



# **The Course Record**

**A Tribute to 50 Years of Progress  
at Waikanae Golf Club**

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## **Golfer's Lament**

In my hand I hold a ball,  
white and dimpled, and rather small.  
Oh, how bland it does appear,  
this harmless looking little sphere.

By its size I could not guess  
the awesome power it does possess.  
but since I fell beneath its spell,  
I've wandered through the fires of hell.

My life has not been quite the same  
since I chose to play this stupid game.  
It rules my mind for hours on end;  
a fortune it has made me spend.

It has made me curse and made me cry,  
and hate myself and want to die.  
It promises me a thing called par,  
if I can hit it straight and far.

To master such a tiny ball,  
should not be very hard at all.  
But my desires the ball refuses,  
and does exactly as it chooses.

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,  
and disappears before my eyes.  
Often it will, on a whim,  
hit a tree or take a swim.

With miles of grass on which to land,  
it finds a tiny patch of sand.  
Then has me offering up my soul,  
if only it would find the hole.

It's made me whimper like a pup,  
and swear that I will give it up.  
And take to drink to ease my sorrow,  
but the ball knows ... I'll be back tomorrow

Anon

Contributed by Brian Cardiff – March 2016

## Patron's Message

As this history recounts, 50 years ago this year John Dixon decided he wanted to build a golf course and I am pretty certain, were he still with us today, he would be well pleased with the wonderful golfing asset that he, Fred Smith and a number of good friends were responsible for initiating. It takes quite a vision to imagine turning a large part of a farm into a golf course but even more determination and grit to actually do it. But they most certainly did and their families must be extremely proud of the facility available to the golfing community today. The Waikanae golf course is now highly regarded throughout the country and has successfully hosted a number of important national events.

I have had the good fortune to have been a member of the club for some 23 years now and can personally attest to the remarkable developments that have occurred in that period of time, thanks in part to the club's members having the foresight to agree to a change of management structure which saw the introduction of a Board of Management. This initiative allowed a small group of widely experienced business people the opportunity to look into the club's future and propose a level of development which has resulted in the course as it is today. The introduction of fairway watering was one of the most important decisions and as you can all imagine, a very expensive exercise to contemplate. However we were fortunate to have had the goodwill of key people in local lottery and pub trusts which helped us with funding as well as the generosity of a number of club members to provided capital by way of donations and debentures.

Fairway watering was of course only the beginning. We needed to improve the design and length of the course if we were going to attract national attention and we also needed to extend the clubhouse facilities and the greenkeepers' facilities. The golf course is now one which we can all be proud of thanks to the initial and subsequent Boards' attention to maintaining our goals, without losing sight of the need to ensure we stay financially viable in an environment which was constantly challenging. I have no doubt that we will in time address the need to upgrade the clubhouse. However, in my opinion, maintaining the course to the highest level possible is more important; the clubhouse should wait until time and finances allow.

So much achieved in 50 years and what a privilege it is for me to be Patron at this time. In the time I have been with the club I have had the honour to have known three earlier Patrons, namely Paddy Brow, Jill Higgins and Doug Ritchie, all of whom had a vision and goals for the club that I share. I am certain that the club will continue to grow under the exciting new team of Board members and that the next 50 years will be equally fulfilling.

Enjoy the celebrations and remember with pride those who have gone before who were responsible for what we are celebrating today....Happy Jubilee



Bill Bruce  
Patron

## From Fields to Fairways

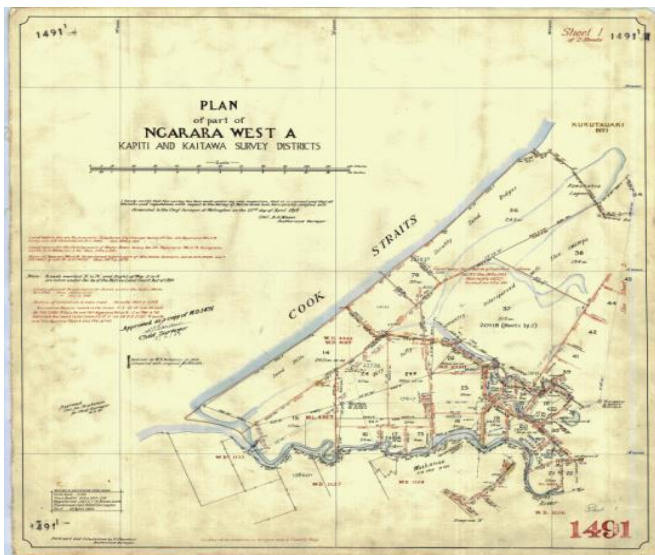
### *In the Beginning*

In 1839 the first immigrant ship, the *Tory* arrived at Port Jackson after a 96 day voyage from Plymouth. The expedition leader was William Wakefield, representing The New Zealand Land Company. Soon after his arrival, Wakefield began purchasing land around Port Jackson, later to become Wellington. In September of the same year he sailed up the coast to Kapiti to negotiate the purchase of land with Te Rauparaha who was recognised as the paramount chief. The *Tory* lay at anchor for three weeks off Kapiti Island while discussions took place. Finally, quantities of muskets, blankets and clothing were traded for land at Waikanae.

However, following the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi the following year, Governor Hobson dispatched his Land Commissioner, William Spain, south to investigate Wakefield's land acquisitions. Spain declared most of these illegal despite them being concluded before the English Parliament declared New Zealand's sovereignty.

This resulted in land bought by Wakefield reverting back to the Maori tribes, and it was not until 1887 that the Land Court finally permitted the sale of Waikanae land to prospective purchasers.

There was considerable dispute with Ngati Awa and Ngati Toa tribes over ownership. Eventually Wi Parata's Ngati Awa tribe was allocated 10,000 acres including the area which came to be occupied by the golf course, and a great deal of the beach area. The greater area of Waikanae was known as the "Ngarara Block", (29,500 acres) and stretched up to the hills of Waikanae. W H Field, a politician and lawyer was one of the first on the scene to purchase Waikanae land from local Maori. He acquired most of the flat land and some hill country with the intention of farming and sub-dividing.



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Included in the land designated for sub-division was a plan for a “Nine Hole Golf Course”. This was actually formed, the first hole being where the Ngarara Road swimming pool is situated. The rest of the course was near the Waikanae Park and towards the present tip site. The course was hilly, fairly rough and soon disappeared, probably due to lack of use.

The present location of the Waikanae Golf Club is largely on the land that Field purchased from Wi Parata. Most of this was swamp, which was quickly drained to allow the land to be farmed. There was abundant flax in the area resulting in several flax mills becoming established in Waikanae. One of these was sited near the present fifth tee. When the course was being formed, a large cog wheel was found in the area and is still buried somewhere near. Flax fibre became a significant export commodity in the mid 19th century and continued well into the early 20th century.

On Field’s death his estate was divided up within his family. His son, Jack Field, inherited the land occupied by the course while his daughter was left the beach area known as the Pharazyn Estate. Part of the latter was leased to John Dixon, and eventually purchased by the golf club to complete ownership of the whole 18 holes, as described later.

Around the present course there have been discoveries of a previous Maori presence. This is not surprising as there was once a large population of several thousand living in two or three pa around the beach and river areas with tribal battles not uncommon. During 1848 there was a great exodus of Ngati Awa when most of the tribe returned to their homeland in Taranaki. Wi Parata’s family stayed in Waikanae where he and his brother, Hemi Matenga, became leaders in the community. Wi Parata also became a Maori MP in 1871.

### ***Enter John Dixon and the Club is Born***

The course came into being in the 1960’s, due to the foresight of John Dixon, a builder on the Kapiti coast.

He built a house for Jack Field, a scion of the pioneering Field family. The house still exists, on the hill above the first tee. Field farmed a large area around the house until John Dixon purchased the property and 62 acres around it in the early 1960’s.

He ran a few cattle on the property which was being considered for subdivision until Ken Johnson, owner of the private nine hole course mentioned above, suggested to Dixon that his land and location would be ideal for golf. Dixon decided to proceed. But, with only a layman’s knowledge of how to build tees and greens, co-opted Alf Jenkins, a friend and the then professional at the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, to help design a nine hole course.

The next step was to find someone who had experience in forming the tees, fairways and greens. Jack Strap, a contractor and Jack Hunt, former green keeper for the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, agreed to undertake this work. With the installation of a watering system to tees and greens, the nine holes were ready for play in October 1968. This, after only two years work, was quite an achievement.

Having been built on a base of sand near the sea, with very few trees other than cabbage trees, the course has been described as a links. However, this was wishful thinking as even in its

earliest form it failed to conform to the R&A's definition of a links course.

In those early years the privately owned course was open to the public and quickly became popular amongst business houses from Wellington for social tournaments, despite the original clubhouse, on the site of the present café facilities, being quite small.

In 1968 several local golfers, paying green fees to play the course mainly on weekends, began discussing the possibility of forming a club.

Extract from a letter from Frank Robertson:

*"Approximately February 1969, the then course owner, Mr. John Dixon and Mr. F W Smith, discussed the formation of a Waikanae Golf Club. Further to that discussion I was the recipient of a phone call one Saturday morning pertaining to my possible interest on this matter. Several hours later Mr. Fred Smith called at my residence and an amiable hour or so was spent on discussing the feasibility of the formation of a Golf Club in Waikanae."*

It was decided to call a meeting, of various people interested in this project. This was duly held at Fred Smith's residence and attended by the following: Messrs Trevor Findlay, Doug Kirkwood, Fred Smith, Terence Tuohy, Frank Robertson and Mr and Mrs K Johnson. Smith was later to become Club President, Robertson the Club Captain, and Georgie Johnson the Women's Club Captain.



Founding Committee

Back Row: N Hall, J Arthur, F Robinson (Club Captain), P Jarret, J Kershaw (Secretary)  
Front Row: R Elvey, D Jepson, F Smith (President), T Findlay, R Adams, Les Adams, J Dixon

Eventually, on the 12th April 1969, with the agreement of John Dixon, the inaugural meeting was held in the club house and attended by 73 people. The founding committee ruled that only holders of concession ticket issued by John Dixon were entitled to vote.

The official opening of the new club was 4<sup>th</sup> May 1969. The President of the NZ Golfing Association, Mr D O White, attended. Sir Thomas McDonald, the inaugural patron, declared the club open, congratulating John Dixon on his initiative in building the course at a time when

clubs in the Wellington area had combined waiting lists of 3000 names.



