

# Tai Tapu Golf Club

1933-2008



*75 years on & still scoring!*

The Tai Tapu Golf Club  
*75 years and still counting*  
*An updated review since 1983*

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It is hoped that the sprinkling of images, mainly thumb-prints, in this booklet add interest and information especially for those perusing it in later years. Selection of the images was based on what was available and reasonably usable and therefore is biased towards more recent years. It is unfortunate that Club committees have eschewed formal photographs. The 2006 reunion of Ladies Captains provided an excellent opportunity for a formal photograph—the prize image in this booklet—and it is to be regretted that others have not followed suit.

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## **President's Introduction and Welcome**

It is my privilege on behalf of the Club and the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee to extend a welcome to all past and present members to these celebrations .I trust that the varied programme organised by the Jubilee Committee will enable all those present to remember experiences of past years and renew friendships.

The first formal meeting to form the Tai Tapu Golf club was held in the Tai Tapu Hall on Monday 26 June, 1933. Events moved rapidly and the opening ceremony of the Tai Tapu Golf Club was held Saturday 28 July, 1933.

The recording of the Club's history is always difficult and at best can only be a selection of events. The Tai Tapu Golf Club has seen many significant changes to the course and to its facilities. The Clubhouse has been extended over the period with the latest addition being the new Balcony and Storage area that was constructed during 2007.

Information contained in the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet has been used together with the information held by the club and members for the past 25 years.

On behalf of the Jubilee Committee may I thank Brian Williamson, Patricia Rennell, John Hartnell and Brian Briggs, the committee responsible for the compiling of this booklet and to the members that provided information relating to past years.

It is recorded that at the second meeting of the Club on Saturday 8 July 1933 it was decided to hold a working bee on the following Tuesday to start the construction of the course. The Jubilee booklet comments on working bees over the years, and as we celebrate 75 years, we are still indebted to our members for the assistance provided at the Club's annual working bee or at the other times during the season when voluntary assistance is provided. I am certain that this voluntary labour so generously provided by members is envied by committees of many other clubs.

I would wish to acknowledge the work of the committees over the past 75 years. It is the dedication of the many committees and the support of the members of the Club that Tai Tapu Golf Club can proudly claim to have one of the best nine hole courses on New Zealand. Many of the larger clubs envy our facilities and membership numbers.

In conclusion, may I thank all members of the Jubilee Committee including those on the various Sub Committees for their contribution over many months to ensure that the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee was well planned and organised.

I look forward to meeting with past members during the activities planned for Anzac Weekend 2008.

*Bruce McAlister*

President, and Chairperson  
75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee



## Formal Ceremonies During the Jubilee

### **Saturday 26 April 10 a.m.**

One of the Club's youngest members, Caroline Miller, will perform the important ceremony of raising the Club's flag. Caroline comes from a family whose members for some three generations have played golf at Tai Tapu and contributed with distinction in many official capacities.

### **Saturday 26 April 10.30 a.m.**

Long-serving husband and wife pair, Kevin and Patricia Rennell will play the opening tee-shots of the weekend from #1 tee. Both Kevin and Patricia have their names on the honours boards in the Club-house and engraved on many trophies. They have served the Club well, and between them have filled practically every official position.

### **Saturday Evening at the Dinner**

Alister Fiecken, descendant of a local settlers family and present Trustee, will propose the toast to the Club, and John Hartnell will reply on behalf of the Club and its members.

*(The guest speaker at the dinner will be Dick Taylor the well-known athlete)*

### **Sunday 27 April about 3.00 p.m.**

Unveiling the new memorial plaque and cairn will be performed by John Hartnell, who successively has been Club Captain, Vice President, President and now Patron.

### **Sunday 27 April about 3:30 pm**

Ruth Lang, longest serving Ladies Captain, will cut the Jubilee cake.

### **Sunday 27 April about 3:45 pm**

Club Captain Mark Tentori and Penelope Tentori will jointly present the prizes won during the golf games.

## The Lay of the Troubled Golfer

His eye was wild and his face was taut with anger and hate and rage,  
And the things he muttered were much too strong for the ink of the printed  
page.

I found him there when the dusk came down, in his golf clothes still was he,  
And his clubs were strewn around his feet as he told his grief to me:  
"I'd an easy five for a seventy-nine ~ in sight of the golden goal ~  
An easy five and I took an eight ~ an eight on the eighteenth hole!

"I've dreamed my dreams of the 'seventy men', and I've worked year after year,  
I have vowed I would stand with the chosen few ere the end of my golf career;  
I've cherished the thought of a seventy score, and the days have come and gone  
And I've never been close to the golden goal my heart was set upon.  
But today I stood on the eighteenth tee and counted that score of mine,  
And my pulses raced with the thrill of joy ~ I'd a five for seventy-nine!

"I can kick the ball from the eighteenth tee and get this hole in five,  
But I took the wood and I tried to cross that ditch with a mighty drive ~"  
Let us end the quotes, it is best for all to imagine his language rich,  
But he topped that ball, as we often do, and the pill stopped in the ditch.  
His third was short and his fourth was bad and his fifth was off the line,  
And he took an eight on the eighteenth hole with a five for a seventy-nine.

I gathered his clubs and I took his arm and alone in the locker room  
I left him sitting upon the bench, a picture of grief and gloom;  
And the last man came and took his shower and hurried upon his way,  
But still he sat with his head bowed down like one with a mind astray,  
And he counted his score card o'er and o'er and muttered this doleful whine:  
"I took an eight on the eighteenth hole, with a five for a seventy-nine!"

*by Edgar A. Guest*

*If the Golf Course is the Shining Emerald Heart of  
Tai Tapu, Volunteers are the Heart of the Golf Course!*

The date was Saturday 27 January 2007. The time was 8 am. And into the car park at Tai Tapu Golf Club streamed a procession of cars, quite a number with trailers. Members, many carrying all sorts of tools, reported at the green-keeper's shed where they were assigned specific tasks as individuals or in groups. The tasks varied from simple cleaning, sweeping and weed removal to tree and bush pruning, to tree-felling, cutting and log-splitting, to mowing, to tractor-based tasks, to painting, to carpentry, to clubhouse cleaning—an almost endless variety.

*There were 92 members present that morning—*

*it was Annual Working Bee Day.*





*Volunteers are the heart of  
Tai Tapu Golf*

That particular day was a fine example of the importance over the years of voluntary work at the Club and the willingness of members to get “stuck-in” to do it. The very first working bee was Tuesday 11 July 1933 shortly before the official opening day of the Club, Saturday 28 July. The 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet states that “in those early years of the club, each spring all members attended working bees firstly to cut the hay on the course, followed by hours of work with anything that would cut grass, to prepare for the season’s golf. In more recent years, Bruce Miller, Alister Fiecken, and Kevin Rennell, and this year, John Hartnell, have been prominent in organising working bee days and other volunteer events on the course.

But an annual big effort is not of itself sufficient to maintain, let alone improve, the course and its facilities. There have always been some members who regularly contribute their labour and expertise and many are listed in the 1983 Jubilee Booklet. The tradition has been carried on since then. many years of work on course developments. The gardens areas and shrubberies around the course owe much to Life Member John Hartnell. Another long-term member, Kevern Poad, whose very apposite nickname is “Mr Fixit” has shown remarkable skills in all aspects of engineering and systems servicing. In the absence at times of the green-keeper there are members who stepped in to discharge the essential duties. Life Member Kevin Rennell contributed for several years as stand-in green-keeper as has Past President, Brian Davidson.

Coring and sanding of the greens is essential work performed twice each year and the work has never lacked for volunteers to assist the green-keeper. So is it with installing and updating drainage and distribution of water supplies around the course where often the talents and skills of members are called for.

Positive recognition of the work of volunteers on the course was instituted by James McIntyre, Club President 1998-99. This takes the form of an an-

nual invitational golf match in which all those volunteers who have made significant contributions during the year are invited to play, and afterwards with their spouses and partners, to enjoy a meal in the clubhouse. What is most notable about the Invitational is that the field for the golf game is overfull because so many members have contributed very significantly in one way or another during the year!

### **Clubhouse Extensions 1996-97**

A major project in 1996-97 was the building of extensions to the south end of the clubhouse to provide better facilities for a larger men's room and associated facilities, and covered entrance atrium to the clubhouse. The Extension Team is shown in a photograph in the centre colour pages of this booklet. Those involved as shown in the picture were (back row, right to left) Johann Poorter, Henry Wyse, Kevern Poad, Robert Gunn, Bill Pahau, Colin Chaston, Arie Middlekoop, George Engebretsen, Peter Devries, Douglas Reece; (front row): Alan Ingold, Owen Erikson, Norman Goile, Kevin Rennell, George Thomson, Mervyn Watt, John Hartnell, and Val Armstrong. Absent from the photograph but very much present in the building were Philip Gibson (who in fact was in charge of the building extensions) Murray Griffiths, Sean Coughlan and Derek Pears.

### **The Toilet block in the far corner of the course.**

The toilet block at #7/16 tee that replaced the old Long Drop at Jimmy's Track Tee was constructed by voluntary labour—specifically in which Phillip Gibson and Murray Griffiths were involved.



### **The New Balcony**

The present 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations mark another successful volunteer-based project which attendees can see and enjoy and that is the stunning new balcony on the clubhouse. The new balcony had a modest beginning as

Patron John Hartnell proposed a small extension to the old balcony. However, John McCabe, then Club Captain, gave the real impetus to the project when he carried through committee a resolution to replace the old balcony entirely with new large and really attractive deck. The project was then started with the help of many volunteers—perhaps too many to list here—and “Mates Rates” or *pro bono* from members who contributed trade services, such as Ralph Ogg and Paul Witsey. The project was completed in time for the 2008 Summertime Classic. However, principal members involved were Vice President Steve Piper, who had overall control of the work as well as contributing with his joinery expertise and Vice Captain, Mac Renata, and previous Master Builder, Johann Poorter. Michael Cusiel who was Club Champion in 2006 provided the working drawings and structural engineering specifications. Initial set-up was done under the supervision of Master Builder, Raymond Richardson. The bulk of the funds to pay for the new balcony came from the 2007 Summertime Classic (STC) surplus. Laurie Goodson, STC Director and Tai Tapu Golf sponsorship officer, should be very well pleased with this vital contribution.

Many others were involved at one stage or another—Douglas Reece, John Hartnell, Kevern Poad, Barrie Green, Ron Hope, Peter Laurenson, Kevin Kavanagh, Ross Luscombe, Stuart Carline, Robert Borer, David Stephens, Kevin Newcombe. *If we have missed anyone—please accept apologies!*

### **New Memorial Cairn And Surrounds For #1 Tee**

The latest project to be undertaken at the Club is a new memorial cairn and flagpole plus surrounds for #1 tee. It is intended to be completed by the time of this 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

### **Ladies A Plate**

From time immemorial in New Zealand, the request “Ladies a Plate” has been made for virtually each and every social function accompanying sports events, various meetings, conventions etc. Despite the feminist movement’s success in the early 1970s, Ladies a Plate persists—at least it still does at Tai Tapu Golf Club. On the Tai Tapu golf course the admirable efforts of the volunteers—mainly, but not entirely, male—are usually accompanied by a morning or afternoon tea or even a, lunch—and who provides the refresh-

ments? Why of course it still is the Lady volunteers. The 1983 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet makes special mention of the Ladies continuing to do the catering, and to a high standard. Indeed the current official programme booklet for the Club carries the request even in the Ladies own Tuesday golf programme. Lady volunteers have been too numerous over the years to list separately, especially at the risk of omitting very worthy ladies so there is no attempt here to name them.



### Sponsors And Friends Of The Club

As well as the great contribution to the maintenance and development of the course provided by volunteers, there is another much appreciated source of assistance. That arises from those companies who have provided outright sponsorship such as for tournaments or from those Friends of the Club who supply goods or services at “Mates rates”. Currently generous sponsorship is being provided by *GoldPine*, particularly for the new balcony works and for the Summertime Classic and also sponsorship by *The Travel Practice*. If all those others who over the past 25 years have sponsored events, donated goods or services, given “Mates Rates”, or otherwise helped the Club, were to be listed here, it would take too many pages to list. But they all know that the Club is greatly indebted to them and would not be in its fine state today without them.

*Here's a big thanks to you all!*

## **A Stroll Around The Course—the 2008 experience.**

### **The Approach to the Clubhouse.**

Since 1983 and the 50th Jubilee, it will be seen that the car-park has been improved and tarsealed and parking spaces marked out (1994 and 1997) and curbing had been placed (1996) along the sides of the approach to the Clubhouse. Sadly, as has now become necessary, floodlights were installed in the car-park (1994) and security lights on the clubhouse together with other security measures more recently set-up.

### **At the First Tee.**

The surrounds to the tee have been changed several times and are again in process of change and improvement as the 75th Jubilee project. To add variety to a nine-hole golf course where it is necessary to use each fairway twice, additional tee blocks have been created and with them, additional names. Blue tees mark the first nine holes on the course while White tees mark the homeward nine. Tai Tapu Ladies play off Yellow tees which are the same for the whole course; however that is expected to change with a modified Ladies course in 2008.

### **No.1 Clubhouse**

We start our stroll at the first tee by the clubhouse—named somewhat obviously, “Clubhouse”. The tee is elevated above the fairway and the green can be seen straight down the fairway. Low handicappers can drive the green on this first hole. The official rating index of the Tai Tapu Golf course on the Slope Ranking system is a low 110 and New Zealand Golf Rating of 67.8—which is to say that officially it is not particularly demanding. However, let those golfers who take the course lightly beware! Seen from the first tee a very large high cottonwood tree overhangs the left side of the fairway about 75m out and traps many a ball. Those who try to avoid it by aiming towards the right often are caught by tall pine trees on the other side.

### ***Ah! That Dreaded Drain!***

Most golf courses evolve over the years but there would be few around that have developed the way that Tai Tapu has. Those members old enough will

remember the internal fenced areas for grazing sheep or the compulsory drop-out zone on the left of Roadside fairway—but these did not bear comparison with *That Dreaded Drain!* The drain was a square-sided deep drain that ran right across the course north to south. It was a double penalty for Lady members who not only had to add a stroke to drop out of the hazard, but in the days before slacks were worn, they had to adjust their skirts for climbing down and up again. Men on higher handicaps despised the drain as they had either to lay-up short and then pitch over to the green or take the risk that their long attempt shots would not carry the drain.

