

June – July news

Winter is already well through and half the club's competitions are either completed or well into their latter rounds. The Club Captains (handicap match play), veterans and Four Ball Best Ball have all been decided. Congratulations to all the winners. See the results page for regular Saturday updates from the Club Captain.

The Club continued its great record competing in the Bay of Plenty pennants in all three grades. Congratulations to Charlie Hayes's senior team for winning their final, the Intermediates fought hard in their final but came off second best on this occasion. All team members should be proud of their achievements and the Club hopes all three grades will be represented again next year. Many thanks to all three team selectors – not an easy position, and to all the Clubs supporters. Bay of Plenty Handicap pennants is currently underway.

The course has stood up pretty well to heavy rain and a number of frosts – yes even in Opotiki! One or two gales have also battered the course. The weather has pushed several competitions out but these are gradually being caught up without too much disruption. Some juggling though needed by the club captain.

The greens are slowly recovering from some insect damage during late summer/autumn and most now providing a reasonable putting surface. Grass growth on fairways and rough has slowed considerably. Good news for those on the Clubs roster system for mowing! Overall the course is looking and playing pretty well. Lots to do though by the Greens group, and with the completion of the steps on No 14 (complete with hand rail) the next project is refurbishment of the several ablution blocks on the course. These are pretty old and well over due for either replacement or a serious makeover. The aims are to have these upgraded well before the Clubs centenary in 2018.

Speaking of the centenary, planning is getting underway. The Club hopes to have set a date within the next one or two months. Watch the space on this website or on our Facebook page for details. The Club would also like any hear from anybody past or present that may have interesting items of history for the Centenary booklet or have any suggestions as to what they would like to see happen during this event.

Lastly a big thank you to Len Zeier to for keeping the Clubs firewood supply up (cutting and splitting). This has been an important fundraising activity for the Club. Sales have gone really well and the Club hopes that consumers have had good value from their purchases.