Opening Day

President F Smith speaking with, Sir Thomas and Lady MacDonald on his right.

Considerable discussion took place about who would hit the first ball off No. 1 tee on the opening day. The president and club captain both declined, mainly because the first hole was a par 3 crossing the Waimeha Stream where the motels are now situated. Eventually John Dixon was persuaded to do the honours, unaware that the ball had been tampered with and a ball-bearing placed inside. His well struck tee shot was sent sailing over the stream, only to take a sharp kick right on landing, never to be seen again! Dixon, however, subsequently took his revenge by adding to the stress involved with this challenging opening hole by routinely taking 1/- bets with club players on whether they would make it

Entrance fees and subscriptions were set:

	Entrance Fees	Subscriptions
Full playing	\$50	\$50
Mid week	\$40	\$40
Summer	\$40	\$40
Junior	-	\$15
Non playing	\$20	\$20



The founding officers of the club were:

Patron	Sir Thomas McDonald MP
President	F Smith
Vice Presidents	J Arthur and D Jepson
Club Captain	F Robertson
Vice Captain	P Jarratt
Committee	R Adams, L Alpine, Mrs. G Johnson, D Hall, T Findlay, R Elvy
Auditor	D Hall
Secretary	J Kershaw

In the early days the club entered into an arrangement with Dixon whereby it paid an access and maintenance fee allowing club members to play on the days reserved for club competitions on Sundays and Wednesdays without paying green fees. The course was open to the public outside these hours, with Dixon collecting the green fees.

The initial membership was restricted to 150 full playing and 40 mid-week. Many of the members were from outside of the Kapiti district. Club play commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1969.

After the formation of the club in May 1969, the course continued to be owned and administered by John Dixon as a public course. The club paid him an annual sum amounting to 90% of the subscription income to assist with running and maintenance expenses.



Old 9<sup>th</sup> Green 1970

Initially, the nine-hole course measured 2350 metres. This increased to 5040 metres when a second nine was opened for play on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1970. This had required leasing extra land to the east side of the course now occupied the first nine, followed by a second lease of 4.6 hectares from the Pharazyn Trust allowing the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes to be built in 1972.

When the first 18 holes were completed in 1970, the present 17<sup>th</sup> hole was not in use. This area was originally occupied by a market gardener.

The 17<sup>th</sup> fairway and green were added in 1971. At about the same time the old fourth hole was abandoned, until major alterations took place on the sixth hole which incorporated a reshaped old fourth green.

When the 17<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes were completed, the old first, second and third holes were abandoned. The course then measured 5423 metres off the blue tees and took on a completely new layout. The first nine holes of the original 18 holes effectively became the modern day second nine.

In 1972 it was obvious that club house was becoming increasingly inadequate. Much discussion took place over two years in regard to the expansion of the pavilion. Eventually a deal was struck with Dixon whereby the club contributed \$30,000 towards the cost of a new pavilion, estimated to cost \$175,000. Bob McKenzie, a local builder, was contracted to build the pavilion and foundations were commenced in September 1975, by which time the club's membership had exceeded 800. Five months later the new building was officially opened by local MP, Barry Brill.

The club now had an extended lounge area, bar and cellar, locker rooms for men and for women plus office and shop space. Keith Foxton became the first Club Professional. The original clubhouse became the kitchen and dining area as we know it today.

In 1975 the club also entered into a new agreement with John Dixon (in the form of his newly incorporated company "Waikanae Country Club Ltd" which guaranteed the club's access to the course and amenities until 1985, with further rights of renewal to 2015. But, despite this apparent security of tenure, it was only midway through the following year when Waikanae Country Club Ltd served the club with two month's notice of its intention to sell, a contingency provided for in the agreement.

In 1977 Vice President Charles Turner ISO (retired CEO of the Public Works Department who became the club's first Life Member in 1980) provided extensive advice on how the club should proceed with negotiations to purchase the course. Offers and counter offers continued until 1984, finance being the main problem. These came to a close in early in 1984 when Dixon advised the club that he had received an offer from a developer to buy nine holes for retirement homes.

Concerned that this would again reduce the course to nine holes, the club renewed its efforts to raise the finance necessary to complete the purchase. However, as a fallback if insufficient finance could be raised to meet the vendor's price, arrangements to transfer membership and assets to the Otaki and Paraparaumu Beach Golf Clubs were negotiated. Thankfully, this outcome was avoided.

In February 1985 the club's offer to buy the assets was accepted. These assets comprised 25.3Ha (occupied by 7.5 holes) of freehold land plus the club house and equipment - the rest of the course remained leasehold. The property was valued at \$600,000. Dixon provided a loan of \$300,000 for 12 months at 10% interest; the balance came from the bank and retained earnings (largely from bar profits). Settlement date for the purchase was finally completed on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1986, quite an achievement for a club barely 15 years old.

## ***We're on Our Way***

After the club had been managing the course for almost a year, the finance committee, led by Nelson Crosbie, convinced the BNZ that the club was a going concern and, with a further loan plus debentures issued to members, it was possible to repay John Dixon's loan. Prior to that, Moss Smith, who farmed the adjoining land, agreed to continue the lease of the second nine holes should the club make the purchase from John Dixon.

The club now owned 7.5 "holes" of freehold land plus the club house and equipment. Between 1984 and 1988 the club continued to make progress both financially and in membership. Landscaping took the form of "hundreds of trees and shrubs" donated by Don Liddle and planted by Don and Syd Eaton in 1987. Syd was also responsible for planting the kauri by the path leading up to the second tee in 1974, a rare specimen this far south.

In June 1988 members approved purchase of the land leased from the Smiths for \$285,000. It was an amicable negotiation in which Smith "threw in" a chain of pine trees he had planted along the boundary by the ninth hole.

Much needed support to help the club find its financial feet during this period came from an unexpected quarter in the form of a rates holiday provided by the Kapiti Borough Council, and a concessionary power tariff from the Horowhenua Electric Power Board in 1988.

The course layout remained more or less unchanged until 1992 when a new eighth green was brought into play to replace the existing green which was hazardous for players on the ninth. This had the effect of shortening the course by around 60 metres, but to compensate for the loss of distance some other holes were extended by moving tees back. Also in 1992 the elevated ninth green was lowered and a greenside bunker created, and a new 18<sup>th</sup> green established where the putting green was located, which was re-sited to its present position. With Mrs Paddy Brow's generous support, computerized watering to all greens and surrounds was installed in 1993.

In 1993 modest improvements were also made to the clubhouse when the bar was relocated, new windows installed and extensions made to the golf shop.

In 1997 the Golden Coast Vets raised sufficient funds to install a lake in front of the new 18<sup>th</sup> green which was eventually completed in 2002.

At this time only 1.5 holes remained leased from the Pharazyn Estate, i.e., the present 12<sup>th</sup> hole and a substantial part of the present 11<sup>th</sup>. The last lease for this land signed on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1995 was for \$10,320 per annum, renewable three yearly.

By June 1999 freehold land owned by the club covered 47 hectares, with the nine holes formed in 1966/68 by the Waikanae Country Club Ltd covering 19 hectares or 40% of the land owned by the club today. These nine holes were made up of three par 3's and six par 4's, all west of the creek on the present 13<sup>th</sup> hole and south of the black stream.

The election of the first board in 1998 provided the expertise and impetus to embark on a new and ambitious course improvement programme. The first step in this was to negotiate the purchase of the 4.7 hectares of Pharazyn Trust land occupied by the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. These negotiations were concluded in June 1999 for a price of \$255,000. This seemed expensive in comparison with the \$275,000 in total paid for the Moss Smith land, however the Pharazyn land

was considered suitable for housing sub-division making it more valuable. An opportunity to purchase a further area of land adjacent to the 11<sup>th</sup> green owned by the trust was declined in 2001.

With objectives to improve the quality of the course and turn it into a true test of golf, course architect, Jeff Asche, was retained to develop a plan to extend its length. An important element of the upgrade plans involved installing fairway watering, which resulted in an almost immediate improvement in grass quality and cover.



Lifting turfs for the new 6<sup>th</sup> green

A period of intense activity between 2000 and 2004 saw the establishment of the pitching green, the building up and draining of the present 13<sup>th</sup> fairway, extending the 15<sup>th</sup> green, shaping and re-zoning the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways and greens, shifting the 10th green across the stream, redesigning and lengthening of the third and sixth holes with the construction of new greens. Doug Ritchie reflected on the achievements of this era in his report to the 2002 AGM (Appendix 4). Fairway irrigation (at an all up cost of \$195,000 funded through grants and donations) was installed in stages during this time, with seven fairways covered by early 2002.

Money, or a shortage of it, has frequently been an issue during the club's history. To fund these improvements and the Pharazyn land purchase without extending the club's indebtedness with the BNZ excessively, the then Treasurer, Peter Benjes, instituted an innovative scheme to raise money by seeking unsecured loans from members (aka issuing debentures). These advances carried a small premium over the 12 month bank term deposit interest and were repayable on demand. The scheme was enthusiastically received (refer Chart 3 below), and works were commenced.



New 16<sup>th</sup> tee under construction

By the year 2003 the course measured 5920 metres off the blue tees and covered an area of approximately 47 hectares. All these changes enhanced the course's popularity and rating. A comparison of the lengths of the course and individual holes between the mid 1970's and 2019 is included as Appendix 2.

In 2003 the incoming Board of Management presented a comprehensive plan to upgrade and extend the clubhouse facilities, including the women's locker rooms, kitchen and bar, lounge and pro shop. Stage 1 of this plan had an estimated cost of \$660,000. A fundraising scheme, which avoided the need to fund this through subscription increases, was produced and accepted by members. Various sections of the club's membership were able to accumulate an amount of \$100,000 by June 2004 (including proceeds from the three putt "Snake Fund"). With the help of an army of volunteers, including Brian Cardiff's contribution as clerk of works, the work was completed in late 2005 for \$50,000 less than initially quoted. Stage 2 was deferred indefinitely in 2008, when the proposed sale of the Hodgkins Rd property was abandoned after a ruling as to its suitability for its subdivision was received from the Environment Court. The proceeds from this sale were to have provided a significant part of the funding for the project.

Construction of the new greens complex in 2004, completed at a cost of \$118,197, was another significant milestone in the improvement of the club's amenities.