At the Special General Meeting held to approve the grading out of the drain into a swale only a few diehard traditionalists opposed the motion on the grounds that the drain bestowed a special character to the course—visual pollution more like! Club member Daniel Cusiel was the prime engineering consultant in this very successful move.

#### **No. 2 Otahuna.**

Otahuna was the original name for Burke's Run subsequently called Graycliffe and then revived as the estate of Sir Heaton Rhodes. From the tee you are looking in the direction of his now famous home. The fairway is straight but towards the end, the elevated green remains dog-legged to the left and is guarded by a bunker which renders risky a long shot to the green. However the hard grey sand which used to be in the bunker has been replaced with soft white sand to make it a more normal bunker. Pearson bee-keeper had hives at the back of #2 green (it used to no7). If you over-hit the green it was quite a feat to play from amongst the bees.]

#### **No 3 Ahuriri**

From this tee you are facing roughly in the direction of the site where a Maori tribe made their home setting up a Pa to the south of Tai Tapu. A drinking fountain was installed at this tee . Your tee shot has to be straight and true, else it's out of bounds in the swampy area to the left, or worse, startles tennis players on the courts further left. Or if your shot is only slightly right there is the big willow tree just waiting to intercept it. Later in 2008 there will be a new bunker— a big one—to the left of the green.

#### **No 4 Riverside**

The long fairway of this par 5 hole runs alongside the Halswell River. Drainage problems of years past have been greatly alleviated with further drains. However, left-handed golfers who tend to be the more liable to slice their drives often find the river.

#### **No 5 Jimmy's Track**

Over the years there have been several members with the name Jimmy and they all would have liked to have claimed it was named for them, but no such luck. The Jimmy that this hole is named after was a Jimmy Wright who worked for J McKenzie, the Tai Tapu hotelier as odd-job-man and gardener. Jimmy was said to be somewhat short and stocky. He lived on the opposite side of the main road and used to climb over the fence onto the golf club and walk down the side of the river to the little footbridge and thence to Tai Tapu hotel. Over time, a track was worn by his daily progress. At the tee, a drinking fountain was donated by Tai Tapu Ladies Group. In 2007, two bunkers were installed at Jimmy's Track green, one each side to add considerable interest to the hole.

#### **No 6 Roadside**

Beside the tee a very attractive rose garden has been developed and is complemented by other plantings. On this hole the area with the trees between the fairway and the road boundary of the Christchurch -Akaroa Highway used to be a compulsory drop out penalty zone. The ball had to be brought out and dropped, with a penalty of one. Now the trees have grown and although no penalty drop applies, to put one's drive amongst the trees to the left results in virtually the same penalty. The high green is most attractive in appearance but not to those putting downhill or sideways. It is the only green which can clearly be seen by passing motorists and attracts a good number of tooting horns—startling players at the crucial instant in putting. It owes its present character to development work by the late Gary Burgoyne and Kevin Rennell.

#### **No 7 The Poplar**

A very large imposing poplar still stands at the corner where the No 7 and

No 16 fairways converge. There used to be also a large silver birch in the fairway close-by and between them the two trees posed a formidable obstacle to be navigated. Unfortunately in a move that caused some controversy, the birch was cut down. Navigating the corner remains tricky but nowhere near as difficult as previously.



In the 1990s all the tee signs were replaced by very attractive solid boards with the text routed into the timber (as above). Although cleaning and repainting are required from time to time, they complement the natural features of the course. Also new in 2007 was the attractive but sturdy fence along Golf Links Road.



Perhaps as we make our way round the course, berating ourselves for the previous bad shot, or looking fearfully at the next from a bad lie, we fail to appreciate how well it looks compared with some other courses. It takes players from other clubs to remark upon how the garden plots and other well-tended areas add to the attractiveness of the course. If you've just three-putted Roadside and are making your way along the next fairway, stop and admire the rhododendrons. They are really lovely and will put your three-putt pain right out of your mind ! The shrubs were all donated by Club members.

### **No 8 Mountain View**

The tee is set high on one of the sand hills that are to be found in the area, and as implied by the name, on a clear day there is a good view of the Southern Alps. The sand hills were once at or near the shore of Lake Ellesmere (Waihora) and a camping site for early Maori—little could they have conceived a hundred and fifty years later golfers teeing-off there. On a nice day, one can stand quietly on this tee and listen to the bellbirds who



are often found in this grove. Recent plantings of trees and shrubs have been designed amongst other things to encourage the birdlife.

To complement the elevated tee, the No 8 green was modified under the direction of K G Rennell. He designed it to pose a more interesting challenge to the golfer than the previous boring flat pitch—and he certainly succeeded—but who would have it otherwise?

#### **No 9 Return**

As its name says No 9 returns the golfer to the Clubhouse area after a long wide fairway just made for the big hitters. On the way down, on the left, is the pump-shed newly clad in colour-steel in 2007 by John Knowles. In Club games, the Longest Drive competitions are always along this fairway. On reaching the green, which is sloped and deceptive if putting uphill, one can pause for a drink at the drinking fountain honouring previous member Ivan Jacobs.

#### **No 10 Outlook**

This tee is set back amongst trees on the north side of the Clubhouse. To reach the first fairway players must negotiate a narrow opening. It is more difficult than previously as it is set further back amongst the trees and these latter have grown considerably. A flower garden is set alongside the tee. For a time in the 1990s the numbering of tees 1 and 10 was reversed, but the experiment was unsuccessful and the most obvious position for No 1 tee, right by the clubhouse, was reverted to.

#### **No 11 Otahuna**

The same tee block as for No 2 hole but the tee is further forward, and it makes a significant difference. Those members who have been around for a fair while will remember the large macrocarpa that stood where the bunker is now placed and be so pleased that the horrible obstacle has been replaced with another feature to try and circumnavigate. There is nice new light fluffy sand in the bunker.

#### **No 12 The Willow.**

The tee markers are usually positioned at the end of the tee nearer the green making it a little easier than the tee shot from No 3 Ahuriri. The large willow standing short and to the right of the green nevertheless continues

to capture many golf balls.

**No 13 Waitaha**

This hole was named after the earliest Maori, the Waitaha, who settled in the area.

**No 14 Jimmy's Track**

The tee markers here are on the same tee block as No 5. There is a drinking fountain next to the tee.

**No 15 Roadside**

The white tee markers here are on the same tee block as No 6

**No 16 Cottage**

This tee, set in the far corner of the course is close to the site of an old farm cottage where the then greenkeeper cum caretaker, Teddy Davison lived. It also housed an implement shed behind a row of very large macrocarpas which were down the now No 7 fairway. Also nestled in these trees was the water trough that is now placed with ornamental plants alongside the Ladies room of the clubhouse. The only piece of the Club's early history still in the area is the walnut trees that were part of the cottage farm garden. Now we just have to close our eyes and dream a little to visualise the "Cottage" along with the fruit trees and implement shed. The toilet block now standing in Cottage corner, was erected in 1994/95 to replace the old "Long Drop" which had existed in the trees behind Jimmy's Track tee.

**No 17 Midfield**

Set at the bottom of the sand hill No 8 Tees, it is not quite in the middle of the field but let's not 'quibble over a few hundred meters. It has a different appearance now without the fences around the practice area where the sheep used to graze.

**No 18 Return**

At last, a return to the "Nineteenth" aka the club house with a guarantee of a seat pleasant fellowship and a quiet drink.

*(It is difficult to resist noting that a past Club President resigned when a Bar was installed in the clubhouse!)*

## Tai Tapu Championships

The prime source of information on the results of the Club's various competitions and events has been the engraved names of winners on the cups and trophies themselves. Runners-up are known only when a permanent trophy is provided and names engraved. It was not until 1994 that the Tai Tapu Golf Club's annual programme booklet included the results of the previous season's competitions. No other source of information on the results of competitions is available.

Over the years many cups and trophies have been donated for competition at Tai Tapu Golf Club. As is the practice, most carry their donors' names. Naturally the most important competitions are the Club Championships, traditionally match-play knockout events. In 2007 however, stroke play championships were introduced as well. The Club championships comprise Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and Junior B grades. Initially the Men's Championship categories did not include Junior B. That was not introduced until 1975. The Ladies championships remain confined to only three categories, viz., Senior, Intermediate and Junior. The actual ranges of handicaps which determine the grades are determined annually by the Match Committee. In 2008, for men, these are Senior, 0-10; intermediate, 11-17; Junior A, 18-22; and Junior B 23-36.

The first Club Championship events were held in 1934, a year after the Club was formed and have continued through to the present day, except of course for the War Years 1942-46. Lists of the winners are given in the following pages.

The winner of the Men's Senior Club Championship does not receive the traditional cup but a pewter mug instead. (Although another mug is used, the symbolism of being the best player (for the time being) is continued in a monthly competition. On the first Saturday in each month a stroke round is held and the best net score over all grades is awarded the "Mug" full of beer. In the following Saturdays in the month the Mug winner has the opportunity to present the Mug to any member he chooses and request that it

be filled with the beverage of his choice).

Many excellent players have left their names in the Championship lists. In the Senior Ladies Championship list, for the 64 events played, only 26 Ladies are named, so clearly there were many multiple winners. Eight wins were recorded by Mrs T Wheeler during the 1960s and 1970s. That was equalled by Mrs Patricia Rennell with eight wins two decades later. The current Ladies champion, Mrs Carol Bates has accumulated seven wins.

The winners of the Men's Senior Championships are more widely spread. For the 69 events played, there were 39 individual winners. The most prolific was Roger Sisson with five wins in the 1970s with his brother Adrian Sisson having four wins in following years. Father and son winners were Daniel Cusiel with two wins, 1999 and 2002, and his son Michael, winner in 2006. Ken Noh, who still holds the course record of 67 as a 15 year old, won this event in millennium year, 2000.

In 2007, an innovation was to play men's stroke-play championships as well as match-play championships. Winners and runners-up in these were Daniel Cusiel and Wayne Clark respectively in the Senior category; Mark Tentori and David Cate in the Intermediates; Paul Witsey and Jason Pester in Junior-A and Desmond Buckner and Mervyn Watt in Junior-B.



The Mug

## Men's Senior Championship Winners



*Daniel & Michael Cusiel—Father & son*



*Michael Hoffman 2007*

1934 J Bain	1962 P J Amos	1985 I Fowler
1935 D L McDonald	1963 G H Ware	1986 T Daly
1936 J Bain	1964 D C Watson	1987 R Rennell
1937 J Bain	1965 D C Watson	1988 T Daly
1938 W G McCartney	1966 D C Watson	1989 A R Daly
1939 D E McCartney	1967 G Titmus	1990 R Rennell
1940 F Williamson	1968 G Titmus	1991 R Rennell
1941 F Williamson	1969 G Titmus	1992 A Pemberton
1942-6 <i>No Competition</i>	1970 G Titmus	1993 L Goodson
1947 N J Mackenzie	1971 M W Parrott	1994 A Walker
1948 C Anderson	1972 G H Ware	1995 B Jordan
1949 W G McCartney	1973 R Sisson	1996 A Walker
1950 G N Sheldon	1974 G H Ware	1997 W Harper
1951 G N Sheldon	1975 R Sisson	1998 N Scriggins
1952 G Stoddart	1976 A Sisson	1999 D Cusiel
1953 G M Turrell	1977 R Sisson	2000 K Noh
1954 R Stoddart	1978 R Sisson	2001 H Milligan
1955 R Stoddart	1979 R Sisson	2002 D Cusiel
1956 G M Turrell	1980 A Sisson	2003 H Milligan
1957 R Stoddart	1981 A Sisson	2004 W Clark
1958 W J McKenzie	1982 G H Ware	2005 P Fitzgibbon
1959 E Gallen	1983 A Sisson	2006 M Cusiel
1960 W Woods	1984 I Fowler	2007 M Hoffman
1961 E Jones		

## Ladies Senior Championship Winners

1934	Mrs D A MacDonald	1972	Miss S Clephane
1935	Mrs D A MacDonald	1973	Mrs J Rendall
1936	Mrs D A MacDonald	1974	Mrs J Rendall
1937	Mrs R H Tait	1975	Mrs M Wheeler
1938	Mrs R J Templeton	1976	Mrs L Coakley
1939	Miss S Smith	1977	Mrs M Wheeler
1940	Mrs B G Dalgety	1978	Mrs M Wheeler
1941	Mrs T Streeter	1979	Mrs M Wheeler
1942-6	<i>No Competition</i>	1980	Mrs M Wheeler
1947	Mrs S McKenzie	1981	Mrs G Cameron
1948	Mrs W J H Coop	1982	Mrs G Cameron
1949	Miss S Smith	1983	Mrs G Cameron
1950	Mrs R C Blackmore	1984	Mrs P Rennell
1951	Mrs G M Turrell	1985	Mrs G Cameron
1952	Mrs T D McNeill	1988	Mrs P Rennell
1953	Mrs G M Turrell	1989	Mrs P Rennell
1954	Mrs G M Turrell	1990	Mrs P Rennell
1955	Mrs G M Turrell	1991	Mrs P Rennell
1956	Mrs D G Scott	1992	Mrs P Rennell
1957	<i>No Competition</i>	1993	Mrs P Rennell
1958	<i>No Competition</i>	1994	Mrs C Bates*
1959	<i>No Competition</i>	1995	Mrs C Bates*
1960	Mrs D G Scott	1996	Mrs C Bates*
1961	Mrs D G Scott	1997	Mrs C Bates
1962	Mrs D G Scott	1998	Mrs S Goldsworthy
1963	Mrs D G Scott	1999	Mrs C Bates
1964	Mrs F Pierson	2000	Mrs C Bates*
1965	Mrs E Bowis	2001	No Competition
1966	Mrs M Wheeler	2002	Mrs P Rennell
1967	Mrs E Bowis	2003	Mrs P McCabe
1968	Mrs M Wheeler	2004	Mrs R Lee*
1969	Mrs M Wheeler	2005	Mrs R Lee
1970	Mrs R Rhodes	2006	Mrs R Lee
1971	Miss S Clephane	2007	Mrs C Bates



