive a Taylormade fairway wood – same model at 50% off

- i. Buy any current model set of irons and receive one dozen burner TP balls free, plus either a XFT edge, rescue club or golf bag at no cost as well (Great value)  
(Please note some conditions apply – offer finishes 31 August 2010)

Good golfing  
Shelley & Judy

### **Playing Calendar for the following weeks:**

Date	Competition	Format	Others
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Haggitt Cup Women's Golf	Match Play Cup & Plate Single Stableford	Single Stableford
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Golf	Single Stableford	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Haggitt Cup Women's Golf	Match Play Single Stableford	4BBB Stableford
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Golf	Single Stableford	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Haggitt Cup Women's Golf	Finals for Cup & Plate Helen Ross Salver	Northern Irish Stableford
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Women's Golf	Medal Bisque Par	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Combined Stableford Women's Golf	Pairs Par Match	Spare day for Haggitt Cup
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Golf	Single Stableford	

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Medal Women's Golf	7 <sup>th</sup> round Medal series Single Stableford	
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Golf	Single Stableford	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Single Stableford Women's Golf	3 handicap divisions Single Stableford	
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Golf	Single Stableford	House V's Captain's
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	South Paw Cup & Northsiders' Cup Women's Golf	Single Par Single Stableford LGU & Putting	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Tournament	Rhododendron Festival Tournament	