#### Extended Deck Opening

Olive Mitchell (President), Ian Miller (Club Captain), Paddy Brow (Patron),  
Doug Ritchie (Chair), Dave Chapman

In late 2014 the board received notice from the KCDC that, following consultation with the local iwi, it would be designating an area of club land behind the 9<sup>th</sup> green along with land owned by the Hall family and Maypole Investments (see below) as Waahi Tapu in the draft Proposed District Plan. Although the area of club land to be so designated was small, the board felt that the designation would seriously impair the club's ability to further develop or sell this parcel of land in future. So after considerable research, in September 2016, the then board chairman, Ed Isaac, with the other concerned landowners, appealed to the council's planning committee against the designation, challenging the grounds on which the Waahi Tapu was to be declared, including noting its misinterpretation of the meaning on Waahi Tapu. There is no record of the committee's response to these submissions; however, the redrafted version of the plan did not include this designation so it would appear that for now the property owners' position had been acknowledged

The land occupied by the car park has had multiple owners since the club's inception, with titles to various parcels held by the club, the Hall Family Trust, the Kapiti Coast District Council and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). In fact, the club's interest is in approximately 33% of the total land area, with the NZTA owning approximately 50% as land held for possible use as expressway access.

A driveway shared with the Halls across NZTA land provided access to the rear of the clubhouse. The Hall's legal access was across the car park via a strip of land that widens after it crosses the Waimeha Stream to include the land where the club's pump house is located, and a portion of the first tee and pitching area, all of which is leased from the trust.

Ownership of all the car park land is essential to the club's future. Without it, the land already owned by the club would only provide 30 car parks, requiring Te Moana Rd to be used for overflow parking with the hazards which that would entail.

Negotiations with NZTA to secure this land, now surplus to their requirements, commenced in 2013. These became protracted, involving the club's representatives dealing through the council, which at one point was contemplating the purchase itself. When the council withdrew, endorsing the club's intention to acquire the land, the NZTA was then bound by a statutory requirement to obtain Ministerial approval for the sale after consulting with the Waitangi Tribunal over possible iwi ownership interest. No claimants came forward and prospects were looking positive with support for acquisition by the club coming from a number of quarters, including Otaki MP, the Hon. Nathan Guy. Unfortunately negotiations then stalled while the 2017 general election ran its course. An interim lease was concluded with NZTA while negotiations continued. At this point the Office of Treaty Settlements intervened, determining that the land was to be "land banked" for a period 10 years while alternative ownership options were explored. Hence the *status quo* prevails for now.

The most recent enhancement to the course was a Tommy Cushnahan designed realignment of the ninth fairway, effectively removing the hill from play by excavating its western flank to create an undulating par five, left hand dog-leg with adjustments to tee blocks. The property development company, Maypole Investments, responsible for the medium density subdivision, "Ngarara", adjoining the ninth hole, funded this development, the *quid pro quo* being the club's agreement to allow the felling of the pine trees bordering the left side of the fairway to enhance views from the subdivision. The new hole came into play in late 2017, with widely differing reactions. At the time of writing, plans to modify the design to improve player safety are being formulated.

The golf shop has been a fixture of the club since its beginnings, starting off as a shed occupying the rear section of the existing building. There has been a procession of operators over the past 50 years beginning with John Dixon. Allan James' proprietorship, initially in partnership with Ian Thorpe and latterly with Ron Olivecrona, then David James, was the longest of these, spanning 23 years from 1994 until Oliver Maxwell took over in 2017. Oliver has extensively revamped the business by expanding and upgrading the retailing area and merchandise, and offering a full professional coaching service.

## **Club life**

### ***Dad's Army and Green Fingred Ladies***

Shortly after the Waikanae Golf Club took over the running of the course, a few enthusiastic club members got together to organise voluntary working bees to improve the clubhouse appearance and various aspects of the course.

This resulted in new paths and steps, rough cutting, garden areas in the vicinity of the clubhouse, painting, bridge building and general tidying up, but most importantly, planting shrubs and trees which greatly changed the appearance of the course from more or less a "links" look to a park--like golf course (see Appendix 5) . The club was fortunate to have at this time three members who had good knowledge, experience and expertise to carry out this task - Don Liddle, Sid Eaton and Colin Smith. Sandy Smith, one of the first greenkeepers, recalls how they planted quick growing ngaio trees to protect the many pohutukawas scattered over the course. The men's working bees usually turned up on Wednesdays and, because they were all retired, soon became known as "Dad's Army" under the charge of a "Captain Mainwaring". Over the years there have been three captains in the form of Frank Gestro, Harry Cardiff and Doug Quinlan.

Many ladies have tended to the garden areas over the years since 1975. Some of the regular workers were Ria Utiku, Penny Black, Shirley Dixon, Jill Higgins and Chris Davie; all Foundation Members.

### ***Matters Constitutional***

The original rules and constitution adopted on 12th April, 1969 were adapted from those of a neighbouring club and have been subject to significant alterations in the years since then, the first amendment having been made in 1970.

One of the more controversial changes to the constitution was made in 1985 when some important management powers were granted to an executive committee comprising the president, vice-president, club captain, vice-captain and immediate past president. These powers embraced matters such as engaging and dismissing employees, financing, and purchasing or leasing land.

The management clause remained in the constitution until June 1989 when, at the annual general meeting, amendments were adopted which passed control back to the full committee. This change resulted from decisions made concerning the dismissal of a manager which had resulted in considerable litigation and expense. The constitution, so amended, remained in force until April 2001 when a revised "Management and Rules of the Club" was registered which vested governance of the club in a Board of four members plus the Club President and Club Captain, with one of the four elected members to be a chartered accountant wherever possible.

This decision to adopt a board governance model for a two year trial period was taken at a special general meeting in 1998. The first members were Doug Ritchie, Peter Benjes, Bill Bruce, Ken Thompson, Olive Mitchell and Ian Miller. The trial was a success so club members unanimously decided to retain this form of governance at a special general meeting in May 2000. A new constitution was then drafted defining the Board's powers.

This constitution remained in force until 2014, when an extensively revised and simplified



version consistent with modern statutory requirements was adopted at that year's annual general meeting.

The fundamental governance arrangements have remained unchanged to the present time although, with the disestablishment of the club's general manager role in 2009, due to financial pressures, the Board needed to expand its role. This entailed assigning the key duties and responsibilities of the manager to the members of an operational Executive Committee, comprising members of the Board chaired by the Board's chairperson.

From time to time the board has set up working subcommittees to deal with major issues confronting the club, co-opting members with particular expertise to serve on these. As examples subcommittees have undertaken a thorough strategic review in 2010, investigated the club's options and participated in negotiations the transfer of land associated with the Eastern Expressway project in 2103, negotiated land use and course development proposal with Maypole Investments Ltd in 2016 and explored the financial viability of a range of further club and clubhouse redevelopment and refurbishment options in 2017.

The 2018 AGM saw a seismic shift in the composition of the Board; ushering in a new governance era for the club. Aside from the re-election of David Clark, who had been co-opted onto the outgoing Board towards the end of its tenure, none of the former Board members standing were re-elected. Instead five new candidates were voted onto the Board to serve alongside David and returning President Graeme Wallis and club captain Cliff Martin. Thus, not only did the club witness a changing of the guard but in a total break with tradition, three of the six elected members were younger women one of whom, Heather Verry, was subsequently elected as chairperson. This can only be regarded as a positive start to the next 50 years of the club's life and the energy and expertise of our new Board augers well for the future.

## ***Membership and Financial Trends***

This section examines the trends around membership numbers and financial performance since the club's inception. It is appropriate to consider these together as the club's financial fortunes correlate closely with the income derived from its members. To illustrate this point, as a proportion of operating revenue (income excluding grants and fund raising, membership subscriptions hit a low of 51% and a high of 95% in 1986 and 2007 respectively. In fact, subscriptions hovered in the low 60% area from the late 1980's through the 1990's; with operating revenues flat as a consequence. Subscriptions currently contribute 80% of the club's operating revenue.

The data in Charts 1 and 2 are presented as the average over five year periods to avoid the clutter that would result from presenting all the data over the 50 years since the club was formed.

There was a significant unsatisfied demand for golf club membership at the time the club was founded. Little wonder then that the membership increased rapidly in the early days, accelerating in 1971 when the course was transformed into a full 18 holes.

Since then many factors have caused the fluctuations in membership numbers over the years of the club's existence, such as improved amenities, ups and downs in the popularity for golf, membership drives and aggressive subscription discounting, as well as other more macro

external factors. Examples of this are evident in the impact that tight economic times have had on perceptions of wealth and discretionary spending during the period of high inflation in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the fallout from the 1987 share market crash and more recently the global recession starting in 2008. However, the steady downward trend in membership over the past ten years is concerning and, at 522, membership numbers are now at their lowest ebb since 1971.

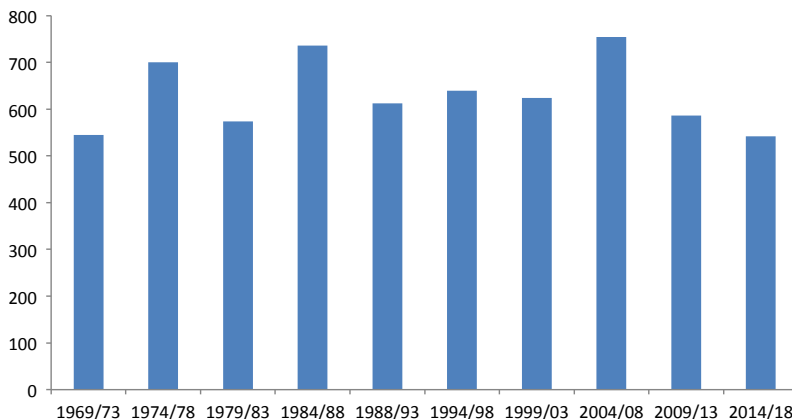


Chart 1 – Total Membership Numbers

This declining membership trend masks variations between membership categories. Thus, while the ratio of full playing men to women members has stayed relatively constant at around 3:1, the combined number of full playing men and women has fallen from a peak of 750 when they comprised 95% of all members, to 334 in 2018, making up 64% of the membership. Over the same period the limited membership category (initially mid week and its successor nine-hole membership), has remained fairly constant at around 90 members, rising to 101 in 2018 (or 19% total membership), and is split roughly 50/50 men and women. For much of its history the club has had a pretty respectable and successful number of junior members (across all categories). This fell away quite sharply in 2011 and 2012 but a renewed recruitment and teaching programme, launched under the joint leadership of the late Dr David Bayvel, Marcia Guest, Carolyn Hawe and Kevin Smith (assisted by a number of worthy volunteers), turned this around, so that junior membership in 2018 stood at 50, down a little from an all-time high of 63 in 2014.