*Carol Bates 7 wins*



*Rosie Lee*



*Pat McCabe*



*Pat Rennell*

*\*Open entry*

## Ladies Intermediate Championship Winners



*Alison Whitelaw 1978*



*Jenny Stephens 2003, 2004*



*Kerry Piper 2007*

1973 Mrs M Nutt  
1974 Mrs M Gleeson  
1975 Mrs M Gleeson  
1976 Mrs M Gleeson  
1977 Mrs M Gleeson  
1978 Mrs A Whitelaw  
1979 Mrs E Gleeson  
1980 Mrs E Gleeson  
1981 Mrs A Whitelaw  
1982 Mrs A Anderson  
1983 Mrs B Watkins  
1984 Mrs R Burgoyne  
1985 Mrs R Burgoyne  
1986 Mrs N Smith

1995 Mrs P McCabe  
1996 Mrs H McGinley  
1997 Mrs D Townshend  
1998 Mrs H McGinley  
1999 Mrs H McGinley  
2000 Mrs H McGinley  
2001 Mrs P Rennell  
2002 *No competition*  
2003 Mrs J Stephens  
2004 Mrs J Stephens  
2005 Mrs J Blik  
2006 Mrs P Rennell  
2007 Mrs K Piper

## Men's Intermediate Championship Winners



*Joel Settrington 2002*



*Patrick Fitzgibbon*



*Mark Tentori 2007*

1952 H B Anderson	1971 L Withell	1990 A D Welsh
1953 D T Ager	1972 L Lanauze	1991 K G Rennell
1954 T D McNeil	1973 R Rose	1992 W Meechin
1955 G Ware	1974 M R Hatchard	1993 L Nilon
1956 G Stoddard	1975 J Smith	1994 N Scriggins
1957 B Wiseman	1976 F Pierson	1995 P Allsop
1958 L Kilroy	1977 J Smith	1996 M Griffiths
1959 N W Robertson	1978 G Stowell	1997 A Pemberton
1960 S H Allon	1979 C Brixton	1998 B McKendry
1961 J Hartnell	1980 S Taylor	1999 P Fitzgibbon
1962 J E Mills	1981 N G Fowler	2000 W Chapman
1963 H Cox	1982 M C Burke	2001 P Fitzgibbon
1964 E Jones	1983 C Brixton	2002 J Settrington
1965 A Gray	1984 D McLean	2003 P Fitzgibbon
1966 K J Conyers	1985 W Weatherhead	2004 W Spicer
1967 G Lethaby	1986 D Shelford	2005 R Wilson
1968 F R Miller	1987 J McIntyre	2006 D Clayton
1969 K C McVinnie	1988 M Hatchard	2007 M Tentori
1970 N F Herron	1989 J McIntyre	



## Ladies Junior Championship Winners



*Elizabeth Manson*



*Wanda Crabb 2006*



*Aileen Lauder 2001, 2007*

1965 Mrs P Rawstrom	1987 Mrs E Manson
1966 Mrs R Neil	1988 Mrs J Watt
1967 Mrs B Hall	1989 Mrs D Towshend
1968 Mrs P Rawstrom	1990 Mrs P McCabe
1969 Mrs K Climie	1991 Mrs N Stevens
1970 Mrs N Begg	1992 Mrs K Lindbom
1971 Mrs J Rendall	1993 Mrs L Norton
1972 Mrs B Prendergast	1994 Mrs E Gleeson
1973 Mrs J McIntyre	1995 Mrs A Edwards
1974 Mrs B Nelson	1996 Mrs M Ness
1975 Mrs B Macale	1997 Mrs A Edwards
1976 Mrs A Crossen	1998 Mrs F Chudleigh
1977 Mrs O Lewthwaite	1999 Mrs F Chudleigh
1978 Mrs W Potts	2000 Mrs M Ness
1979 Mrs M Duncan	2001 Mrs A Lauder
1980 Mrs P Ryan	2002 Mrs E Manson
1981 Mrs J Fiecken	2003 Mrs S Carroll
1982 Mrs N Cullen	2004 Mrs M Keenan
1983 Mrs E Martyn	2005 Mrs E Manson
1984 Mrs S Welsh	2006 W Crabb
1985 Mrs E Manson	2007 Mrs A Lauder
1986 Mrs D Hatchard	

## Men's Junior-A Championship Winners



*Robert Prisk 2000*



*Ronald Roach 2001*



*Roy Mc Robert 2007*

1972	E Jones	1990	M G Griffiths
1973	W Fiecken	1991	I K Narbey
1974	G Penny	1992	S Gunby
1975	M Hatchard	1993	G Gerven
1976	G Penny	1994	M Herron
1977	S Wilson	1995	G Gerven
1978	B W Barnhill	1996	J McIntyre
1979	R Kinzett	1997	M Manson
1980	F Pierson	1998	M Herron
1981	J McIntyre	1999	S Smylie
1982	J R Gleeson	2000	R J Prisk
1983	B W Barnhill	2001	R Roach
1984	B Hall	2002	D Engebretsen
1985	J Naysmith	2003	K G Rennell
1986	R Cullen	2004	C Hurcomb
1987	K Irving	2005	J Setterington
1988	I K Narbey	2006	W Meechin
1989	R G Gargett	2007	R McRobert

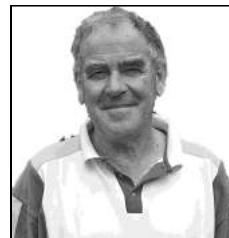
## Men's Junior-B Championship Winners



*James Anderson 2004*



*Michael McCallum 2005*



*Alan Stewart 2007*

1975 R Gibson	1992 I K Narbey
1976 D Mills	1993 D Wright
1977 <i>No contest</i>	1994 R Turner
1978 O Erikson	1995 J Samson
1979 J Erikson	1996 J Samson
1980 R Williams	1997 P Yaxley
1981 J Lang	1998 W Spicer
1982 S Ogg	1999 D Reece
1983 J Lang	2000 D Adam
1984 G Austin	2001 N Herron
1985 S Clarke	2002 C Hurcomb
1986 J Erikson	2003 B D P Williamson
1987 D Pears	2004 J Anderson
1988 J Milne	2005 M McCallum
1989 D Wright	2006 P Laurenson
1990 T Duncan	2007 A Stewart
1991 O Erikson	

## Several Major Trophies

Apart from the Championships, probably the three most significant Club events are the Otahuna Cup, the Waitaha Cup and the Suckling Cup. The Waitaha is a pairs event-Four Ball Best Ball Net, while the Otahuna is a singles event. In each, the top thirty-two scores qualify for the match play on handicap to contest the Cups. First round losers in each contest a plate event, viz., the Rex Rudkin Salver and the John Hartnell Cup respectively. Lists of winners of these events are given on following pages. The Otahuna Cup is one of the two oldest trophies extant. It was presented to the Club by Col. Sir Heaton Rhodes himself in 1935 and first played for in 1936. The first winner's name engraved on the Cup is that of M MacKenzie. The Cup itself appears not to be the usual chromium plated cup but is silver-plated as certified by hallmarks engraved on it.



*The Waitaha Cup  
& a magnified view  
of the hallmarks.*



Of equal vintage to the Otahuna Cup is the Suckling Cup which was first contested for mixed competition in 1936. The winners then were G Stoddart and Miss K Johnston. The Suckling Cup is for Foursome Stroke, best nett (half individual handicaps).

## Otahuna Cup Winners



*Jin McIntyre*



*John Knowles 2002*



*Bruce McKendry*

1936	M Mackenzie	1960	P J Amos	1984	A Welsh
1937	M Mackenzie	1961	F Creighton	1985	B McKendry
1938	J Hussey	1962	L Lanauze	1986	B McKendry
1939	M W Bullen	1963	L Lanauze	1987	J McIntyre
1940	W G Macartney	1964	G Saunders	1988	D McLean
1941	W G Macartney	1965	S E Ogg	1989	A Welsh
1942	No competition	1966	no data	1990	B McKendry
1943	No competition	1967	G Saunders	1991	A Briden
1944	No competition	1968	D McLean	1992	D Clancy
1945	No competition	1969	R Rose	1993	T Walker
1946	No competition	1970	B Miller	1994	W Meechin
1947	Dr W A Johnstone	1971	R Rose	1995	L Goodson
1948	N J McKenzie	1972	M C Burke	1996	A Lees
1949	N J McKenzie	1973	M C Burke	1997	J McIntyre
1950	H B Anderson	1974	M Hatchard	1998	K G Rennell
1951	N H K Needham	1975	M Hatchard	1999	B McKendry
1952	R C Blackmore	1976	M C Burke	2000	P Fitzgibbon
1953	B Thompson	1977	W Eastlake	2001	W Meechin
1954	R Stoddart	1978	G Shipley	2002	J Knowles
1955	G M Turrell	1979	W McNally	2003	P Fitzgibbon
1956	J McKay	1980	R Small	2004	B McKendry
1957	L Kilroy	1981	G Shipley	2005	P Fitzgibbon
1958	L Kilroy	1982	W McNally	2006	M Renata
1959	M StJ McKay	1983	M Hatchard	2007	D Cochrane

## Waitaha Cup Winners

*2007 winners Mac Renata and Jack Kingi-Hazel with Runner-up Norman Goile (centre, who won in 2000). Sadly, the late Selwyn Kitto, who was Norman's partner was too ill to play*



1949	G N Sheldon	G A Nutt	1979	A Sisson	J Daly
1950	H B Anderson	R Stoddart	1980	J Robertson	J Clarke
1951	G N Sheldon	M StJ Mackay	1981	C Alleyne	C Brixton
1952	L Blumskey	T D McNeill	1982	D McLean	J Gleeson
1953	N R Withell	J O'Donnell	1983	M C Burke	W Burgess
1954	E B Davison	R C Blackmore	1984	W Meechin	W Weatherhead
1955	D T Ager	N J McKenzie	1985	J McIntyre	J McKinnon
1956	M StJ Mackay	E Jones	1986	J Erikson	O Erikson
1957	N J McKenzie	G Nutt	1987	J McIntyre	A Prendergast
1958	M StJ Mackay	G Mackay	1988	D McLean	R Gargett
1959	M McIntosh	M Robertson	1989	N Green	D Wright
1960	N Woods	L Woods	1990	P Stanbury	M Clephane
1961	H Cox	J N Hartnell	1991	A Welsh	R Cook
1962	G Ware	J Houlden	1992	L Goodson	G Engebretsen
1963	P J Shaw	M Lane	1993	G Gerven	M Herron
1964	C Rhodes	R Rose	1994	K G Rennell	R K Rennell
1965	F R Miller	A D Jennings	1995	A Walker	I Kirk
1966	R Morten	G Saunders	1996	J McIntyre	W Meechin
1967	C Rhodes	R Rose	1997	I Narbey	M Manson
1968	L J Forbes	G K Austen	1998	N Scriggins	M G Griffiths
1969	M C Burke	R G Burgess	1999	D Cusiel	J Cusiel
1970	C Rhodes	R Rose	2000	D Clancy	N Goile
1971	J Billcliff	M McMaster	2001	W Meechin	R Clancy
1972	W McNally	S Nixon	2002	J Dockery	L Beattie
1973	D McLean	J Gleeson	2003	S Berryman	R Hope
1974	D McLean	J Gleeson	2004	W Pahau	W Clark
1975	E F Hancock	P Stanbury	2005	B Davidson	W Meechin
1976	D McLean	J Gleeson	2006	R Frewen	D Cate
1977	R Hancock	P Stanbury	2007	M Renata	J Kingi-Hazel
1978	J McIntyre	M McMaster			

## Suckling Cup Winners



*Kevin &  
Pat Rennell*



*Bruce &  
Sandra  
Miller*

1936	G Stoddart & Miss K Johnston	1974	M C Burke & Mrs J Woods
1937	C Anderson & Miss A Welsh	1975	W Weatherhead & Miss E Bowis
1938	Dr & Mrs I W Weston	1976	D McLean & Mrs G Cameron
1939	M Barriball & Mrs E Percival	1977	Mr & Mrs B Briggs
1940	Mrs & Mrs W G Macartney	1978	Mr & Mrs B Briggs
1941	W Macartney & Mrs F Williamson	1979	G Ware & Miss J Cochrane
1942	<i>No competition 1942 thru 1946</i>	1980	G Shipley & Mrs J Ashbridge
1947	W Johnston & Miss Barbara Coop	1981	Mr & Mrs K Rennell
1948	G Sheldon & Mrs S Mackenzie	1982	Mr & Mrs R Rose
1949	Mr & Mrs N R Withell	1983	Mr & Mrs C Brixton
1950	Mr & Mrs N R Withell	1984	D McLean & Mrs P Luff
1951	Mr & Mrs T D McNeill	1985	Mr & Mrs R Rose
1952	Mr & Mrs G Stoddart	1986	Mr & Mrs R Gargett
1953	Mr & Mrs E Thompson	1987	Mr & Mrs A Poore
1954	N Mackenzie & Mrs J Mackenzie	1988	J Samson & Mrs C Blakeley
1955	H D Hamilton & Miss B Wood	1989	P Shelford & Mrs C Blakeley
1956	Mr & Mrs G Stoddart	1990	Mr & Mrs B Miller
1957	Mr & Mrs G Stoddart	1991	Mr & Mrs B Miller
1958	N J MacKenzie & Mrs B G Scott	1992	Mr & Mrs T Walker
1959	Mr & Mrs G Stoddart	1993	<i>No inscription on cup</i>
1960	P J Amos & Mrs G Rawstron	1994	G Skilton & Mrs P Heinzmann
1961	L Woods & Miss J Woods	1995	J Hartnell & Mrs R Lang
1962	B Warpole & Mrs A Nutt	1996	Mr & Mrs R McGinley
1963	D Suckling & Mrs D Lanauze	1997	Mr & Mrs P Yaxley
1964	D C Watson & Mrs M Kane	1998	Mr J & Mrs T Samson
1965	E Gallen & Mrs J Morten	1999	Mr & Mrs R Cullen
1966	Mr & Mrs C Brixton	2000	Mr & Mrs D Reece
1967	W M McNally & Mrs J Corrick	2001	N Scriggins & Mrs H Mather
1968	Mr & Mrs N Herron	2002	Mr & Mrs R McGinley
1969	Mr & Mrs K Sumpter	2003	V Armstrong & Mrs N McKinnon
1970	M W Parrott & Mrs N R Price	2004	W Clark & Miss A Clancy
1971	M Clephane & Miss S Clephane	2005	R Cullen & Mrs E Speers
1972	S Suckling & Mrs Morten	2006	G Lee & Mrs R Lee
1973	Mr & Mrs Gleeson	2007	M Tentori & Mrs P Tentori

## The Summertime Classic

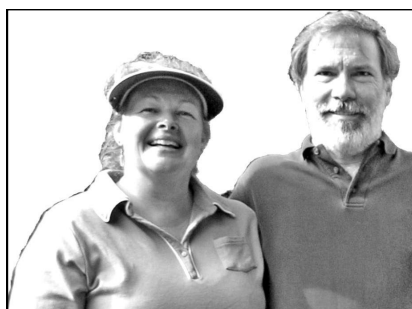
In 2003 Tai Tapu Golf embarked in an expanded form of open tournament and called it The Summertime Classic. The Classic has been played each year since.

