

Winter report 2019

A seemingly long and wet winter, although relatively mild. However, many games affected by rain. Our mid-winter Codlins Electrical and Opotiki Drainlayers open stableford though was held on a relatively dry and warm day, and a good a good field of largely locals competed for the main prizes (see Results section this site). Club competitions were as always keenly contested, and good scores were evident throughout the winter playing period.

The course remained in good shape throughout winter, with only the perennial wet ground within the Donga (No 6) being a problem. A long-term fix is required here. Greens renovation was undertaken in early September, with a full coring. Recovery was good, although members, who had up to then been struggling with the fast and tricky greens, now must deal with somewhat slower speeds. Can't win!

The Clubhouse kitchen underwent a major re-fit during September. This was a major project funded by grants from Eastern Bay Energy Trust and The Southern Trust, and Club reserves. The new kitchen was open again for business in early October. The renovation timetable was admirably kept on track by Project manager, Shelly Kerr. Many thanks to Shelly especially, but also all those Club members that put in their valuable time and to all the contractors that completed the tasks within budget and on time. At the same time the Clubhouse lounge interior was re-painted by Club member Glenn Steenson. Thanks Glenn.

Firewood sales started slowly but by winters end all reserves had gone, with sales this year mainly to members. As mentioned, the main project was the Kitchen re-fit, with on-course activities mainly BAU. The Clubs purchase of a Toro side by side though has proven to be most valuable and the vehicle is getting much use for a range of tasks. As always, all work on the course is undertaken by a team of volunteers. The later bolstered this year through the addition of three recent retirees.

To our sponsors a big thank you, as always. The club appreciates your support both in prizes, funds, materials, time, and loan of equipment. Especially to our major sponsors: Waiotahi Contractors, New World, Opotiki Drainlayers, Ocean Seafoods, Harcourts, and Codlins Electrical. Thanks also to the Lion Foundation, Southern Trust, for enabling the purchase of vital course equipment and materials. And as mentioned to Eastern Bay Energy Trust for the electrical components as part of the Kitchen re-fit and renovation. This support is crucial for the club's survival.