The reasons behind these trends will be many and varied. Possibly the two major factors are likely to be an ageing membership and the busy lives that most people now lead. However, from time to time reference has been made to such factors as the reduced level of public interest in golf as a sport (compared to the time when the club came into being, and the decade or so thereafter), and the increasing number of people no longer prepared to make a financial or time commitment to one sporting code and/or club.

From the outset and through to the mid 1980's the club's income was largely dependent on proceeds from the "canteen" (i.e., bar), sponsorship and fund-raising. Despite subscription

income rising 11-fold over this period from \$7,293 in 1970 to \$80,676 in 1985 the club derived little direct benefit from this as it was almost entirely spent on the fees paid to the Waikanae Country Club for course access. On the plus side, however, the club was spared the costs of course maintenance. The members in the early days of the club were a pretty convivial crowd. Reports from that time are littered with mentions of various social activities. In 1985, profit from the canteen contributed 53% of the club's income (after subscriptions), with interest from various sources making up another 29%.

After 1985, the club's finances went into overdrive when it purchased the Waikanae Country Club's interest in the course in February with the aid of bridging finance from the BNZ, and the first of several debenture issues to members. From that point the club was able to retain subscription income and started receiving green fee revenue from casual players, which together made up a substantial portion of the total income of \$236,351 for the 1986 financial year. The chart clearly illustrates this dramatic improvement in the club's fortunes. On the debit side, however, this also marks the point when the club began incurring significant wage and interest costs as it assumed the obligations of maintaining and developing the course and amenities. Eventually this led to the downward trend in profitability shown in the chart from 1990-95 onwards. However, it needs to be acknowledged that this was the time when debt-servicing costs soared, with mortgage interest rates sitting at around 15-16% p.a.

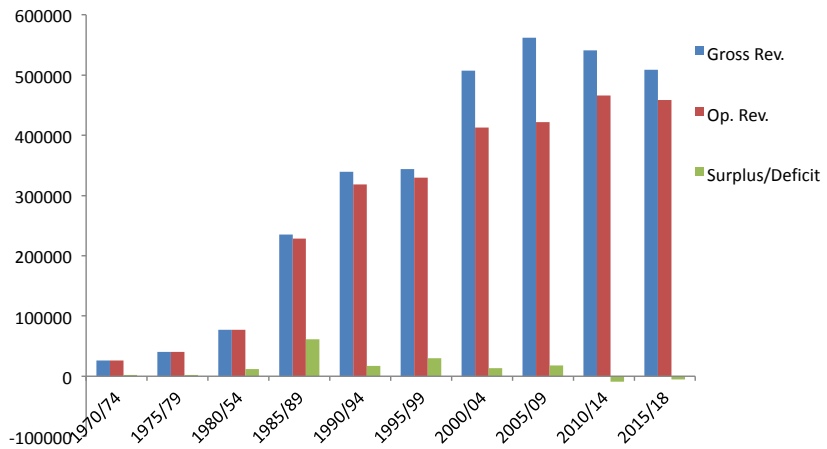


Chart 2 - Financial Performance

It's worthy of mention that, in 1986, the first full year in which the club benefited from receiving green fee revenue, this amounted to some \$58,000, increasing to \$87,000 in the following year. Compare this with the almost identical green fee revenue of \$82,000 declared in the 2018 financial statements - well down on that of the early years of the millennium when this hovered in the region of \$120,000.

In most years up to 2000 the club showed a healthy operating surplus. This is the amount left after deducting operating expenses and grant and donation revenues. The situation changed in

2001 and subsequent years, with the start of the major course and amenity upgrade programme and the attendant increased staff and development expenses.

While operating deficits became the norm after 2001, the club was able to produce a reasonable overall *Surplus* (green bars) in most years thanks to a steady stream of grant funding. The scale and fundamental importance of this funding will be readily seen in Chart 2, by comparing the *Gross Revenue* (blue bars) comprising income derived from all sources and *Operating Revenue* (red bars) which is that generated in the club's day to day activities, e.g. subscriptions, bar, green fees – the difference is virtually all attributable to grants received as contributions variously towards course development projects, wages and capital plant and equipment purchases.

In 2016 the board resolved to lease rather than continue to own major items of equipment required for course maintenance. This was a prudent decision, even if it came at the price of incurring additional lease charges, as it has significantly reduced the need to find and commit the large amounts of ready capital funds now necessary to maintain the modern fleet of equipment required to maintain the course at its current standard.

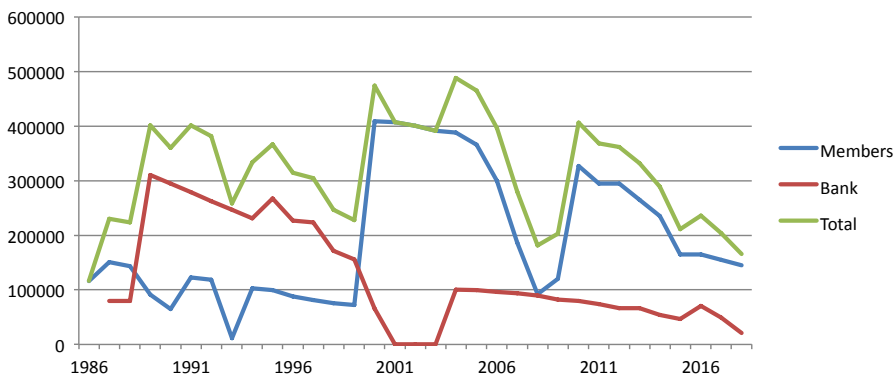


Chart 3 – Term Debt

A final reflection on the history of the club's finances should draw attention to the extraordinary willingness of members to advance the funds the club has needed to make progress, by way of a number of unsecured debenture issues. It is beyond the scope of this overview of the club's financial fortunes to go into the details of these. However, the scale of the support provided by members is depicted in Chart 3 which records *Total Term Debt* (green line) and its constituent parts, i.e., that owed to *Members* (blue line) and the *Bank* (red line). This clearly shows that for over half of the time that has elapsed since the club purchased and began operating the course its indebtedness to members has well exceeded that to its bankers, something of which members can be justifiably proud.

There is, however, a tension between declining membership and increasingly costly maintenance and development costs which is by no means confined to the Waikanae Golf Club. Ed Isaac expressed this well in his 2014 Chairman's Report, "Golf club viability continues to be under threat across New Zealand...NZ Golf predicts that one in 10 existing clubs will disappear within a few years.

*The situation is all to do with [declining] club membership numbers in turn driven by economics and societal expectations. While it is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain courses and amenities to the levels expected by members, there has been a commensurate loss of appetite in the community to be committed to club membership and to pay the true cost related to membership subscriptions or green fees”.*

This trend is leading to an inexorable “greying” of the sport, with the attendant implications of an increasing reliance on a membership living on largely fixed incomes.

### **The Staff – the heart of our club**

Our club is able to function efficiently and cost effectively, thanks to the hard work and commitment of its loyal staff. The club has employed a number of people in various capacities over the years, and while their many stories can’t be recounted here, this history would be incomplete if it failed to acknowledge the contributions of the incumbent members of staff.

Office Manager, Marg Templer has been a stalwart of the club for 32 years. She began as a part-time administration support person employed by the then club pro/manager/barman (you name it), Jim Morgan, mainly looking after the banking. Since then she has since worked with five secretary-managers and countless committee and board members.

She and her late husband Ken were drawn back to the Kapiti Coast in the early 1980’s after living in Rotorua. Marg had fond childhood memories of the area and both she and Ken were keen to put down roots here. Her career started off with a bang when a gang of “wanna be” bank robbers succeeded in blowing up the safe and with it most of its contents, just days after she took up her position. Marg recalls picking up 50c pieces off the 13<sup>th</sup> green (now site of the 10<sup>th</sup> tee).

Jim left some six months after Marg started, at which time she became an employee of the club. With this came an expansion in her duties and hours of work. Those were the days before computerisation came to golf clubs and Marg recalls the hours that went into maintaining the manual membership and financial records. However, it wasn’t all bad as the systems allowed her a degree of flexibility when it came to easing the way for members struggling to meet their subscriptions obligations. Marg regrets the “depersonalisation” which accompanied the arrival of electronic record keeping systems. She also reflects on the personalities of past years when partying which was a significant feature of club life, before the impact of the tougher laws around drink driving. In her words, “the items appearing in the lost property box the following week were most interesting”.

Looking back over her time with the club Marg is positive about the way it has evolved. From her perspective as an administrator, the advent of the board structure was a significant development, improving as it did the quality and speed of governance decision making. The club has had its share of heroes and villains over the years but Marg expresses a fondness for its members and a confidence that it is headed in the right direction.

Over its 50 years the club has benefited from having the services of relatively few course superintendents which has allowed consistency in management practices and enabled successive greens committees to establish a rapport and understanding with the incumbent.



Ron, Marg and Andy

Sandy Smith was the first of these and with John Dixon was instrumental in getting the course established and subsequently improved. Sandy was employed as course superintendent from the club's inception through to 1991, when thanks to a sizeable Lotto win he found himself in a position to explore new horizons.

Three superintendents worked for the club between 1991 and 2009, when the incumbent, Andy Rutter, took on the job.

Steve Martin was arguably the most active of these three. During his tenure, between 1998 and 2008 the course underwent the major transformations described elsewhere. These were driven by a visionary board and a highly energetic club captain in the form of Ian Miller. Ian, and Sandy with the support of many club member volunteers, set the course up in the form we now play it – with the notable exception of the ninth hole of course. The club has benefited considerably from the willingness of members to volunteer their services to help out with building and course maintenance. Harry Ackerman, Bill Bruce, David Ward, and John Peters feature prominently among those who have made major contributions over years.

Andy came on board as a trainee in 2003. Prior to this he worked for a number of years as a joiner and builder. His career change resulted from an interest in turf management which began as a boy while helping out his father who was caretaker and groundsman for Mary Crest convent. Andy was named PPG Trainee of the Year in 2005, and in 2009 took over as superintendent. Commenting on his early days on the greens staff, Andy notes that creating, modifying and remodifying bunkers featured prominently as successive greens committees expressed their preferences for bunker design.