The original objective was that it would be a fund-raising event with the proceeds to be applied to improvements in the Club's facilities. The Classic was to be played over the two days of a weekend in summer at or near Waitangi Day. There was to be a generous range of prizes and meals with some evening entertainment. The event in 2003 turned out to be quite successful, but the net result was only a modest return on costs and after considerable organisational effort. That effort involved, as it continues to do, contributions at all levels of the Club including elected officers and committees and volunteers, especially on the course during the event itself.

On review of the first couple of years of the event, it was concluded that to obtain a more substantial return, entry fees and sponsorship would have to be increased significantly. That however, could, and indeed did, result in fewer members playing in the tournament. Club Captain John McCabe in 2006 argued that in his view that latter consequence had to be accepted if the fund raising were to be more substantial—after all members would benefit in the end. Laurie Goodson was appointed Summertime Classic Director for the 2007 and 2008 events and he and his team have achieved remarkably good net returns to the Club. In 2008, the principal sponsor and holder of the naming rights for the Classic was *GoldPine*.

The new balcony stands in evidence of these benefits from the Classic.

*In 2008, the winning pair in the men were Stuart Carlene and Peter Laurensen—the same pairing that in 2006 took the Tri-Series by storm. The winning mixed pair (right were Jill and John Rogers.*





## General Trophies

The Club has a host of other trophies for members to compete for. Many are trophies donated as memorials; their number continues to grow. Some trophies could be regarded as semi-social in that partners are chosen by lot prior to the match, and there are even several where partners are drawn “from the hat” after the match. A lottery perhaps, but still demanding of good performance by each player.

In the following pages, notes are given of all trophies extant—or as far as is known, and the most recent winners. No attempt has been made to list each and every winner of each and every trophy. Some trophies could not be located, some had not been engraved with winners names. (Wednesday Group trophies are omitted)

### Champion of Champions Shield

The format for the Shield was drawn up by W Weatherhead. It is knockout match-play amongst Men’s and Women’s Champions of all grades. Played on handicap and Ladies to receive two strokes. The first name on the shield is that of Patricia Rennell in 1991 and therein lies a twist. In the course of her progress through the event, Patricia had actually to play—and beat—both her husband Kevin and her son Ray 1991. The next names listed on the shield are J A Samson (1996); J McIntyre (1997); P Yaxley (1998); W Chapman (2001); N Herron (2002); D Engebretsen (2003); and Mrs J Stephens (2004). Since then it has been won by Mrs Rosie Lee (2005, 2006) and was not played 2007. In the course of the previous wins there have been a number of defaults as at the time of year it is played the season has closed and members are about other business prior to Xmas.

## Ladies Trophies and Events

### Deyell Cup

Match play championship cup for 40.4 to 54 handicap players

Originally donated for Unearned players when handicaps were 0 to 36

*Not played in 2007*

**Dewar Cup**

Played during championships. Best combined nets of two qualifying rounds. 2007 winner was Aileen Lauder.

**Sue Clephane Cups**

Three cups donated by Sue Clephane. One each for Senior, Intermediate and Junior grades for best qualifying rounds during Club championships. 2007 winners were Carol Bates, (Senior), Kerry Piper (Intermediate) and Aileen Lauder (Junior)

**Waitangi Salver & Waitangi Flights**

Foursome stroke match play with own chosen partners. Handicap half the difference between the combined handicaps. Played in own time. The Flights are for first round losers of the Salver. Julie Livesey and Julie Rogers were the 2007 winners from Jenny Stephens and Donna Edmonds.

**McCartney Bowl**

One qualifying round stroke net. Eight to qualify. For qualifiers subsequent individual match play on handicap. Alison Whitelaw won this event in 2007, from Grace Miller.

**Smith Bowl**

Individual match play on handicap. Eight best nets qualify. Penelope Tentori won the bowl in 2007 from Ladies' Secretary Lorraine Adam.

**Smith Memorial Foursomes**

Foursome stroke with own chosen partners. 36 holes with handicap 50% of combine handicaps. Jenny Stephens and Kerry Piper won this event in 2007.

**Sowden Cup**

Played with any two clubs plus putter. Net stroke.  
The winner and runner-up in 2007 were Mary Cole and Glenda Horner respectively.

**Coakley Cup**

Best 3 of 6 rounds net—won in 2007 by Donna Edmonds.

**Betty Macale BMM Stableford Cup**

Cup donated by Alan Macale. Best three Stableford rounds during the year. Donna Edmonds won the BMM Cup in 2007 from Alison Whitelaw.

**Vera Bowman Trophy**

Played on Medal Days throughout the season. Drawn holes. Collated at the end of the season minus handicap.

**Birdie Cup**

For the most birdies scored over the season. Julie Livesey and Lynnette McKinnon tied for this in 2007.

**Captain's Team versus Secretary's Team Cup**

Drawn teams, one for Captain, the other for Secretary. Usually collated Stableford format. Captain's team won in 2007.

**Monica Holmes Trophy**

Two eclectic rounds net. Donna Edmonds won this trophy in 2007 while Joan Elder was runner-up.

**Longest Drive Pewter Cup**

All grades compete for this trophy on opening day. Won in 2007 by Jenny Stephens.

**Putting Cup**

Donated by Nancye Cullen. For the best three putting rounds. Won in 2007 by Penelope Tentori.

**Reece Trophy**

Constructed by Douglas Reece and donated by Patricia Reece in 1987. Initially it was contested for by the Saturday Business Ladies and the format was for Best Stableford Round. However with the discontinuance of Satur-

day Business Ladies, it was transferred to Tuesday Ladies where it was allocated to an All Irons Event. Julie Livesey won this event in 2007.

#### **Sylvia Hugh Memorial Cup**

Played on Medal Day. Best nett over four Medal Rounds for handicap range 30 to 42. This event was won in 2007 by Audrey Herron.



#### **Fogarty Rawstron Trophy**

Most improved player (greatest handicap reduction for season)

That was achieved by Carolyn Davidson in 2007.

### **Mixed Trophies and Events**

#### **NZ Breweries Salver**

Mixed 4BBB Par. Presented by NZ Breweries Ltd. First winners were Scott and McKenzie 1950. Husband and wife pair David and Lorraine Adam won the salver in 2007.



#### **J Woods Salver**

Awarded to Runners-Up from M C Burke Trophy. In 2007 the Salver was won by John and Marie Hartnell.



#### **Ballin Cup**

This is quite an old trophy as the first winning pair was in 1948 The game is for mixed pairs game using individual stroke. However cards drawn, card by card by competitors members after the game and in essence that makes it more a game of chance. Winning pair in 2007 was Aileen Lauder and David Adam, and as chance would have it, the runners-up were Lorraine Adam and Steve Piper.

#### **Brown Cup**

Eighteen hole Mixed Greensome Stroke. Choose own partner. Men's card The Lady partner in the winning pair in 2007 was the veteran Elva Speers

and the male partner was the rapidly improving Junior, Hamish Stalker. More will be seen of Hamish in the next few seasons.

### **Captain's Trophy**

Donated by N. George Fowler. Eighteen hole Mixed Four ball best ball Stableford. Donated by N G Fowler in 1987. Remarkably, the first two contests in 1987 and 1988 resulted in ties, there being no provision for a sudden death or other form of play-off in the competitions rules. Those in the ties were Mr & Mrs C Brixton and Mr & Mrs R Bowman in 1987 and in 1988 the pairs were J Naysmith and Mrs Esme Martyn and Mr & Mrs Ingold. In 2007, husband and wife combination of Graeme and Linda Howard took this trophy home after just heading off David and Rima Robertson.

### **Veterans' Trophies**

For Veterans at least 55 years of age. Men's and Ladies individual eighteen hole stroke. For 2007, Bruce Miller (Greens convenor) and Helen McGinley were the men's and Ladies' trophy winners. Runners-up were Aileen Lauder and John Hartnell respectively.

### **D G Stowell Memorial Trophy**

Mixed pairs with winners best three aggregate rounds of five rounds. Playing for this trophy is a lengthy process requiring not only good golf, but regular attendance. The 2007 winners were Bruce and Sandra Miller who repeated their winning performance in the same event in 2005. Roger and Raeleen Donaldson were the runners-up.



### **Sunhaven Trophy**

Eighteen hole Mixed Combined Stableford. Individual cards. Partners, fours and tees drawn before the game. Donated by Sylvia and Alan Gebbie and named after their farm garden in Gebbies Valley. The prizes were intended to be not just symbolically but actually in the form of garden produce and Sylvia and Alan donated a bountiful quantity of fresh produce for

the prize table. That practice is having some difficulty in persisting. In 2007, the winning pair were Clare Rosevear and Roger Donaldson and in an unusual twist, the runners-up were Rogers wife, Raeleen, who was partnered with Alan Vickery.



### **Presidents Trophy**

Eighteen hole Mixed American Foursome Stroke, 50% combined handicaps. (Not to played with a partner already played with in the season). Wayne Clark (Men's Senior Champion in 2004) and wife Pamela were the 2007 winners.



### **H N K Needham Memorial**

Mixed combined Stableford. Individual cards. This is a magnificent trophy in the form of a large wooden shield with a clock at its centre. Winners do not take it triumphantly home, but after the presentation, return it to its place of pride on the clubhouse lounge wall. Roger and Raeleen Donaldson who have had steady successes as a mixed pair in Tai Tapu competitions had the pleasure of hanging the trophy back on the wall in 2007.



### **M C Burke Trophy**

Mixed combined stroke net. Runners-Up to receive J Woods Salver

This unusually tall and striking trophy was donated by the Tai Tapu Golf Club Life Member of the same name. In 2007 Kevern Poad was helped carry this trophy away by Aileen Lauder.



## **Men's Trophies and Events**

### **Tri-Series**

A relatively new series. Own pairs played over three rounds as Best Ball Net

Stroke, American Foursomes, and Ambrose. The Tri-Series is becoming a very significant event on the playing calendar. It was inaugurated by then Club Captain, John McCabe in 2005, and sponsored initially by his company, Ocean Gems. The initial winners were Bruce McKendry and Jimmy Anderson, In 2006 the event was renamed as simply the Tri-Series and featured a remarkable win by Stuart Carline and Peter Laurenson (pictured. In the first round of the three to be played, Stuart and Peter, big hitters both, created a huge lead of over ten strokes on the field. They hung on tenaciously for the next two rounds, eventually winning by a bare stroke on the final round. The latest winners, in 2007, were David Cochrane and Ross Luscombe.



#### **John Hartnell Cup**

Knockout match-play on handicap. Contested by first round losers from the Otahuna Cup. The winner in 2007 was the late Selwyn Kitto.

#### **J R Gleeson Trophy**

Eighteen hole combined Stableford. Senior/Junior drawn pairs. Donated by J R Gleeson . The 2007 prize winners were Noel Green and Brett Bolland.

#### **Rennell Shootout Cups**

A very well received innovation in 1993 was a new form of event, viz., the Shootout. It has proved very popular each year since. Two Cups were donated by Kevin and Patricia Rennell and another two by Ray and Valerie Rennell. The Shootout is played in grades as decided by Match Committee. There is an eighteen holes morning round with best 10 gross scores in each grade to qualify. Nine hole afternoon Shoot-out round played “off the stick” progressively with the player with the worst score on each hole to drop-out. Any tied scores resolved by best shot nearest the flag from designated drop zone—which latter is artfully chosen by the referee in each case. The trophies are for Senior, Intermediate, Junior A, and Junior B events. The 2007 winners were Stuart Berryman (Senior), Mark Tentori

(Intermediate), Raymond Richardson (Junior A) and Alan Stewart (Junior B).

### **Ron Holmes Memorial**

Men's pairs eighteen hole combined stroke net. The 2007 pair to win this was Kevin Newcombe and Paul Witsey (which latter is well-known as Secretary of the Tai Tapu Rhodes Park Domain Board).



### **Rex Rudkin Salver**

This competition is for those eliminated after the first round of the Waitaha Cup. This Salver is often won by very good players and that was the case in 2007 when father and son combination Daniel and Michael Cusiel came home first.

### **Sheldon Cup**

Player with best three rounds out of five net stroke. Generally played on the first Saturday of the month on "Mug Day". This clearly is a prize rewarding consistency as well as good golf, and in 2007, Brett Boland fitted those criteria.



### **Men's Ringers (Cup donated by N G Fowler)**

Best net and best gross over the season over all grades. The first winner of the Best Net competition was Ivan Narbey in 1980. Mervyn Watt has had a remarkable five wins in this event, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Close behind has been Reginald Kinzett with four wins in 1988, 1993, 2000 and 2001. As is inevitable, the Gross competition goes to one of the Club's best players and in 2007 that was Daniel Cusiel.





**Dr D J Neal Trophy**

Was originally for “most improved player” but now more specifically for the player with the greatest handicap reduction in the season. The winner in 2007 was the Senior Men’s Champion, Michael Hoffman who had managed to reduce his already low handicap by four strokes.

