

Tauranga Veteran Golfers' Society

President's Report to 58th Annual General Meeting

2009 Committee

President: Phil Simpson Vice President: Ross Fletcher
 Secretary: Alastair Murray Treasurer: Geoff Frost
 Committee: Guy Abel, Hugh Boughtwood, Ian McCallum, John Mainland,
 Jim Miller, Barrie Owen, Trevor Polley

Introduction

In my view, the support during the year was outstanding. I extend my sincere appreciation to everyone specifically acknowledging:

- the 2009 Veterans' Committee.
- members who directly supported Veterans' projects
- sponsors
- Club Secretary Claire Ward
- Club General Manager Grant Scoones
- Bar Manager Jo and Café 19 Manager Helen and staff
- women golfers who made their course space available for our special events

Thank you so much everyone for the help and support.

Of the 2009 Veterans' Committee Geoff Frost, Barrie Owen, Jim Miller and Trevor Polley will be standing down at the end of the year. They have all done a great job. Geoff Frost has been Treasurer for many years and deserves special recognition. Geoff, you have done an outstanding job.

Sponsors

Investment Research Group (IRG)	Legacy Trust
Althorp Village	Greerton Lotto
Carters	Matua Lifecare
Jacobson Hyundai	Liquorland

Althorp Village have been the sponsors of our major tournament for a number of years. Thank you Althorp Village for those years of sponsorship support.

For 2010 our other sponsors will continue their support. They make a significant contribution to our programme and this is really appreciated. Please recognise and support our sponsors.

2009 Trophy Winners::

Summer Cup	Phillip Surman	Cornelius Cup	Ian Rutherford
Bill Climie Trophy	Cliff Breeds	Cornelius Plate	Ralph Bills
Macklow Cup	James March	Wise Trophy	Des Sheils
Willis Faulds Trophy	John Braid	Melbourne Cup - Men	David Page
Colson Trophy	Guy Abel	Melbourne Cup - Ladies	Anna Page
Wilcock Cup	Tom Walch	Ron Galloway Cup	Stuart Fraser

Interclub Fixtures

Interclub fixtures have been played with Omanu, Matamata/Te Puke, Matamata, Omokoroa, Mount Maunganui. These interclubs provided good opportunity to play other courses and meet players from other clubs.

Tournaments

Inclement weather caused the scheduled two day tournaments sponsored by Althorp Village (April) and Legacy Trust (October) to be brought back to one day events. Weather aside These tournaments had good levels of support and were successful.

Participation

Over the year the average number of players participating each Tuesday increased by approximately 15% as we welcomed to new members. The increased player numbers and applying new technology brought extra work and challenges for our committee but now positive benefits are coming through.

Matua Lifecare Melbourne Cup Day

We invited the Women to participate in this day and help with the organisation and presentation of the social programme. There was a field of approximately 140 (90 men, 50 Women) and play commenced at 10.30 am with a shotgun start. Most rounds were completed in about four and a half hours or less – considering the size of the field this was an outstanding achievement

The after-golf social activities were slightly different from those in the past and this got things “bubbling” along. All round this was a very enjoyable day. We extend special thanks to our sponsor, Matua Lifecare and also to the women for making space available on the course and assisting with running the event.

Draw Sheets

During the year, your committee applied technology to bring about some changes to the management and presentation of the Draw Sheets including:

- the inclusion of the Tuesday draw on the Golf Club website.
- close monitoring of the starting tees
- use of ID numbers rather than names in draw preparation
- production of the Draw Sheet by the Office Staff using the ID numbers

The Starter still remains in total control of the Draw Sheet.

Projects

The Veterans' 2008 project was completed early this year – the repair/upgrading of the practice net. The 2009 project is currently underway is the upgrading of #15 tee and the adjacent path. Towards these projects there is a financial and labour contribution from the Veterans.

Conclusion

I have enjoyed my year as President. Thank you for giving me the opportunity

Phil Simpson

President 2009

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