Andy makes the point that course management practices have evolved significantly during his tenure. Ecological and environmental concerns, the impact of climatic change combined with the goal of presenting the course in as near natural form as possible, are resulting in an increasingly scientific approach. This requires the use of narrow spectrum, fit for purpose and more costly chemical sprays, fertilisers and grass varieties. By way of examples: the pesticide spray *Acelepryn*, is proving very effective in controlling most turf damaging bugs without affecting bees; and the grass variety *T1 Creeping Bent*, now being introduced in place of the cooler climate poa on the greens, has superior disease resistance and is better suited to withstand warmer temperatures. *Creeping Bent* is costly, selling for \$1000/10Kg which illustrates the balancing act between cost and effectiveness which Andy regularly confronts.

Andy is proud of his course and the club, and speaks positively of the friendships he has struck up with many of its members.

Ron Olivecrona has been associated with the club since 2007 as a business man, bar manager and highly successful senior player. His early contact came in the form of a representative for a wholesale supplier of golfing equipment, where he worked for 20 years. In 2005 Allan James' then partner in the golf shop wanted to move on offering Ron the opportunity to buy into the business, an offer which he accepted.

This association continued until 2015 when there was a parting of the ways with Allan buying out Ron's share and Ron taking up the bar manager's position with the club, a position which he still holds and enjoys.

Ron is also a golfer of considerable ability. He is tied with Kevin White in terms of club championships; each of them having won five times (see appendix 7). He has also been very active and successful in top level interclub golf. Since his introduction to interclub golf in 1971 Ron has been a member of 16 winning Duncan Cup teams for various clubs in the Wellington District, viz. Hutt, Manor Park and Shandon Golf Clubs, and captained some of these. In 2002, his first year playing in the New Zealand Senior's Championship, he was runner-up and has been regularly well placed in subsequent tournaments. In 2009 and 2010 he was also a member of the New Zealand Senior's Team, which plays an annual competition against Australia.

Ron is positive about the future of the club. He considers the present board as energetic, capable and well focussed.

The club has seen a succession of secretary-managers/general managers over the years (12 in all) that have held the position for varying lengths of time, and with varying degrees of skill. The longer serving of these was Jim Morgan, a jack of all trades including club professional, who was employed from 1978 through to 1987. Geoff McMillan, a former AMP executive, led the club from 1993 until his retirement in 2003 and was in charge during the major course reconstruction period. Blair Coburn, the last general manager, oversaw the subsequent consolidation of the club between 2004 and 2009 when his employment was terminated due to financial constraints. Brian Mann's tenure was probably the shortest. Brian took over from Geoff serving for less than a year before his departure and replacement by Blair.

## **Golfing at Waikanae**

### ***The History in our Trophy Cabinet***

Trophy competitions featured prominently in the club diary from the outset. In fact the financial statements from that time show that engraving was one of the more significant annual expenses for the club.

Garry Smith was a foundation member, club captain from 1990 to 1992, active in the club's social activities and subsequently a generous sponsor. Many trophies have been donated and competitions initiated over the years as can be seen from the annual programme, and, Garry has shed some light on the origins of some of the earliest of these.

- Summer Cup – Initially a mixed tournament based on best aggregate net score over three rounds. It was started to provide a competition over the period between closing and opening days.
- Rita Steel Trophy – A mixed Canadian foursome's event for the cup donated by Rita's family following her untimely death. Rita was a foundation and very popular member of the club.
- White Heron Trophy – Donated by Doug and Honey Rawlings in 1973 to mark the first time that a migrating white heron failed to put in its annual appearance. It started off as a men's trophy which subsequently became a mixed event. Garry reflected on the habit of one Bruce Morpeth, an early club championship player and trophy winner, to keep the cup in his car boot and return it a year later, often in a distinctly "used" condition. All trophies have been retained in the club since Bruce's time!
- Founder's Trophy – A mixed foursome's competition for a rosebowl donated by John Dixon.
- Wairakei Trophy – A combined competition for separate men's and women's trophies which were contested on an annual club trip to play the then Wairakei THC course. Ian "Dunger" Davies, a Wellington car dealer, donated the men's trophy; his wife, Chris, donated the women's trophy in 1974. Entry was restricted to 100 players and for 25 years was routinely oversubscribed. However, changes in drink driving law and social attitudes caused the trip to be abandoned in 1995.
- Top Dog and Top Cat Trophies – These were early fixtures in the club programme, common among golf clubs at the time.

### ***Interclub Highs and Lows***

The club has actively participated in the Wellington regional interclub competition scene from its very early days. In the 1971 annual report, mention is made of the club being involved in the "interclub competitions for which it's eligible". Those early outings brought success.

In 1972 the womens' teams performed with credit in the Bronze Pennants and the men's team won promotion from the Mana Trophy competition to the Dudding Shield. The following year



was less successful, nevertheless Waikanae was still considered to be on a par with other second tier clubs in the WGA's area.

By the mid 1970's the club's teams (now including a Women's Silver Pennants team), were performing with distinction, regularly featuring in top three finishes at zone and district levels and gaining promotions within the grades. By 1979 the club had a men's team entered in the Premier Division which faced the demanding challenge of competing in the President's Salver (36 hole competition). In 1981 the 36 hole team finished in the middle of the field for the salver, as did the 18 hole 2<sup>nd</sup> division team in the Schroder Cup in the subsequent year.

Kevin White, a five times Senior Men's Club Champion (a record only equalled by Ron Olivecrona) and for a time joint holder of the course record of 66, recounts a memorable moment in his Dudding Shield career from this era. Partnering Vern (Scruffy) Williams who was playing the late legendary Neil Nankivell from the Mornington Club, Kevin had won his matches and Vern, playing at No.2 was all square with Neil after 17 holes. Vern made the 18<sup>th</sup> green in regulation; Neil was just off. Neil conceded Vern's putt for par and then proceeded to fluff his approach and take two putts, for a bogey – handing Vern the win and a scalp that he would remember for a long time to come

1981/82 was also one of the vintage years for the club's womens' teams with wins in the Western Zone Amorangi Cup, Gold Coast Trophy and district Bronze Pennants.

Around this time a junior team was entered in the Watt Cup. The initial outing wasn't a success but the team acquitted itself well the following year when it placed 4<sup>th</sup>. A 10 year gap in participation followed as the strength of the club's junior players was considered not up to interclub standard, however, by the early 1990's the juniors, under Harry Cardiff's and Fred Chandler's tutelage, were back in interclub contention. From that point, through to 2005/06, junior teams participated creditably in the Watt Cup and Pennant's, frequently finishing near the top of their grades.



Successful Watt Cup Squad 1993/94

S. Adams, S Dando, C Brown, D Sainsbury, M Sutherland, A Dando, G Thorpe, A

The women's Pennants and Tuakana (from 1990) teams went on to perform consistently well through to the early 2000's. From 2002 women's teams have been regularly in or near the placings. Most notably, in 2002 the Silver Pennants team finished second in zone and fourth in district after a playoff against Wellington Golf Club; in 2004 the Tuakana team won the salver; in 2006 the Silver and Bronze Pennants teams won their divisions and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Tuakana team took out top slot in 2012/13.



Waikanae team, winners of the Tuakana Salver, 2004

In 1990 the Wellington district men's interclub competition was reformatted. In the first year the club fielded two teams to contest the 3<sup>rd</sup> divisions in 18 and 36 hole competitions (an 18 hole 7<sup>th</sup> division team was entered the subsequent year). Two years later the 36-hole team won the Association Cup, the first win since 1978. This was defended the following year and the team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1995/96. Through the latter part of the 1990's the, by now, four men's teams were proving competitive in their various divisions. Between 2000 and 2012 all teams (fluctuating between three and four) held their own, but entries into the place winners' enclosure were relatively few. By 2012 the club was no longer competing in the 36-hole competition but its 18-hole teams were again achieving success. In 2012/13 and 2013/14 all three teams had top three finishes and won promotion in the process.

In keeping with the national growth in players opting for the 9-hole form of the game, WGI has taken the initiative to sponsor men's and women's 9-hole interclub competitions. That for the women got underway first with Waikanae entering teams in the 2013 competition. The men's competition didn't become established until 2017, kick started by the three Kapiti clubs deciding in 2015 to hold an annual, informal triangular competition (in which the Waikanae played active part in establishing).

To round out this brief reconnoitre of the club's interclub accomplishments and as a testament to the efforts of Kevin Smith and the junior coaching volunteers, the outstanding success of junior player Harry Ward is worthy of mention. In 2015/16 Harry, who began playing golf some

four years earlier, became a regular player, and match winner in the men's 3<sup>rd</sup> division at age 11. He has since moved on to further his golfing credentials by playing in the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club's Duncan Cup team.

## ***Characters and Champions***

Geoff McMillan (long-serving club secretary-manager) recalls the magpies which used to be commonplace on the course and abtually vicious at nesting time. The Greater Wellington Regional Council was called in to offer advice on how these pests could be brought under control. Their solution was a trap cage that could hold about six birds, using "bait" in the form of a bird from elsewhere. The theory was that the local magpies would come to check it out and get caught. Good idea in principle; the trouble was that a number of lady members playing early felt sorry for the trapped birds and released them. Regional Council staff were not at all impressed at this turn of events and, according to Geoff, promptly excluded the club from the control programme.



Dream Team

Jill Bolland and Jill Higgins with "Guests" Christian and Tana

A highlight in the club's golfing programme from 2010 to 2014 was the Quinovic Pro-am, where professional golfers competed for \$10000 in prize money. This called for a supreme effort from the greens staff and "volunteer corps", under the ever watchful eye of Ed Isaac, to get the course and clubhouse surrounds looking at their best. The high quality fields included leading New Zealand and Australian amateurs and professionals, as well as the odd celebrity, such as Christian Cullen. Usually pleasant February weather and a course in top condition made for good golf, with professional Fraser Wilkin establishing the course record of 63 in 2013 (see Appendix 3), and club member Roger Broadbelt taking the top amateur slot with a round of 70 in 2012.

Heather Gay, a foundation member and for many years a very successful silver competition player in New Zealand and Australia, including winning a second placing in the World Women's Left Hander competition, also has a colourful past. Her early training as a nurse took place in Rotorua where she also had her introduction to golf on the Arikikapaka course, with a \$5 set of clubs. She subsequently spent time nursing in Scotland, outback Australia, Tasmania and the Pacific Islands, where she again took up golf using clubs purchased from a six foot tall male expatriate teacher returning to New Zealand (Heather stands around five foot two).

Once back in New Zealand she took a job as Assistant Superintendent at Arohata Women's Borstal as a change from nursing. This brought her into contact with the newly formed Pauatahanui Golf Club, which she assisted by providing a substantial loan to help it become established, and also driving the tractor and gang mower from time to time.