**G Engebretsen Shield**

Tai Tapu Representative teams handicap match-play. Was intended to be competed for in match play on handicap by members of the Club’s Big Eight and Patterson Cup teams.

**Warren Meechin Memorial Trophy**

Donated by the family of the late Warren Meechin and will be contested for the first time in 2008 amongst Tai Tapu Representative team players in a format to be specified.

## Holes-in-One at Tai Tapu Golf Club

There are no systematic records extant of Holes-in-One at Tai Tapu in its early years, although some must have been scored. The 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet records the very first Hole-in-One at Tai Tapu as being in August or September 1934, and “who more appropriate to achieve it but the President, Mr W G McCartney”. In 1952, after extensive course changes after World War 2, W D Robinson was the first to have a hole-in-one. He achieved that on Ahuriri, then listed as Hole #12, 29 June 1952. Recently F Creighton a member of a winning Patterson Cup team in 1961, asserted that he too had had a Hole-in-One in or about that year.

The extraordinary story of Stan Ogg (*at right*) and his marvellous Hole-in-One mentioned in the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet and by Brian Briggs in “Golf’s you had better believe it” is worth repeating—indeed it will never be forgotten. On Jimmy’s Track, Stan struck a wood off the tee and the ball’s flight took a wicked curve heading for out-of-bounds imperiling the traffic down the adjacent highway. However the ball struck a roadside telegraph pole and was deflected onto the green whence it rolled into the cup.



The Club’s Rules are quite specific as to which Holes-in-One actually count as “official”. That is the event must be in a carded game which means in an official organised game. Thus those good players who whilst having a casual game with friends and able markers of their scorecards cannot claim an official Hole-in-One. Well-known Tai Tapu member Joel Settrington is one such unfortunate.

The Tai Tapu Summertime Classic event inaugurated in 2005 has each year carried a substantial prize for a Hole-in-One, usually on Jimmy’s Track. Unfortunately for Victor Simpson formerly Canterbury and All Black rugby

player, who was one of the winning men's pair in 2006, who scored a Hole-in-One on Jimmy's Track, the prize that year—an attractive car offered by Popular Cars, Christchurch—applied *only* for a Hole-in-One on Ahuriri!

The vicissitudes of cruel fate descended upon poor Mildred Silvester on 20 April 1993. Mildred put her tee shot on Willow (par 3) out of bounds by the tennis courts. She then had another tee shot and holed it—but she only got a par for that, not a Hole-in-One!

A Hole-in-One Trophy in the clubhouse carries an engraved record of the names of any members having Hole-in-One on the course. The most memorable moment in any golfer's experience is the thrill of seeing a well-hit tee shot pitch on the green and roll up and into the hole. Most golfers never achieve the feat, but as seen below (clockwise) past Ladies Captain, Alison Whitelaw, Life Member, Kevin Rennell, past Club Captain George Engebretsen, J Lang, and below, Life Member, Murray Griffiths, have each accumulated three holes-in-one.



*Murray of course is playing that Dixie classic: "When the Saints Go Marching In"*

### Holes in One at Tai Tapu—*Oh you lucky golfers!*

P Ager	J Lang (3)	K G Rennell (3)
B Briggs	M Manson	Mrs P Rennell
C Brixton	Mrs E Manson	E Ridley
J Clarke (2)	M McCallum	R Roach
W Clark	A McDonald	W Robinson
N Collender	M St.J McKay	R Rose
G R Crimp	K B McKendry	Mrs T Samson
B J Davidson	D McLean (2)	Mrs P Rawstron
Mrs D Edmonds	K McVinnie	P B Stanbury
G Engebretsen (3)	D Messervy	D Stephens
P Fitzgibbon	B Miller	Mrs J Stephens
Mrs S Gebbie	R Morten	A Stewart
P J Gibson	I K Narbey	G Stowell (2)
A Goslin	Mrs M Ness	W Tahurangi
N Green	Mrs C O'Connell	G Taylor
M G Griffiths (3)	S E Ogg	Mrs D Townshend
J N Hartnell	B Pahau	N Turner
W Holland	J Perry	G Turrell
B Jordan	H Poorter	R Wainohu
B Kerr	Mrs W Potts	G Ware
S Kitto	Mrs C Prendergast	M S Watt
J Knowles	R J Prisk	A Welsh (2)
L Lanauze	H Provost	Mrs A Whitelaw (3)
Mrs D Lanauze	J Randall	P Yaxley
R Luscombe		

## **Green-Keepers at Tai Tapu**

The information on the green-keepers who have worked at Tai Tapu over the years is fairly sparse. The exact spans of years for each green-keeper cannot be found in old records nor can members recall them with any precision. What is known however, is that all green-keepers were not simply just employees but valued members of the Club and took an active part in Club activities. Therefore the following information is presented, regrettably in note form only. The sequence is probably only roughly correct.

### **Sam Hamilton**

Sam would appear to have been the first recognised green-keeper, working from 1934. He signed on as part time green-keeper for 10/- per day worked, and that was raised to 12/6d per day in 1937. On Sam's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday he was presented with a silver cigarette case by the Club.

### **Ron Hamilton**

Sam's son Ronald—then only a youth—assisted Sam and took over from him in or about 1939. However Ron resigned when asked to pay full membership subscription despite being paid only youth wage—7/- per day at the time. He subsequently returned on request about 1949 and occasionally thereafter to mow greens. For golf balls which he found around the course, Ron was paid thruppence each by the owner, identified by initials on the ball. Ron complains that Dr Johnston, a founder member, still owes him 1s 3d and fears it will never be repaid! Ron nowadays enjoys the secluded idyllic surroundings of the Ahuriri Valley just a few km down the road from Tai Tapu, more or less where there was a Maori Pa. Moa bones have actually been found nearby. Ron's granddaughter, Nicole Hamilton-Cross only 10 years old at present, has been winning junior golf tournaments at Hororata, Burnham and Methven. Ron's son Murray (who exhibits the idiosyncrasy of using only yellow golf balls) has been an active and popular player at the Club for some years.

### **Teddy Davidson**

Teddy Davidson, who was green-keeper for quite a few years lived by him-

self in a little old cottage not far from the corner of the main Akaroa highway and golf links road, approximately where the walnut trees now stand. The house was also used as a temporary bar while clubhouse was being built. Ted was green-keeper in or about 1953 and retired in the mid 1960s.

#### **George Clancy**

According to the 1983 Jubilee booklet George was green-keeper from about October 1963, which is more or less as Ray Clancy, his son recalls it. George's sons Wally, Doug and Ray were all members of the Club through 1962-1970, and Ray and Doug returned as members in the early 1990s. Doug has since passed on.

#### **Murray Allen**

Murray Allen was green-keeper in the late 1960s or early 1970s. Murray was actually not a trained golf green-keeper but prior to his coming to Tai Tapu was head gardener at Lane Walker Rudkin's extensive industrial gardens.

#### **Bill Fiecken**

Bill Fiecken and his father Fritz were both Club members and when Murray Allen left it appears that Bill became green-keeper. He had filled-in for the previous green-keeper at holiday times etc. Bill is the cousin of current Club Trustee, Alister Fiecken.

#### **Les Delieu**

Les Delieu was actually the green-keeper for the Tai Tapu bowling club but he helped mowing greens at Tai Tapu when needed.

#### **Tony Samson**

Tony, who appeared to live nearby, was green-keeper before Gerald Ware.

#### **Gerald Ware**

Gerald was green-keeper for quite some years but while he cannot recall the actual period it certainly included the year 1983 as he was pictured as such in the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet. Gerald was elected Patron of the Club, a position which he held 1994-2003. After some years away from Christchurch

Gerald has returned to the Club as a playing member.

**Mark Elley**

Mark Elley was green-keeper for a short period probably around 1988.

**Neil Scriggins**

As a 17 year old, Neil signed on as an apprentice at Waimairi Beach golf club and on completing his NZ Certificate of Golf Course Green-keeping he joined Tai Tapu 16 November 1989 as Sole Green-keeper. Unfortunately from about 2000 or so, Neil suffered ill-health and resigned in 2006. Neil was a member of that accomplished class of golfers—Lefties—and had a single figure handicap. He won the Men's Club Championship in 1998 and played in a number of successful Tai Tapu teams in the Central Canterbury inter-club competitions.

**Kevin Rennell**

Neil Scriggins enjoyed a good relationship with the Greens Committee Convenor, Kevin Rennell. Kevin acted for a good ten years or so as *de facto* Assistant Green-keeper doing much work on the course supplementing and standing-in for Neil.

**Wayne Clark**

During Neil Scriggin's period at Tai Tapu he was assisted also by Wayne Clark, who took the opportunity to not only demonstrate practical abilities on the course, but also to improve his golf. Wayne won the Senior Men's Championship in 2002.

**John Hodge**

John came to Christchurch from the Cromwell Golf Club and immediately displayed potential for course improvement. Unfortunately, after only a few weeks John saw faded fairways elsewhere and resigned to go and make them greener.

**Brian Davidson**

During the hiatus between green-keepers in 2006, the then very versatile

Club President, Brian Davidson stepped up and did most of the work normally performed by a green-keeper. He remains officially the stand-in green-keeper. Additionally to Brian Davidson, several other members have assisted or stood-in with course mowing, particularly Laurence Goodson but also Tony Ny and Mac Renata.

### **Geoffrey Lee**

Geoffrey, the current green-keeper at Tai Tapu, came from the Burnham Club and has shown how well the course can be—most especially the greens—when managed by a very competent and innovative green-keeper. Geoffrey (affectionately known as “Rowdy”) has been well accepted by club members and plays regularly at bogey level in club competitions.



Work in progress in 1997 on the new #8 green



*The Club has been blessed with good planning by its Greens Committees in the maintenance, upgrading and acquisition of equipment—concentrating essentially on mowers. In this regard it has been fortunate in receiving grants for new mowers from the Lion Foundation and the Eureka Trust.*

*Here veteran golfer Shirley Yaxley inspects a new roughs mower .*



## Nine Hole Golf at Tai Tapu



A significant development in recent years has been the institution of Nine Hole Golf. Many veteran players who are unable to cope with a full 18 holes have found Nine-hole golf a practicable alternative—indeed it may be either that or retirement from the game. Nine-hole golf at Tai Tapu is in its early stages, having commenced as recently only as 2007 when the course was officially rated as two Nine hole courses (i.e. Front and back nine.). While there is a yet no formal Nine-hole membership category, the matter is being considered during 2008.

For those Lady players who wish to play Nine-hole golf the Tai Tapu Ladies committee arrange carded games in conjunction with the normal Ladies Tuesday competitions. For Nine-hole golf for men, there is a small informal group, including veterans Owen Erikson, George Thompson and Fred Lee playing with the kind co-operation of the Wednesday Group.

In 2007, the first trophy to be contested for in Nine-hole golf was donated by Ladies Captain Jenny Stephens. The trophy was won by veteran Lady golfer Joan Woods, to add to the many other prizes she has won over the years.

In the original booklet there was a centre section of 12 pages in colour. However those pages were in landscape format and rotated at 90 degrees to the remainder of the pages in the book which were in normal portrait format and unrotated.

Those colour pages could not be accommodated in this present .pdf format and are thus published separately at

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## Record Scores at Tai Tapu

The course has changed greatly over the years and comparisons of scores in different eras are undoubtedly invalid. For example, in earlier years, the areas now occupied by trees on the left of the fairway on Roadside were out of bounds whereas now although difficult to recover from amongst them, it does give a sporting chance. The most obvious difference between then and now is of course that the great ditch across four fairways which dashed the hopes of many a hopeful golfer has now become an innocuous swale or actually part of the fairway. As against that, because of a steady programme of planting, there are many more trees on the course, and it has become more difficult to recover errant balls on adjacent fairways.

According to the 50th Jubilee booklet, the earliest official record for the course was 70 scored by E J Gallen in December 1968, but the course has changed markedly since. In May 1980, on the course more or less in its current form, Ray Rennell set a course record of 69. In July of that year, S Parker went two better with a 67, but that did not qualify as a record since it was not played in an official competition. That 69 was equalled by D McLean in April 1982 (when the SSS was 68) and by Adrian Sisson in April 1983.

The brothers Ian and Robert Fowler recorded some fine performances at Tai Tapu. On 12 October 1985 when the standard scratch score was 66, Ian returned a card showing a gross 68 after 14 pars, birdies on Roadside and Otahuna and a bogey on Ahuriri (was that dratted willow there then?) That was a course record at the time and his card is displayed in the clubhouse. Ian's brother actually claimed the then record the previous day with a 69—his hold on the record lasting a bare 24 hours. In February 1994, while playing off a 5 handicap, Laurie Goodson finished a round with a 68 to equal the record. Laurie's round included playing off the new extended #10 tee.

In the Tai Tapu 36-hole open in 1995 Alan Cooper won with a gross 71. In February 2002 Ken Noh turned in a scorecard with a 68 gross to equal

Ian Fowler's record and one month later March 2002, Ken eclipsed that with a round of 65. The SSS was 68.2 at the time. Ken's record still stands—a fine performance one must agree, but a startling one when it is noted that Ken Noh was only 15 years of age at the time. Originally a Tai Tapu member, Ken had moved to Harewood between the two rounds.

Mrs Sue Haydon won the Club's Ladies Best Gross Prize in 1978 when she scored 73. That result was equalled by current member Mrs Carol Bates who scored 73 off the stick when the NZSCR for Ladies was 71.8.