Next the task of managing the Otaki Health Camp came Heather's way. This combined her nursing and administration experience. She became a member of Otaki Golf Club but, as she was living in Waikanae at the time of the club's opening, subsequently transferred her membership there. At the time there was only one other woman member, a silver player Mrs P Pennell, so joining the men members for golf was a routine, weekly event.

Heather has been Women's Club Champion twice, in 1987 and 1997, has made three holes-in-one during her career - on the then 10<sup>th</sup> in 1988, the 14<sup>th</sup> in 1994 and fourth in 2009, as well as representing the Western Zone on Wellington Golf Inc's women's committee.

A notable success in women's golf in the club, well worthy of acknowledgement was achieved by Shirley Parkinson (six time Women's Club Champion) when she won the 1996 New Zealand Women's Foursomes partnered by her sister Mrs B Birchall.

An early club member was Group Captain Colin Gray. Gray was an RAF fighter pilot in the Battle of Britain and later in North Africa, with a tally of some 25 'kills' without having been shot down himself. He later became CEO of Unilever in Petone and a member of the club. Colin had a very early version of a golf buggy, resembling a "go-cart" on big castors. True to his early calling his habit was to career round the course on this contraption still chasing down ME109s.

The late Eric Osboldstone who joined in 1978, was a long standing, popular member of the club. He served in the RAF in WW2 stationed in India, flying Bristol Beauforts on missions against the Japanese in Indochina where he was shot down and interred in a Japanese POW camp.

Always the enthusiast, Eric was an active contributor to his community, embraced various fads and diets over his lifetime, and had a genuine concern for those less fortunate. He was an active committee member and was instrumental in getting the midweek men's section underway, using his grocery connections to supply weekly prizes (often past their use-by-date), bought at knock down prices. Eric was an extrovert, remembered for doing a regular turn with his wife Betty as Mr and Mrs Claus at the club's Christmas competition.

Another war vet who, although not known for his golfing prowess, certainly deserve recognition for his great longevity in the sport was the late John Gorton. John's health finally let him down and he played his last game in 2017, at the tender age of 94. At the start of WW2 John, a newly qualified pilot, answered the call and shipped out to Britain to serve with the RAF. His job was to fly low level reconnaissance sorties over France identifying gun placements and troop movements. Life expectancy in this line of work was limited, however, John managed to survive and went on to hold senior engineering management positions in England and New Zealand

after the war. He became a club member in 1983 and was a regular player, latterly in the 9-hole form of the game, until 2017. By no means a big hitter, his accuracy ensured that he received a regular mention when the prizes were handed out at the end of his round.

Waikanae's members have also been involved with the sport of golf in more than a playing capacity.

Cliff Martin is an international golf referee with an impressive record of officiating at major tournaments. He is the only New Zealand referee who has been to the Australian Men's Open three times, the Australian Ladies Open once and the Pacific Islands Games in PNG; as well being involved in the last eight New Zealand Opens.

Bryan and Jeanette Futter, although no longer active club members have, between them, made a significant contribution to the sport and our club.

Bryan was already an established golfer at the now defunct Boulcott Golf Club when he introduced Jeanette to the game. They have each won multiple senior championships at Boulcott, and Bryan's course record of 64 still stood at the time Boulcott and Hutt Golf Clubs merged their operations.

This success continued when they moved to Waikanae in 1990 and joined the Waikanae Golf Club. Jeanette quickly became Women's Club Captain, was Women's Champion five times and still holds the women's course record of 75, recorded in 2001 (see Appendix 3). Bryan has also had success and was Men's Champion in 1990.

However, it is their contributions off the course which make the Futtters unique. Bryan has been a referee at an international level for over 20 years and has officiated at many top level championships. The ones which he remembers most fondly are the "Tiger Woods NZ Open" at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club in 2001 and the first NZ Open played on the Hills course. Now unable to take an active part in golf due to a stroke suffered recently, Bryan remains a life member of the Wellington Golf Referees' Association.

Jeanette has served in the top echelons of New Zealand golf for over 20 years from 1986 and 2010. Initially involved in Wellington district women's golf administration and governance, she served two separate terms as district president, for a total of six years, along with periods as interprovincial team selector and manager. In 2003 she was appointed to the board of Women's Golf New Zealand and following the amalgamation with the men's national body in 2005, was elected as a vice president and then to the board of New Zealand Golf. She has been instrumental in fostering the women's game in New Zealand, including the New Zealand Women's Open and has assisted in enabling Waikanae Golf Club to host national men's and women's tournaments.

Course record holders and men's and women's club champions are recorded in Appendices 3 and 6 respectively.

Two members of the successful Watt team (pictured page 28) who went on to successful careers in golf coaching and administration are Geoff Thorpe and Dominic Sainsbury. Both became professional coaches. Dominic taught and coached at the Myerscough College in Lancashire (associated with the Universities of Central Lancashire and Lancaster) for eight years. Geoff took a year out in 2004 to work for Dominic at Myerscough. Geoff is now Director of High Performance Golf with the NZGA, where he looks after player development and New

Zealand teams, while Dominic is the newly appointed manager of the NZPGA. Geoff stresses the critical importance of the junior programme run by Harry Cardiff, Colin Brown and Fred Chandler in shaping both his and Dominic's success in golf.

Steve Williams had a longstanding association with the club, stretching back to its early days. At the age of 12 he caddied for Allan James then playing in Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club's Duncan Cup team. He frequently spent the night at the James' house after play and was accustomed to heading down to the course to look for golf balls to supplement his pocket money. Allan recalls that on one of these missions John Dixon spotted Steve and gave chase. John apparently had an aversion to junior players and golf ball hunters so Steve struck out on both counts. To "evade capture" Steve took to the Ngarara stream swamp and managed to lurk underwater breathing, through a reed while John, with dog, searched high and low. Steve became an active and generous supporter of the club through his association with Allan. From 2000 through 2005 he held an annual tournament for the benefit of his junior golf foundation which concluded with a dinner and charity auction, frequently including Tiger Woods memorabilia, with the club also benefiting financially from these occasions.



Steve Putting on the 9th

A feature at Waikanae over the years has been the number of men's golfing groups, enjoying fairly original names, who enjoy a regular game together. The more prominent and enduring of these are described below

The "Swampies" was the name given to a group of men golfers, who for various reasons were keen to play early on Sunday.

Because they were playing too early for the usual club competitions they ran their own game with a variety of penalties, the main one being a jug of beer on the table at the 19<sup>th</sup> if any shot ended in a pond or swamp. Over the years the group grew in numbers, with around 24

regulars by 2004. Although not involved in the club's competitions they have been strong supporters of its activities.

The "Quinovic" Group of Saturday players was formed about 25 years ago when several Wellington golfing friends either moved to Waikanae or purchased holiday homes in the area and joined the golf club. Some of men's partners also played in their own group, adding to a small but friendly social group. Over time the numbers grew to about 25 men and eight women players, which is still the current number. The group took on the name "Quinovic" after the company managing an online booking system for the players.

The group has been active in the club with many of its number serving on the board and various committees as well as participating in course maintenance work. Its members contribute regularly to the "Cardy Fund" named for the late Brian Cardiff, who was a popular club member until his death in 2017. Money raised by the fund has contributed to course and facilities improvements.

The so-called "Friday Federated Farmers" is an informal group of up to 24 male club members who, since about 2007, began playing from the blue tees on Fridays and occasionally on Wednesdays. The name was coined by Ron Olivecrona who adopted it as shorthand for the group's tee bookings. Most of the group's regular members play blue tees on Sundays and many play interclub, but any men members who turn up for the blind draw are welcome to join in and enjoy the challenge of competitive golf in a spirit of banter-rich camaraderie.

The "Federated Farmers" group has been a generous in its support of the club, thanks to an elaborate system of fines that has raised more than \$12,000. Projects that have been funded include the remediation of a number of tee blocks, improving access around the course for players and machinery by replacing bridges and tee block steps, as well as initiatives such as meeting the consenting costs for the new practice shelter and sponsoring teams for the annual Halberg Day fund-raiser. Most recently the "Farmers", as well as the midweek men, have made generous donations to the club to support the remodelling of the ninth hole.

## ***Junior Golf***

Through the 1960's little effort was put into promoting Junior Golf. In general this applied to most golf clubs. However, by 1972 Waikanae Golf Club had 27 young members with some players good enough to enter a team in the prestigious Wellington Watt Cup competition later in 1979.

Ian Steel was one of the lads who became a fine golfer along with Kevin White, Ken Wikely and Bruce Morpeth. Unfortunately, as the team broke up through age disqualification and beginning work, there were insufficient new members coming through and junior golf went into decline and was not revived till 1991.

Colin Brown, who had then recently joined Waikanae from the Rangitira Golf Club, co-opted Fred Chandler and Harry Cardiff, all retired members, to rejuvenate the recruitment and the coaching of school age children.

Local schools were visited and clinics were held, and regular coaching commenced, both at the

schools and on the course. All the equipment used by the youngsters in the early days of the coaching programmes was donated by club members. Money to pay the cost of advanced coaching from a teaching professional and to cover other expenses including club shirts and travelling expenses for out of district competition was raised by the three veterans who used their wide circle of contacts for sponsorship for the emerging youngsters.

By 1994 junior membership reached 50, and included four girls. Two teams were entered into the Junior Pennants Wellington competition and a six man Watt Cup team (under 23 years) playing in the Wellington Regional Competition. The Watt Cup squad were runners up to Paraparaumu, and had beaten the highly rated Miramar Team which included many future Duncan Cup players

In 1995 the Junior Pennants A team won the Western Zone competition and were narrowly beaten in the Wellington final at Heretaunga. The same year the junior squad won the J De Bernardo Shield at Otaki, open to all clubs on the West Coast.

Three professional golfers emerged from this era, Dominic Sainsbury, Greg Thorpe and James Funnell. Members of the Watt Cup squad also distinguished themselves in representing Wellington and New Zealand, namely Alan Jones, Greg Thorpe and David James, who also captained the Wellington provincial team in 2002.

In the mid-2000's Mike Jennings was a club member, a parent of one of the juniors and was the Junior Convener. His son James was one of about half a dozen teenage juniors playing at the club at that time. Their handicaps ranged from single figures to 20s, so most of them were quite proficient and participated in Junior Interclub in the Wellington Area. They received regular coaching from the Golf Professional Kevin Smith. Mike Jennings finished as Junior Convener once James and the others moved away from the area for work or to attend university.