WOMEN'S SCORE CARD						
HOLE	METRES	PAR	STROKE	PLAYER	MARKER	
YELLOW TEES						
1	CLUBHOUSE 286	4	9	4		
2	OTAHUNA 277	4	13	4		
3	AHURIRI 141	3	15	5		
4	WAITAHA 383	5	3	3		
5	HIMMY'S TRK 140	3	17	3		
6	ROADSIDE 266	4	11	5		
7	THE POPLAR 382	5	5	4		
8	MIDFIELD 310	4	1	5		
9	RETURN 383	4	7	3		
TOT	2486	36		36		
YELLOW TEES						
10	OUTLOOK 345	4	8	5		
11	OTAHUNA 272	4	14	5		
12	THE WILLOW 172	3	18	3		
13	WAITAHA 383	5	4	4		
14	HIMMY'S TRK 140	3	16	4		
15	ROADSIDE 266	4	12	4		
16	THE POPLAR 385	5	6	5		
17	MIDFIELD 310	4	2	4		
18	RETURN 383	4	10	5		
IN	2516	36		37		
OUT	2486	36		36		
TOT	5002	72		73		

### Tai Tapu Golf Club - Course Record

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7	THE POPLAR 382	4	3	4		
8	MIDFIELD 310	4	1	4		
9	RETURN 383	4	7	4		
TOT	2704	35		37		
YELLOW TEES						
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15	ROADSIDE 266	4	16	3		
16	THE POPLAR 385	5	12	4		
17	MIDFIELD 310	4	4	4		
18	RETURN 383	4	8	4		
TOT	2480	35		72		
IN	2704	35		39		
OUT	5184	70		65		

LD NO: 0920 Date 16/3/02

Name: Ken Noh

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club: Harewood ID: 172

Hcp Index: 0.0 Course Hcp: \_\_\_\_\_

NZSCR: Men 68.2 Slope Index Men 11.3

Women Yellow Tees 71.8 Women 118

Women Blue & White Tees 74.4 Women 124

Gross 65 Handicap 0 Net 65

Stab/Par \_\_\_\_\_ Twos \_\_\_\_\_

Player: Ken Noh

Marker: [Signature]

Carol Bates scorecard transcribed, and Ken Noh's scorecard copied.

Golfers are not exempt from the general deterioration that goes with increasing age. However, being still competitive in later years, the target for competitive golfers changes from being a single figure handicapper to scoring under one's age. A remarkable example at Tai Tapu was Robert Bowman who in his active playing days was a golf professional. In his retirement at age 83 he scored a gross 78 at Tai Tapu. Robert Cullen, still playing, and evidently very well, is another who played below his age.

## **The Tai Tapu Business Ladies Group**

In contrast to the growth and long term success of the Wednesday Group, the Business Ladies Group declined after a promising beginning and became defunct after only several years of operation. The Business Ladies Group was started to provide golfing opportunities on Saturdays for those Ladies whose occupations prevented them from playing golf during the week on the main day reserved for Ladies. However, accommodating a further group on what was the traditional Men's reserved day, while quite satisfactorily achieved on 18-hole golf courses, is very difficult on a 9-hole course. That is especially so when, as at Tai Tapu, the Saturday Men's fields are overfull, and morning rounds have had to be instituted to cope with the overflow. Sadly, because of such difficulties, the Business Ladies group was extant only for the period 1989-1993. .

The Business Ladies had several trophies for which they played. The first of these was the Cameron Cup, for knockout match-play for 8 qualifiers. Winners were B Watkins in 1989, Pat McCabe in 1990, and Margaret Skilling in 1991. After 1992 there is no further record of this trophy. Another trophy was the Lang cup for the best two of three net specified rounds. N Sutherland won that in 1989, B Watkins in 1990, Jinney (sic) Shipley in 1991, Heather Poad in 1992, and N Skilling in 1993.

The Reece Trophy was for the best three Stableford cards. This trophy was later transferred for competition by the Tuesday Ladies. It was donated by well-known Club member Patricia Reece, and was constructed by Douglas Reece and possesses an unusual appearance (the trophy, that is, not Douglas). The Reece Trophy winners were J Shipley, H Marks, Betty Watkins, Margaret Skilling and J Woods for the years 1989-1993 respectively.

The Elsie Biggs Cup, donated not surprisingly by Elsie Biggs was for Bisque Bogey match played on the Saturday closest to 1 October. H Marks won it in 1989, with Elsie herself the Runner-Up. Heather Poad won it in 1990. Then June Woods stepped up to the tee and took it out for the next three years. There was also a very attractive Putting Trophy, a Most Improved

Player Trophy (in the form of a wooden cup), and a Birdie Tree (whatever that was). Closing days saw funky prizes such as “Most Honest Golfer” (strange; all golfers are 100% honest aren’t they?), The “Best Wonky Putter”, and “The Best Crazy Hat”. At least the Business Ladies had fun, didn’t they!



*Business Ladies Putting Trophy*

As shown in the table, the membership of the Business Ladies Group had fallen from 29 in 1989 to just 9 in 1993 when it went into recess.

1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
E Biggs	Hillary Marks	Margaret Skilling	June Woods	June Woods
S Brown	B Watkins	Helen McGinley	Jinny Shipley	Jinny Shipley
J Clark	F Leary	Christine Prendergast	Margaret Skilling	Margaret Skilling
H Davis	J Shipley	Phillipa Fraser	Christine Prendergast	Christine Prendergast
P Dreaver	H Poad	Patsy Dreaver	Patsy Dreaver	Shirley McLaren
B Faithful	Mavis Ness	Phillipa Horn	Shirley McLaren	Phillipa Horn
P Fraser	A Murray	Bev Harper	Phillipa Horn	Lorraine --
D Green	P Dreaver	Hillary Marks	Pat McCabe	Betty --
D Hatchard	P Fraser	Candy Murray	Heather Poad	Hillary Marks
M Haugh	M Waugh	Heather Poad	Hillary Marks	
F Leary	E Sutherland	Jill Ross		
M Lee	P McCabe	Ginny Shipley		
H Marks	B Faithful	Betty Watkins		
A Murphy	M Lee	June Woods		
P Murray	C Murray			
M Ness	A Vincent			
J Pears	H Davis			
H Poad	N Sutherland			
P Provost	G Wornald			
P Reece	H McGinley			
J Ross	E Biggs			
J Shipley				
E Sutherland				
N Sutherland				
A Vincent				
B Watkins				
J Woods				
E Wornald				
P McCabe				

## Current Saturday Ladies

There could to some degree be a resurgence of Saturday Ladies, as a small group of Ladies has since early last season, again in 2008, been playing on Saturdays with the full co-operation the Club Captain.

So far the current Saturday Ladies' Group comprises only four players, viz., Wanda Crabb, Lynette Tapp, Ann Siave and Patricia Watson. They competed for the former Business Ladies' Cups and Wanda (*left*) is seen with the Elsie Biggs Cup for Best Stableford, and Lynette, the Lang Challenge Cup for Best Nett.



## The Amateur

by Bob Borer

The day was fine, with little breeze  
As I stood there looking back,  
I'd burned the course  
From now on, all would know, I wasn't  
just a hack.

You see, I'd shot a seventy four  
All my dreams fulfilled,  
The swing, the stance, my everything  
Was tailored for the kill.

My next step up perhaps the PGA  
Now, that would put me to the test  
I'd be the hero of my club  
I'd be playing with the best.

If I can maintain this cracking pace  
And keep out of the pines  
I may have a crack at the whole eighteen  
And shoot what I did for the nine.





## Social deluxe

Most golf clubs do have their social nights, but surely there is none around that had the calibre of musicians that Tai Tapu was so lucky to have as members. On winter nights and with the roaring clubhouse fire (now just a wood-burner stove ) these were nights not to be missed. Around the mid 1980s there were some great dances and social evenings at Tai Tapu. The club members in the band were Murray Griffiths on trombone, Bruce McKendry on trumpet, Kevern Poad on saxophone and Grant Lethaby on drums.

On one frosty club night Lady Luck smiled on the members attending. Jim McIntyre, the then Club President, who lived quite close-by decided to leave his car and walk home, as he had been barman and “bar taster”. But a member who had been on non-alcoholic drinks all night volunteered to drive Jim home. When their car reached the park exit at the bridge who should be waiting there but a police patrol car. The cheeky driver affirmed that he had actually been on non-alcoholic orange juice all night and the police officer did not appreciate being asked “Does blowing in the bag, test for orange juice?” After dropping Jim off at home, the driver returned to the Club and warned those members still enjoying themselves of who was lurking at the gate, and thus a cunning plan to save the man in blue the trouble of writing many tickets was formed. All the members drove up the hill from the car park with no lights on, then when a fair way down the course, turned on just their parking lights and in Indian file quietly made their way off the course through the gate at Cottage. It was certainly a very cold ticketless night for Officer X!

Teddy Davison left the cottage to reside at Rannerdale, the Returned Servicemen’s home in Upper Riccarton, and although no longer playing golf always liked to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The second year that Brian Briggs arrived at Rannerdale to collect teddy for this important night in his year, Teddy had forgotten the date and was in his pajamas. But he very quickly pulled his suit over the top of the pajamas and

away they went

In the past as unfortunately as has been the case recently (but security has been greatly improved) the clubhouse was broken into seemingly regularly each weekend. One day in broad daylight a thief came into the clubroom on Ladies' Day and stole money from their purses. Angus Welsh gave chase in his Datsun 120Y but could not catch the faster car.

The Tai Tapu Open tournament was a highlight for the Club. One of Canterbury's top players, well-known for having more than enough to drink had to be helped to his feet on #1 tee. But he then was still able to play a good round of golf—and probably drive home afterwards.

In the middle 1980s, long term member Bruce McKendry was playing a round of golf with Bill McNally, an Irishman who was well known for his humorous commentaries. Bruce McKendry was carefully addressing the ball on the tee on Roadside when some unusual vehicular traffic captured the attention of all players. A car travelling north towards Christchurch commenced to overtake second car which in turn was attempting to overtake a third, resulting in the three cars travelling abreast at some speed. The car on the outside was an early model Vanguard—in its day an unlovely and cumbersome vehicle. As it just headed off the other two cars, it turned in too soon, swerving across them out of control and rolled twice before coming to rest wrapped around a power pole at the side of the road.

There was a great crash and a dreadful din which had hardly died down when Bill McNally, in his broad Irish accent, called out:

**“And do you mind keeping it quite over dare—we've got a guy trying to tee off over 'ere!”**

Five years ago, a player was trying to extricate himself from the trees on the left of the eighteenth fairway. He struck his ball firmly but it struck a tree, rebounded back and hit him hard fair and square in the mouth. The result was a painful split lip and there was blood spattered everywhere. His playing opponent seemed at first to be sympathetic. “Gee, that must have

hurt?”, and “Hey! You’ve split your lip!” But the hapless victim did not see any sympathy in the next words uttered by his opponent “Too bad, that shot also means a two-stroke penalty!”

Teddy Davidson was green-keeper for quite a few years. His living room and kitchen were used as a clubhouse when the original club house was burned down. There were a number of social functions held in the very cramped conditions and there was only an outside (long drop) toilet. A very-well-known member of the club and nearby farmer happened to have two cows die. There was a very large hole where the rubbish of the club was put and what was being very practical, the cows ended up in the hole.—not much room for any more rubbish and another hole had to be dug.

George Clancy’s worst day as a green-keeper at Tai Tapu was when Stan Ogg’s sheep escaped from their pen next to Teddy Davison’s house and ran all over the course. George phoned Stan Ogg who raced down to the course from his farm driving his Chev Ute. Stan didn’t pause to open the gate—he just drove straight through it , rounded up the sheep and carted them away. Poor George was left with a broken gate to mend.

From number 10 tee the balls were struck beautifully, not mightily, but with finesse and grace as is common with the elite of golf—the Lefties. But unfortunately, the balls didn’t soar down the fairway past the big tree and on towards the 135m markers. No, the balls carrying humongous sidespin described perfectly smooth hyperbolic curves flying past the saplings lining the tee, around the end of the fence (shorter then) past the adjacent trees (lower then) and like guided missiles, went straight through the east window of the Ladies room and a lounge window respectively! The strokes were performed, one by former member Barry Radford and the other by current Patron John Hartnell. Barry, who is better known as a Life Member of Table Tennis Canterbury and in earlier years a provincial representative player, is doubtless more skilled in that arena than on the golf course!



On 27 April 1993, Pam Heinzmann and Clair O'Connell were playing together in a Greensome. One of the other Ladies in the Four slipped and fell in the swale. While she was down on her knees she jokingly offered to ask for blessing on Pam and Clair—"Bless you. Bless you" she said. From that point on, Pam and Clair's golf took-off and they could do no wrong and they finished with a score that surely would win a prize in the game of the day. But no, when the results were called out, their names were not mentioned. Why not? Amongst all their excitement they had overlooked handing in their scorecard!

Tai Tapu golf course was well-known to Lincoln College students and others as a soft touch in sneaking onto the course and getting a free round of golf. It was even claimed that on the student's notice board there was a notice advising students about optimum times and entrances—such as from over the bridge near Riverside/Waitaha. George Clancy, green-keeper at the time didn't like students, or anyone for that matter getting a free round, so he started to carry a shotgun with him on the tractor! There were no more free rounds of golf! Actually the shotgun was used otherwise to shoot rabbits.

But later, after George's time, the students (and other sneaky golfers) returned to again sneak onto the course for a free round of golf. It was estimated at the time that the green fees receipts were down at least \$10,000 and something had to be done to collect the dues. Consequently, Jim McIntyre, previous President and now Life Member, who lived nearby, took to patrolling the course morning and evening. Jim had a sturdy tank-like Russian Lada vehicle and with him in the Lada was his dog Benji. Benji was impressively fierce to strangers and Jim had no difficulty collecting green fees due! Green fee receipts shot-up by much more than the estimated \$10,000. Currently a group of willing members are rostered as Course Marshalls to monitor the green fees and receipts have stayed satisfyingly high.

To establish Jim McIntyre's efforts amongst the Club's folk-lore a little ditty, sung to the tune of *Waltzing Matilda*, was composed anonymously by a member and it goes like this:

Once a sneaky golfer crossed the bridge to Waitaha  
Carrying his clubs and a bright orange tee  
And he sang as he swung and limbered up with middle irons  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
And he sang as he swung and limbered up with middle irons  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free

Up came a stray ball hurtling over Willow tree  
Up jumped the golfer and grabbed it with glee  
And he sang as he placed it upon his orange tee  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
And he sang as he placed it upon his orange tee  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free

Up charged our Jimmy mounted on his Lada Tank  
Up charged our Benji barking fiercely  
Where's the green fee receipt should be on your golfing bag?  
You'll not go golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
You'll not go at golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
Where's the green fee receipt should be on your golfing bag?  
You'll not go golfing at Tai Tapu for free

Up jumped the golf and jumped into the river  
You'll not catch me alive said he  
And his ghost may be heard when you're out of bounds on Waitaha  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
Golfing at Tai Tapu  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free  
And his ghost may be heard when you're out of bounds on Waitaha  
We'll go a golfing at Tai Tapu for free

## The Wednesday Group

The main playing activities at all golf clubs are almost invariably the “serious” competitions for men on Saturdays and an assigned day for Ladies, usually during the week. Most clubs however also operate less formal competitions during the week. At Tai Tapu, this latter is the Wednesday Group.