As a result the junior coaching again lapsed for a number of years, until Ed Isaac as Club Captain encouraged David Bayvel to volunteer to take on the role of convener. This led to the formulation of a Junior Coaching Programme setting out the requirements for reinvigorating junior golf at the club. Key initiatives were developing a strategic plan, obtaining the required resources including generous financial support from the Eagles Golfing Society and the Wattam Estate, recruiting and training a group of enthusiastic community coaches, promoting the junior programme in local schools and, importantly, keeping the cost of enrolment in the programme low.

This programme was well supported by the club and members who provided essential financial and other resources to assist in acquiring the necessary equipment and a club storage area. In addition, the red tees were established, meeting the NZGA requirements for juniors. The programme proved very successful, becoming well established due to the time and commitment of many community coaches and the organisation, leadership and initiatives of the Junior Golf Programme Committee. Members of this committee have been David Bayvel (chair and convener until 2014) who was succeeded by David Mellor, and David Clark, Ian Douglas, Marcia Guest, Rob Harland, Carolyn Hawe, Wynn Ingram, Ken Kissling, Jan Ward and Adam Walding. Kevin Smith has remained an active and valuable member of that committee and the coaching effort throughout most of this period.

Testament to the programme's effectiveness are the junior members who have represented Wellington in senior and/or junior teams and were selected for the Wellington Junior Golf



Academy, included James Jennings, Gray Laurenson, Alex Sanchez-Lopez, Fergus Aitken, Elija Manuel Harry and Ollie Ward and Alex Prentice. Harry has also been a regular member of the club's men's interclub teams as well as the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club's Watt Cup and more latterly Duncan Cup teams. Also, Ollie Ward, Jamie Sturman, Jaden Fearon, Oakley Fearon and Max Wynne-Jones have been part of a combined Kapiti Junior Pennants Interclub Team.

## **Social Golf**

Soon after the formation of the club, a proposal was put forward to organise a social weekend of golf at Wairakei, but it was not until May 1971 that arrangements were finalised for 62 men and women to make the trip.

Playing at the Wairakei course and staying at the hotel resort was such a success that the outing became an annual event into the 1990's.

For the 1971 trip two shields were presented by Chris and Ian Davie for the best gross scores for men and women. These shields now hang in the clubhouse recording past winners.

Although these social trips have now ceased, the Wairakei Shields are still played for annually and included in the official club programme.

On one of these trips in the 1990's, when the group were on the way back from the Wairakei course to their accommodation at the Tokaanu Hotel and were all invited into Maureen and Bill Reilly's holiday home at Mission Bay for drinks. The party was going on quite nicely when Garry Smith went out to his car and came back with a bottle of gin in each hand. As organiser of the trip he took the opportunity to make a short speech of appreciation of the hospitality, and concluded by asking everyone to put their hands together. Unfortunately, he did the same but was still holding on to his two bottles of gin. It took a while to clean up the mess on the carpet!

On several occasions over the years, various groups within the club have organised away golfing holidays within New Zealand and Australia.

During 1989 a certain member of the Mid-Week Men's Committee read of a golfing group formed in Great Britain, known as the "Pink Ball Club", members of which were mostly senior golf administrators. Each year the group's secretary would organise a mystery trip, paid for by the members participating. Most of these trips were within Great Britain and France, but they did on one occasion travel to Sun City in South Africa.

The mystery trip idea appealed and was adopted by the mid-week men in 1989. The first game was played at the Rangitira Club at Hunterville. For some years two such trips were made each year to various courses, playing under "pink ball" rules. Only the club's president knew of each destination. Until 1998 a full bus load would make the trip, and even though members participating have dropped away, the "Pink Ball Shield" is still played for in teams of four.

This was social golf at its best and most memorable. Later the ladies section of the club took up the idea of Mystery Trips and played under "pink ball" rules, as specified by the British Club.

## **A Final word from the President**

Fifty years ago a farmer with a love for golf set out a few holes on his land and laid the foundation for the Waikanae Golf Club. As we look back over those 50 years of golf I pay tribute to the many volunteers and a relatively small number of staff who have contributed to transforming that 9-hole country course into the beautiful and wonderfully challenging golf course we enjoy today. Inevitably some mistakes were made along the way but the successful, vibrant club we now have would suggest that more right decisions were made than wrong ones.

At a time when most clubs are struggling with declining membership and financial problems, we are in the happy situation of having modest debt, a balanced budget and stable membership. Perhaps not as many members as we like would and certainly a far cry from the 800 plus of the millennium years, but our membership situation is such that we can face the future with a degree of confidence.

The future cannot be known to us and there will undoubtedly be challenges to be faced, however, I have every expectation that when 2069 comes around the club will still be a valuable asset within this community and the President of the day will be looking back on another 50 years of good golfing, camaraderie and selfless service to the Waikanae Golf Club.



Graeme Wallis  
Club President

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Wynn Ingram  
March 2019

## Appendix I

### A Busy 50 Years

1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Dixon opens 9 hole course, comprising par 3's, par 4's with two bunkers.</li> </ul>
1969	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waikanae Golf Club Inc opened on 4<sup>th</sup> May by Patron Sir Thomas McDonald.</li> <li>• Ralph Jenkins the first professional to give lessons on the course.</li> <li>• Higher handicaps reduced to 24 for club competitions.</li> <li>• Ken Wikely first Junior to be allowed to play in all competitions at age 14.</li> <li>• Entry into Pennants B Grade Competitions</li> <li>• Women's Golf section formed by Georgie Johnson, Trixie Lewis and Jill Higgins.</li> </ul>
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladies hold first 9-hole competition.</li> <li>• First "Top Dog" competition held.</li> <li>• 18 holes brought into play.</li> </ul>
1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First "Wairakei Trip" on 25 May - 62 players took part.</li> </ul>
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First proposal for new club facilities for a price of \$120,000.</li> <li>• Price of jug of beer increased to 50¢, spirits 10¢!</li> <li>• Bruce Morpeth sets a course record of 69.</li> </ul>
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bar coupons introduced for members.</li> <li>• Ken Foxton first Professional appointed.</li> <li>• Original 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> retired and replaced, 18<sup>th</sup> extended.</li> <li>• Maori Head adopted for club badge, with blazers to be light blue.</li> </ul>
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winners of the Men's Dunlop Cup for B" grade teams.</li> </ul>
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladies enter Silver and Bronze Pennants Teams in Wellington Competition.</li> <li>• 10 year lease with Waikanae Country Club Ltd.</li> <li>• NAC Tournament held on the course.</li> </ul>
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course granted A grade status.</li> <li>• Course offered for sale by Waikanae Country Club.</li> <li>• Ladies runners up to Manor Park in Silver and Bronze Divisions.</li> <li>• Men invited to play in Dudding Shield (but not Duncan Cup).</li> </ul>
1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host Wellington Provincial Stroke Play Championship – first A grade assignment.</li> </ul>
1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Pennell and B Gill runners up in Provincial Foursomes.</li> <li>• Dudding Shield win and promotion to President's Silver Salver.</li> <li>• Women win Silver Zone final but miss out on Wellington final.</li> </ul>
1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First of three pro-am tournaments for purses of \$1,500 won by Craig Owens with a 65, member Kevin Coles best amateur on 68.</li> <li>• First Watt Cup Team (under 19) have two wins.</li> <li>• Joining fee abolished.</li> <li>• Host Wellington Intermediate Championships.</li> </ul>
1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Hall establishes the men's course record of 67.</li> </ul>
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women win Amorangi Cup in 8 Western Districts plus Gold Coast Trophy and Bronze Pennants Interzone Final.</li> </ul>
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined Wairakei trip with Wainuiomata – trophies donated by Garry Smith.</li> </ul>

1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nancy McCormack Competition included in weekend programme. First winners - D Ackerman and R Patterson.</li> <li>• Cynthia Finn sets women's course record of 74.</li> </ul>
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynthia Finn sets new women's course record of 73.</li> <li>• Burglars blow safe through roof of foyer, \$2,000 taken.</li> <li>• Mid-Week Men's Committee set up.</li> <li>• BNZ approves \$100,000 loan towards course purchase.</li> </ul>
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course bought from J Dixon.</li> </ul>
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Liddle donates shrubs and trees, planted and tended by Syd Easton.</li> </ul>
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club buys 9 holes leased from Moss Smith.</li> <li>• Host prequalification rounds for the NZ Open, also in 1990 -1993.</li> </ul>
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9-hole membership category proposed.</li> </ul>
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work commences on new 9th green.</li> <li>• Shirley Parkinson and Karen Miller win Nancy McCormack Competition.</li> <li>• Women win Zone finals in both Silver and Bronze.</li> <li>• Bryan Futter and David Smith win Wellington Provincial Foursomes.</li> </ul>
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pine trees planted between 16th and 17th fairways.</li> <li>• Construction commences on new 18th hole – opened Feb 1993.</li> <li>• Irrigation of some greens and surrounds commences.</li> <li>• Red Tees introduced for women.</li> <li>• 36 hole interclub team wins Wellington Final at Te Marua.</li> </ul>
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of lounge and shifting of bar completed.</li> <li>• Vets Stroke Play Tournament ("Tower Tournament") attracts players from throughout the North Island.</li> <li>• Australian professional Lucien Tinkler scores a record 61 on the old course in a NZ Open prequal round.</li> <li>• Computerised watering system to greens, tees and surrounds donated by Mrs. Paddy Brow.</li> <li>• Extensions to club house and shop.</li> </ul>
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</li> <li>• Greenkeeper apprentice, Martin Sutherland, is awarded a NZ Scholarship to USA.</li> </ul>
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Keating scores an albatross on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Drink Fountain completed by John Blake.</li> <li>• Juniors win Western Zone Final.</li> </ul>
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club colours and logo approved at Annual General Meeting.</li> <li>• Jodie Peters, first junior hole in one.</li> </ul>
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pond by 18<sup>th</sup> green constructed with water fountain donated by Heather Gay.</li> </ul>
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New shop contract let to Ian Thorpe and Allan James.</li> <li>• A two year trial of a Board of Management governance structure approved by an SGM. Board installed in June.</li> <li>• Revised constitution approved by Registrar of Societies.</li> <li>• Board decides to acquire the Pharazyn Estate land occupied by 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes.</li> <li>• Clubhouse deck extension approved.</li> </ul>