The Wednesday Group grew from a small group of half a dozen or so players who began meeting informally on Wednesdays in 1967 to the formally recognised playing group at Tai Tapu that it is today. In 2008 there are some 90 members in total with a regular Wednesday turnout of about half of the membership.

Initially there was a connexion with the Hoon Hay Club (now defunct) of which a golf section had been formed in 1966. In the same year the first Hoon Hay Golf Section tournament was held at Tai Tapu. The winner was Dick Dunn who benefited from a disastrous 5 putts on Cottage by Neville Herron (*pictured*) who had been leading comfortably at the time. Following their enjoyable experiences in that tournament (notwithstanding the 5-putts) Dick Dunn and Neville Herron started meeting at Tai Tapu Golf Club each Wednesday at 1 p.m.



Some time later Ian Hale (a joiner), arrived to make it a three, then Harry Saville, taxi owner, came along to make a four. Ted Blanchard (butcher shop owner) Maurice Eggleton (ANZ bank manager), Mac Oates (clothing shop owner) Clark Brixton (car dealer) Ivan Jacobs (pharmaceutical chemist) and Kevin Fisher (a Club manager) effectively doubled the membership. Bill McNally, who was a member of Tai Tapu from 1964 to 1987 joined the Wednesday Group in the 1960s after retiring from his work as a master carpet and tile layer. Bill represented Tai Tapu for many years in Patterson Cup teams.

Don McLean also became a member of the Wednesday Group in the late 1960s and also played in Patterson Cup teams. Both Bill and Don helped with the collection of the fees for the game of the day and checking of scorecards as players came in after the game.

In the early 1970s, other members joining were Fred Pierson (memorial seat at #3 tee block) Arthur Hamilton, Jim Perry and Mel Laurie. Ken Irving, Doug Anderson, Cliff Williams, Jack Gleeson (who donated the Gleeson Trophy to the Club), Dick Hancock, and Ivan Jacobs, had also become members. By 1975 or thereabouts the membership had reached about 30

Founder member, Neville Herron had become the *de facto* Wednesday Group Convenor organising the group. Initially players wrote their names on bits of paper which were put in a hat and partners drawn from the hat. Alternatively, players tossed numbered bottle tops to decide on the fours. The fee for the game of the day was equivalent to two shillings and was all used for prizes. For the nineteenth hole, players tended to go back to the Hoon Hay Club with which an association had been maintained. About 1980 Mel Laurie took over from Neville Herron and John Erikson, Owen Erikson (now playing Nine-hole golf and pictured here), Jack Laing (aka Singapore Jack—donated a tree on 8/9 fairway), Frank Milne, Bert Kissell (still with us of course), Stewart McKay, Harold Humm and Alan Ingold became Wednesday Group members.



Predominantly the Wednesday Group is comprised of older players although with changes in the last decade or so of much varied working hours, younger players have increasingly turning-up. Although the Group is entirely male, it has never been stated that women were excluded. Annually, the Tai Tapu Ladies play the Wednesday Group, on a Wednesday, for a nominal trophy donated by the late Ivan Jacobs.

Eventually, as the Wednesday Group grew from just a few members having

an informal game to a regular organised entity with *de facto* reservation to itself of the course on Wednesdays, it approached the main committee of the Club for permission to become recognised as an official part of the Club.

Recognition was granted and conditions laid down, including an annual contribution from its game fees to the Club's finances.



The essence of the Group has been to have a good relaxed time whilst still striving to play good golf but not with the serious intent of formal tournaments and match play. The Wednesday Group Committee in 2008 comprises Brian Donovan as convenor (*pictured left*), with Robert Borer as his right-hand man, Val Armstrong who has just retired as long-serving Secretary/

Treasurer, (*pictured right*) Ron Roach Norman Goile, David Messervy, Alan Argus, Hans Poorter, Alan Stewart, Neville Turner, Ronald Hope, Bob Prisk and Ross Morgan.



The Group plays mainly stroke and Stableford events but there is also an interesting mix of Ambrose Fours and various greensomes. Fours are made up by the starters with the general intention of mixing players around and preventing undue formation of cliques. The prize table is typically generous and winning a tray of meat is seen as quite an accomplishment but is always accompanied by good-natured cat-calls some ribald remarks, and accusations of golf burglary. Raffles are invariably held and with ticket prices a modest 50 cents each, are always well patronized.

But the Wednesday Group does not just play golf. It is the source of most of the volunteer work done around the course. Calls for assistance on club projects always receive a generous response from the group. Not unexpectedly there is a wide range of expertise in the group ranging from retired



carpenters and plumbers and mechanics to various white collar qualifications.

Not to make too fine a point of it, there is a preponderance in the Wednesday Group of what loosely could be called “Senior Citizens”. And what goes with that territory is osteo-arthritis, hip replacements and other physically limiting conditions. Not being one of the posh golf clubs, Tai Tapu does not have a fleet of motorised golf carts for players to ride around the course at their ease. Instead, there has been the introduction of battery power on ordinary trundlers to help push a laden trundler round the course. Further, a number of members have little motorbikes and they hitch their trundlers behind them. Even more innovative were two senior players who in 2007 were seen riding round the course on ordinary pushbikes with their trundlers behind!



## Tai Tapu Representative Teams

The activities of individual Tai Tapu members outside the home course is not normally recorded and may not be entirely relevant to this booklet in any case as the booklet refers to the Club itself. Regrettably, records of Tai Tapu players and teams actually representing the Club are also limited. Successful teams have in the past had their photographs taken and some of these photographs are displayed in the clubhouse, and are the source of some of the information here.

The principal area in which Tai Tapu representative teams compete is in the general area called Central Canterbury. In November 1959, at a meeting held at Tai Tapu, the Tai Tapu Golf Club was one of the founding members of what was initially called the Peninsula-Selwyn Golf Association. The other founding clubs were Akaroa, Burnham Military Camp, Charteris Bay, Ellesmere, Greendale, Hororata, Lincoln, and Little River (since disappeared and effectively replaced by Kaituna). The name was changed to Central Canterbury Golf Sub Association and upon re-organisation in Canterbury Golf Association itself, it became Canterbury Central.

The aim of the organisation was to establish inter-club competitions in the Peninsula and Selwyn area. The first competition to be initiated was that for the Patterson Cup donated by Mr T W Patterson. It is a match-play competition over 18 holes by teams of eight players. The aggregate handicap of players in the teams is required to be a minimum of 120 (i.e. an average handicap of 15). The runners-up in this competition receive the Smart Cup donated by Mr H C Smart. The very first winner of the Patterson Cup was a Burnham team but Tai Tapu was the second winner, in 1961. Tai Tapu teams won the Patterson Cup in 1961, 1965, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981—a great three years then. Oddly, only one Tai Tapu team has been runner-up, and that was in 1995 to receive the Smart Cup.

From 1960, the Patterson Cup winning team has played the winner of the equivalent competition in North Canterbury, viz., the Templeton Cup. The

Ashby Bergh Trophy was donated in 1960 for the winner of this match while the runners up in the Central and North competitions played-off for the McGuire Hendon Trophy, donated by Weedons. Tai Tapu teams have won the Ashby Bergh Trophy six times and the McGuire Hendon Trophy only once up to 2000—which is a high success rate of 70% when it has been in either event.

While the Patterson Cup competition provides for a range of players, a more suitable competition for low handicap golfers is provided by the Central Canterbury Shield. This is for match play “off the stick” between the top six golfers from each club—or a combined clubs team. Originally the contest was nicknamed the Big Six, but later when the teams went to eight players, it became, of course, the Big Eight.

The first winning team was listed as Ellesmere in 1968, but it has been dominated since by Weedons teams who have won 16 or more times. No Tai Tapu team succeeded in this competition before 2000.

In 1996, a Masters Tournament (lady golfers over 50 years, men over 50, 60 and 70 years) was held for mature active golfers. It has been played every year since

The Christmas Mixed tournament for which the prize is the Neil Oliver Trophy was first played in 1975. It is a Mixed American Foursomes event and Tai Tapu pairs won it four times up to 2000. The formidable pair of Kevin and Patricia Rennell won the event in 1976 and 1977. Grant and Kay Lethaby were successful in 1985, but a Tai Tapu pair has not won since.

A Men’s Open Championship was established in 1973 and first played at Weedons Country Club. It has been played for annually since (except 1996) but numbers of players entered dwindled in the years prior to 2000. It is currently played in conjunction with a Club Open tournament, in rotation around the Clubs.

Performances by Tai Tapu Teams since 2000, have been mixed albeit they won the Patterson Cup in 2003 and again in 2005. There was a win in the Ashby Bergh Cup following the Patterson Cup success in 2003 and then the Cresswell Cup. The 2005 team was runner-up in the Ashby Bergh Cup. In 2005, the Tai Tapu team for that event won the Brownie Cup.

### **Norton Francis Cup**

In 2000, 2001 and 2002, the Tai Tapu team of Neil Scriggins, Wayne Spicer, Warren Meechin and Bruce McKendry (Captain) won the Norton Francis Cup. The cup was originally donated by Mr Norton Francis, a member of the Christchurch Golf Club and was to be competed for by the country clubs of the whole Canterbury Province. The format is four ball best ball par combined and each team of four is split into pairs who play with pairs from the Christchurch Golf Club. Usually each country club is invited to compete in alternate years except that the winning team each year has automatic right of entry in the following year.

In 2000, the Tai Tapu team finished the play first equal with a team from Kaiapoi Golf Club and sudden death shoot-out was used to decide the winner. The spot chosen was within the bunker beside the No. 18 green. Kaiapoi held the advantage when their last player blasted out from the bunker jubilantly to within 40 cm of the flag—but jubilation turned to despair when he missed the easy putt! That gave Tai Tapu the win for the Norton Francis Cup.

The following year, 2001, Tai Tapu returned a score of +15—the winner by a quite a good margin.

The year following that victory, 2002, the score of none of the competing teams was even moderately impressive. The reason was not hard to find. The day before the Norton Francis was played, the Christchurch Club members had played a game of the day entitled “The Green-keeper’s Revenge” wherein the green-keeper sets the flags and tees with awkward, if not diabolic positions, and the course had not been re-adjusted for the Norton Francis event. Up till that time, no country club had won the cup in three

successive years.

But wait, as they say in commercials, there is more, and here the “more” is both before and after the triple wins just described.

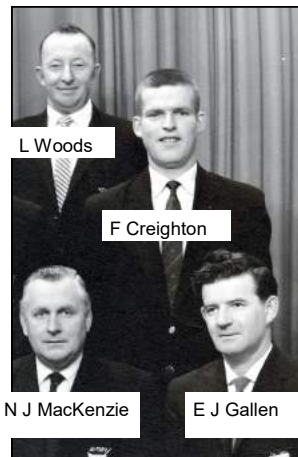
The only previous record extant of Tai Tapu teams competing in the Norton Francis is a clubhouse photograph (*see following pages*) of a Tai Tapu team which won the event in 1964. The four smiling members were Gerald Ware (Patron 1994-2003), J R Gleeson (donor of the Gleeson Trophy), S Suckling (Donor of the Suckling Trophy) and M H Lohrey.

Back again to the immediate past and the 2007 Norton Francis team. Warren Meechin, one of the members of the now famous triple winning team became ill. Nonetheless he continued to play and although judged unlikely to be able to reproduce past form, the selectors invited him to play. As one commentator suggested afterwards, it was an inspired selection because Warren played magnificently and led the team to yet another Norton Francis victory—and their hands grasped the cup again. The Christchurch Golf Club honoured Warren by announcing he was the only player alive to have played four times in winning teams for the cup. Now, sadly, Warren has passed on. The Warren Meechin Cup, donated by his family is to be competed for by members of the Tai Tapu representative for the first time later this year.

Readily available records of Tai Tapu Ladies participation in representative matches are also lacking, although as with the men’s successful teams there are several photographs in the clubhouse attesting for fine performances. (*See pictures on following pages*)

*Note:* Although this booklet is nominally confined to the review of the period 1983–2008, it is useful to document earlier information not otherwise available. Thus in both the following pages and elsewhere, earlier years are included.

Tai Tapu Golf Club Team, Winners of the Country Clubs Sub Association Championship 1961, Patterson Cup and Ashby Bergh Trophy



Tai Tapu Team Winners of Canterbury Country Clubs  
 Sub-Association Championship 1965, Patterson Cup,  
 and Ashby Bergh Trophy



**TOP**

**Back:** L Lanauze, C St.J Mackay, S Ogg. **Middle:** K C McVinnie, J R Gleeson, D C Watson. **Front:** W J McNally, E Jones (Club Captain), W McGibbon (Pres.)

**BOTTOM**

**Back:** A R Fiecken, R K Rose. **Middle:** R W Tapley, L Woods, E E Andrews. **Front:** W G Macartney (Patron), G H Ware

Tai Tapu Team Winners of Central Canterbury Shield  
1995



*Back row*

Alec Lees, A Cooper, Laurence Goodson, A Walker

*Front row*

M Fields, B Jordan (Captain), A Pemberton (Team manager)

*Absent*

Daniel Cusiel, S Johnsen, Warren Meechin



Tai Tapu Team Winners of the Norton Francis Cup, 1964



from left:

Gerald Ware (Patron 1994-2003)

M C Burke (Donor of the trophy of that name)

S Suckling (Donor of the trophy of that name)

M K Lohrey

Tai Tapu Team Winners of the Norton Francis Cup,  
2000 & 2001



*Same players in each team, but using the top picture, from left:*  
Warren Meechin, Bruce McKendry, Neil Scriggins & Wayne Spicer

## Tai Tapu B Patterson Cup Team 1980

### Winners Patterson Cup & Ashby Bergh Trophy



**Picture at left:**

*John Erikson (sadly, deceased 2008);  
Bruce McKendry (continuing still in 2008  
with a remarkable success in Tai Tapu  
representative teams. Club Captain 1993,  
1994);*

**Picture at right:**

*T Daly; J Billcliff; B Nicholson;  
James Clarke (Jim is still enjoying his  
golf at Tai Tapu, although more with  
the Wednesday Group these days)*



**Picture at right:**

*M Hatchard; R Miller (Captain)*

**Absent when picture taken:** K Townshend, G Small.



**Tai Tapu Ladies Team Winners of the  
Pumphrey Cup 2002**



Two proud Patricias who formed the Tai Tapu Ladies Team display the Pumphrey Cup which they won in 2002 at Shirley Course of the Christchurch Golf Club. The Cup is awarded in conjunction with Cowlshaw Cup teams competition and is awarded for the best overall performance in the field.

*Above from left:*

Patricia Rennell (Tai Tapu Life Member)

Patricia McCabe (Former convenor Juniors coaching)

Banks Peninsula Ladies Championships at Kaituna Golf  
Course 2007

Silver Grade  
Best Nett

Penelope Tentori



18.5-27.4 Handicap  
Best Nett

Lorraine Adam



27.4-40.4 Handicap  
Best Nett & a Nearest  
Pin

Therese Samson



*Other Tai Tapu Ladies who had successful tournament were:*

*Clare Rosevear who had Best Stableford in the 18.5-27.4  
Handicap range and also had a Nearest the Pin.*

*and*

*Jeanette Drinnan who had Best Gross in the same Handicap range.*

Tai Tapu Ladies Team in the Champion of Champions  
National Gross Stableford Competition 2004



Twenty-nine clubs competed for the Canterbury District Competition at Coringa 11 November 2004. The Tai Tapu Team won the District title for the first time, and by a good margin of 10 points. They were the top South Island team and fifth overall for New Zealand.

*from left:*

*Patricia Rennell (Life Member and former Ladies Champion)*

*Rosie Lee (Ladies Champion 2004, 2005, 2006)*

*Jenny Stephens (Ladies Captain 2007, 2008)*

## Tai Tapu Elected Officers and Committees

In the original published version of this book, there was listed, as far as was known, all the elected and appointed officers and committees of the Club. Although the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet was drawn upon for reliable information there were still years lacking information, and as found subsequently there were errors. Research since 2008 in old records has yielded more complete information and a full database of all officials has superseded the original data in this book and this latter has been discarded. The updated data may be accessed [via this link](#)

Honorary Life Membership may be conferred upon any member who has held full membership and made an outstanding contribution to the well-being and running of the Club over many years. The contribution should have been made voluntarily without significant financial reward. The Club committee has so far limited the number of living Honorary Life Members to eight in number.

The demands placed on officers of voluntary organisations such as sports clubs are such that not many serve terms of more than a few years. The very long tenure as President of W G McCartney, 1933-1949, is therefore extraordinary, except of course it encompassed the War Years when the Club was in recess. Only R D Morten with nine years as President 1967 - 1975 has managed a similarly lengthy tenure. Although the Club's Rules do not prevent the election of a Lady as President, only one Lady has succeeded to the position in the Club's History. Mrs Patricia Rennell was President for four years 1993-1996 after serving as Vice President in 1993. Amongst the Ladies' elected officers, a number of members have held different offices in different years but their years of service add to impressive totals. For example, Therese Samson has held an elected office on some 12 occasions and been a committee member for another 5—that amounts to being in a responsible administrative position for more than half the last 25 years at the Club.

Although the positions of Vice President, Vice Captain and Treasurer, do

not appear in the records for the years 1933-1953, it is unlikely that some committee members were not allocated the tasks during those years. The office of Vice President was not formally established until 1983 when K G Rennell who had previously served two seasons as Club Captain was elected. Similarly, the office of Vice Captain was not formally established until the very able Terence Leadbeater was elected to it.

As is the convention, the office of Treasurer was almost certainly combined with that of Secretary but as the Club grew and the secretarial and financial workloads became too demanding for one person, the two offices were separated formally from 1983. Nevertheless, the combination of Secretary and Treasurer in one person continued until 2005 when the remarkably long tenure of M G Griffiths as Secretary-Treasurer came to an end. Prior to that G B Shipley had occupied the dual position for eight years.

#### **Administration Beyond Tai Tapu**

At least two Tai Tapu members have served at Canterbury regional level. Patricia Rennell served not only on Canterbury Ladies Golf Association but also represented Canterbury as a Councillor on New Zealand Ladies Golf Union 1993 through 1996. Therese Samson and Carol Bates have served short periods on Canterbury Golf recently.

Administration of Canterbury Central (and the same organisation under its old name) has had contributions from Tai Tapu members. The late Grant Lethaby who was a Tai Tapu Life Member, was Secretary of Central Canterbury 1967-1968 and President 1979-1980 and again in 1983-1984, Secretary again in 1985-1987 and finally made Life member in 1988.

George Engebretsen who has occupied a number of positions in administration also at Canterbury Golf, and Tai Tapu Golf and currently is Tai Tapu Vice Club Captain, was President of Central Canterbury in 1999-2000. He is now serving as Convenor for Canterbury Central for a nominal 2008-2009 term.



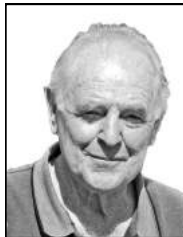
## The 75th Jubilee Committee



*Bruce McAlister*



*Jenny Stephens*



*John Hartnell*



*Laurie Goodson*



*Pat Rennell*



*Steve Piper*



*Lorraine Adam*



*Mark Tentori*



*Brian Williamson*

Members of Sub-Committees formed under the main committee included:

Alister Fiecken, Terry Leadbeater, Brian Briggs, Wayne Clark, Mac Renata, Raeleen Donaldson, David Matheson

## Honorary Life Members of Tai Tapu Golf Club



*W G Macartney*



*Mrs Macartney*



*W J McGibbon*



*R D Morten*



*F R Miller*



*G O Templeton*



*Mrs Fiecken*



*G R Lethaby*



*M C Burke*

Honorary Life Members of Tai Tapu Golf Club (continued)



*Mrs P Rennell*



*K G Rennell*



*J N Hartnell*



*J McIntyre*



*M G Griffiths*



*Mrs R Lang*

**Tai Tapu Golf Club (*main*) Committee 1999\***



*Back row:*

*John Dockery, Alec Lees, David Cate, Brian Davidson (Immediate Past President), John Hartnell (Vice President), Ken Gray (Club Captain).*

*Front Row:*

*Murray Griffiths (Secretary Treasurer), Therese Samson (Ladies Secretary), James McIntyre (President), Esme Martyn, Terence Leadbeater (Handicapper)*

*\*This photograph appears to be the only one taken, or at least extant, of a committee during the period 1983-2008.*

## Handicappers at Tai Tapu

The position of handicapper at a golf club in the past was a potentially powerful one, as it entailed some discretion in adjusting players handicaps if they were seen to be “irregular” or questionable in some way. For example, Gavin Saunders, who was handicapper in the early 1970s recalls exercising his power to control cutting two strokes from the handicap of a “golf burglar” who was attempting to manipulate his handicap prior to an important event.

It appears that being handicapper has been the task for the Ladies Vice Captain. However in 2006 the Club Rules were changed so that while the Ladies Vice Captain could still be the appointed Handicapper, it was not necessarily the case and any lady member could be appointed Ladies Handicapper.

Handicappers since 1983 are listed in the table on the following page. T Leadbeater, (currently Treasurer) had a seven year tenure as handicapper and this period covered the transition into the new so-called “Slope” system. This system, introduced in 2001 handicapping is a semi-automatic system introduced from the USA in the 1990s. “Slope” refers to the slope of the line relating players’ scores on a course to their handicaps. A higher or steeper slope means a more difficult golf course, and *vice versa* for a lower slope. A player no longer has a handicap as such but an index which is converted to a course handicap according to the slope index of a particular course. The men’s course at Tai Tapu has an index of 110 implying a slightly easier course than average—but try to tell that to Tai Tapu’s veteran golfers! The Slope index of the Ladies course is rated 119. Results from players marked cards are sent on-line to a national database, where the a computer calculates the players handicap index. However the very mechanical nature of the system and the reduced ability of the handicapper to intervene does leave it open for players to manipulate their handicaps to some degree.

## Tai Tapu Handicappers since 1983

<b>Year</b>	<b>Men's Handicappers</b>	<b>Ladies' Handicappers</b>
1983	R Kinzett	Mrs E Lochhead
1984	R Kinzett	Mrs S Gebbie
1985	R Gargett	Mrs V Bowman
1986	R Gargett	Mrs V Bowman
1987	M Watt	Mrs G Cameron
1988	G Stowell	Mrs T Samson
1989	G Stowell	Mrs E Manson
1990	W Weatherhead	Mrs E Manson
1991	W Weatherhead	Mrs N Smith
1992	Mrs P Rennell	Mrs N Smith
1993	K G Rennell	Mrs N Griffiths
1994	M G Griffiths	Mrs N Griffiths
1995	B J Davidson	Mrs C O'Connell
1996	B J Davidson	Mrs C O'Connell
1997	T Leadbeater	Mrs E Martyn
1998	T Leadbeater	Mrs E Martyn
1999	T Leadbeater	Mrs A Lauder
2000	T Leadbeater	Mrs A Lauder
2001	T Leadbeater	Mrs S Miller
2002	T Leadbeater	Mrs S Miller
2003	T Leadbeater	Mrs S Miller
2004	B Davidson	Mrs J Stephens
2005	B Davidson	Mrs L Adam
2006	B Davidson	Mrs K Piper
2007	B Davidson	Mrs K Piper
2008	B Davidson	Mrs K Piper

## **Annex 1: Notes on the Tai Tapu Area**

### **Waitaha**

The first settlers to arrive in the area were of course the Waitaha and the name has been applied to #13 on the golf course.

### **The name Tai Tapu**

Tai Tapu is an almost obsolete word meaning in some sense “boundary” and in this instance it does apply as the Halswell River marked a boundary of one of the Hapus of the Ngai Tahu iwi, viz., Ngati Koreha. A local pamphlet on Tai Tapu claims that Tai Tapu means “sacred place on the shore’ or “sacred tide” in reference to its being on the shores of Te Waihora before the lake level was lowered and the region drained in colonial times. The “Tapu” of course refers to something or place sacred or untouchable. (There is controversy as whether Tai Tapu should be one word or two).

### **Ahuriri**

Waitaha were followed by Ngati Mamoe from Ahuriri (Napier) some time towards the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The name *Ahuriri* which has been applied to #3 on the golf course is the name of a lagoon which was a prominent eel fishing lagoon for Maori. The name itself means weir, or dyke. (It is also the name of a funnel-shaped fishing net of great size). The Kaituna Golf Course as it is today Kai (food) and tuna (eel) would hardly be regarded as providing good food in the form of eels. There was a Maori Pa at Ahuriri.

### **Manuka Pa**

The land around Tai Tapu area was very boggy with the only dry area being the sand dunes around what is now known as Rhodes Park Domain. Maoris camped in the area of Rhodes Park domain. (On the golf course Mountain View tee is situated on such a sand hill). There was also another dry sandy area to the north of Tai Tapu at a place known as “Knocklyn”. The small hill where the Knocklyn homestead was built was the site of the Manuka Pa.

### **Organised European Settlement**

According to the Cyclopedia of New Zealand, the township of Tai Tapu was originally named *Hepworth* by Messrs R H Rhodes and W B Rhodes when

first surveyed and laid out in building sites and sold by auction in Christchurch 4 February 1875

The area farmed by the Rhodes brothers originally was the Kaituna Run. The four Rhodes brothers had acquired runs in Akaroa, Little River Purau and Ahuriri. Tai Tapu was included in the boundaries of the Ahuriri Run, the north boundary ran in a line from Coopers Knob to the Halswell River at Tai Tapu. The river was also the boundary back to Motukarara and beyond.

The block of land north of the Ahuriri Run known as the Landsdowne Run was bought by Michael J Burke and hence also was known as *Burke's Run*. In 1863, the Rhodes Brothers bought the land from Burke, giving them a large area of land running from Gebbies Pass through to Landsdowne Valley. By 1875 the Rhodes Empire had crumbled and all the properties sold. Burkes Run (Otahuna) was sold to Henry Gray and he named it *Gray Cliffe*. Ahuriri was sold off in blocks with the Tai Tapu portion being surveyed into building sections. Robert Rhodes donated the land for the old Library and the Methodist Church, thus if it had not been for the Rhodes Brothers, the village of Tai Tapu may never have existed.

A Francis Guinness in 1854 took up a run extending from the west side of the Halswell River to Ladbrooks. He built his homestead on the driest part of the area that was later called *Horseshoe Farm*, named because of its shape. The whole run was wet and swampy and this was the only area fit for building. After about five years the Run was passed into the hands of the Barrett Brothers. As more settlers arrived and land was sold, the Run was reduced to 74 acres. The next owner was Sam Nutt, then John Watson and after him, the Branthwaite Family. Eventually it was sold to Sir Heaton Rhodes for £74 per acre (or just possibly there was land exchange with other Rhodes holdings). And then in 1921 Sir Heaton and Lady Rhodes presented this land to the local council to be used as a sports ground—and today, of course, it is Rhodes Park Domain.

### **Halswell River**

The Halswell River appears to have been named *Te awa a maka* (good fishing river) by the Maori. Subsequently it was called the Tai Tapu River, and finally, as today, it is called the Halswell River named after H E Halswell of the Canterbury Association. It's best fishing catch today is golf balls.



*Season's End—and this booklet's end*



*Closing days each year are special events at Tai Tapu, and none more so than Mixed Closing Day. Prizes are for virtually everyone (some are seen on the table) and there is a great festive spirit in the air!*

*Here Club Captain Mark Tentori and wife Penny (First Mate) share a toast to another successful season and a job well done by all those who contributed to the well-being of the Club.*

*How many who attended this 75th Jubilee will be at the centenary is in the lap of the Gods—but some will and so here's a toast to you and to future members from those who will not be there!*