1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharazyn Estate accepts offer of \$23,500 plus survey of \$3,500.</li> <li>• Re-development of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, temporary course layout.</li> <li>• Nelson Crosbie awarded Life Membership.</li> </ul>
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-development of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> holes.</li> <li>• First Steve Williams Classic.</li> <li>• Revised governance structure approved at May SGM.</li> </ul>
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract signed for fairway watering, with approval to take water from Waimeha Stream.</li> <li>• Management and Rules registered to have club controlled by Board of Management.</li> <li>• Relocated 10<sup>th</sup> green ready for play.</li> <li>• Jeanette Futter sets the women's record for redeveloped course of 75.</li> <li>• Tiger Williams puts in an appearance with Steve Williams and Allan James.</li> </ul>
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund-raising committee formed to finance projected club house extensions.</li> <li>• New green's complex built at a cost of \$118,197.</li> </ul>
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage I clubhouse development commenced and completed in 2005, for \$200,000.</li> </ul>
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Veteran Golfer's Championship</li> </ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting rights extended to 9-hole members, subscription 75% full playing rate.</li> </ul>
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage II clubhouse development financing options announced – Hodgkins Rd sale critical.</li> </ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hodgkins Rd sale abandoned due to Environment Court ruling.</li> <li>• Jill Higgins made Life Member.</li> <li>• Clubhouse development deferred.</li> <li>• National Women's Under 19 Tournament, field included Lydia Koh.</li> <li>• National Women's Stroke Play Tournament; pro-am raises \$13,000.</li> </ul>
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land on 17<sup>th</sup> hole gifted by Pharazyn Trust.</li> <li>• Land swap with Halls; former 1<sup>st</sup> tee for land east 9<sup>th</sup> green.</li> <li>• New pitching and chipping greens.</li> <li>• General Manager's role disestablished.</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenfee discounts agreed between Otaki, Levin &amp; Waikanae GCs.</li> <li>• All men's interclub teams win their grades.</li> <li>• First Quinovic Pro-am.</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightning strike on pumphouse – affects all clubhouse electrics.</li> <li>• Junior golf coaching resumed under David Bayvel's direction.</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marg reaches 25 years of service.</li> <li>• Junior "Gateway" coaching programme launched with a \$3500 grant from golfing sections.</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Olivecrona sets men's amateur course record of 66.</li> <li>• Fraser Wilkin sets professional men's course record of 63.</li> <li>• Club hosts Wellington Stroke Play Championship.</li> <li>• Club well represented in WGI junior talent ID day.</li> <li>• Div 11 Men's Interclub team promoted to Div 10.</li> </ul>

2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quinovic withdraws from annual pro-am.</li> <li>• 9-hole women first year in WGI interclub competition.</li> <li>• Div 2 Men's Interclub team promoted to Div 1 and Div 6 to Div 5.</li> <li>• Start made on felling pine trees between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fairways.</li> <li>• Women's course handicap altered..</li> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> tee refurbished.</li> <li>• Wameha Village development and removal of pine trees on 9<sup>th</sup> announced.</li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9-hole membership subscription adjusted to 60% level of full playing rate.</li> <li>• Notification received of a possible Waahi Tapu involving 9<sup>th</sup> green.</li> </ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Stevens wins stableford, records two x 2's, the "trophy hole" and the raffle on a Mid Week Men away competition at Levin.</li> <li>• Complement of elected board members increased to six.</li> <li>• Twilight golf successfully re-launched, helped by new caterer Party Perfect.</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn Hawe selected for the Wellington Senior Interprovincial team.</li> <li>• DotGolf computerized scoring system replaces Autoscore.</li> <li>• Oliver Maxwell takes over golf shop from long time proprietor Allan James.</li> <li>• Shelter on practice range erected with bequest from long time member, Peter Zander.</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realigned 9<sup>th</sup> fairway in play.</li> <li>• Office Treaty Settlements land banks Transit NZ carpark land for 10 years.</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2

### Course Length Comparison

Hole	1975 <sup>1</sup>	2019 <sup>2</sup>
1	355	330
2	158	157
3	288	367
4	165	144
5	339	415
6	264	354
7	352	358
8	198	111
9	454	221
10	160	409
11	146	350
12	285	136
13	368	413
14	306	320
16	400	249
17	204	307
18	434	474
In	2634	2794
Out	2573	2457
Total	5216	5251

1. Score card supplied by Julie Simpson

2. Men's white tees, temporary tee 9th hole

## Appendix 3

### Records Set

On 8<sup>th</sup> February 1993 Australian Professional, Lucien Tinkler, shot 61 on the old 18 hole layout (5356 metres).

The Amateur Club member course record on the old course layout is held by Mark Keating - 63 recorded in 1999, including an Albatross 2 on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole using a 6 iron for his second shot.

Australian professional, Fraser Wilkin established a record of 63 during on the current course in the 2013 Quinovic Pro-am.

WILKIN Fraser (P)										Member ID	Date	Walkscore	TM	HC1990	Course HC	Gross																
Fraser Wilkin										990 0045	05/02/13 AM	BLUE	0	0	0	63																
Hole	Green	Par	Stroke	Gross Score						Stroke	Par	Stroke	Gross Score						Stroke	Par												
1	360	4	7	2	3	1	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	10	458	5	12	1	2	3	1	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4		
2	183	3	9	1	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	2	11	395	4	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	
3	368	4	8	1	2	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	3	12	173	3	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	3
4	181	3	11	1	2	4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	3	13	416	4	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	3
5	487	5	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	14	148	3	16	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	2	
6	368	4	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	15	335	4	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	
7	366	4	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	16	309	4	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	5	
8	118	3	16	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	3	17	319	4	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	3	
9	438	5	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	18	518	5	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	4	
OUT	2849	35		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P	31		371	36													32	

The women's record on the new layout (5,283 metres) is held by Jeannette Futter who recorded a 75 on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2001.

The Walkscore Hole										Super Liquor										Friend sponsors of the Walkscore Golf Club									
MEN					WOMEN					MEN					WOMEN					PLAYER INFORMATION									
HOLE	GREEN	PAR	STROKE	SCORE	HOLE	GREEN	PAR	STROKE	SCORE	HOLE	GREEN	PAR	STROKE	SCORE	HOLE	GREEN	PAR	STROKE	SCORE	DATE 1-7-01									
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2	183	3	3	157	14	2	183	3	141	15	2	183	3	141	MEMBER ID No: 1152														
3	368	4	4	369	4	3	368	4	3	364	4	3	364	HOME CLUB: ANPM															
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5	487	5	5	416	12	5	487	5	328	8	5	487	5	328	COURSE HANDICAP 9														
6	368	4	4	358	6	6	368	4	310	6	6	368	4	310	COURSE INFORMATION CLUB ID No. 441														
7	366	4	4	356	2	7	366	4	347	12	7	366	4	347	Please tick course played														
8	118	3	3	111	16	8	118	3	93	14	8	118	3	93	NZ COURSE No. 1796 1797 1700 2217														
9	438	5	5	400	10	9	438	5	341	2	9	438	5	341	NZSCR 70.5 68.1 73.7 89.9														
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11	395	3	4	371	1	11	395	3	329	1	11	395	3	329	EVENT: 1st Annual Shotgun														
12	173	3	3	134	13	12	173	3	97	19	12	173	3	97	GROSS 75 NET GROSS														
13	416	4	4	361	3	13	416	4	351	7	13	416	4	351	COURSE HANDICAP 9														
14	148	3	3	136	15	14	148	3	129	17	14	148	3	129	NETT 66 PUTTS														
15	335	4	4	328	7	15	335	4	215	9	15	335	4	215	STARLETFOUR (44) TWOS														
16	309	4	4	264	17	16	309	4	245	15	16	309	4	245	COMBINED SCORE 2   4   8   12   14														
17	319	4	4	307	11	17	319	4	302	11	17	319	4	302	PARTNER'S NAME: J. D. S. J.														
18	518	5	5	488	5	18	518	5	483	3	18	518	5	483	PLAYER SIGN: J. Futter														
19	3071	36	2788		36	25	50	15	2679	36	2488			MANAGER SIGN: J. D. S. J.															
OUT	2849	35	2648		39	27	45	19	2604	32	2332			MEMBER ID No. 1152															
TTT	5920	71	5447		75	44	95	34	5283	74	4810			MEMBER ID No. 1152															



## **Appendix 4**

### **Extract from the Chairman's 2001 Report**

“The year has been an active one for development of the course and, for the record; the following work has been completed.

- New tees have been built and watered on hole numbers 2, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.
- Soft areas to the left of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway and in front of the green repaired.
- New green and fairway extensions have been developed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> holes.
- New green for 10<sup>th</sup> hole formed and grassed [using turfs] from old 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> greens.
- Wet area in front of 11<sup>th</sup> tee dug out and pond formed.
- Pond beside 18<sup>th</sup> green rebuilt and reduced in size.
- New chipping and pitching area built and watered with rope fence surround.
- Construction of three bay driving nets.
- Completion of wooden paving area around shop and erection of a trellis fence.
- New golf ball tee markers and golf bag rubbish bins provided for all tees, together with four new ball washers and shoe cleaners.
- Main access bridge repiled.
- Contract let for fairway watering, with installation to take place over 2001-2002; resource consent for water usage obtained and required new pump and headworks installed.
- Access bridge to new 10<sup>th</sup> green built.

## Appendix 5

### Trees Around Our Course

golden totara  
azalea  
lemon wood  
robinia  
banksia  
hydrangea  
camellia  
lance wood  
photinia  
cherry  
mahonia  
karaka  
kowhai  
kauri

swaines gold conifer  
kohekohe  
silver birch  
blue cedar  
norfolk island pine  
pohutukawa  
green and white lilies  
five finger  
quintinia  
coloured broom  
jasmine  
safari sunset  
pittosporum  
cabbage tree

flax  
oak  
griselinia  
titoki  
eugenia  
agapanthas  
purple ake ake  
common elder  
pukanui  
sycamore  
stone pine  
bottle brush  
toon  
aconis



## Appendix 6

### Club Champions Through the Years

Year	Men's Champion	Women's Champion
1969	J Kershaw	
1970	J Kershaw	
1971	B Morpeth	
1972	B Morpeth	P Pennell
1973	B Morpeth	P Pennell
1974	M Williams	P Pennell
1975	R Yarrell	P Pennell
1976	B Morpeth	P Pennell
1977	V Williams	C Davie
1978	K White	P Pennell
1979	I Steel	G Dymond
1980	M Ingram	D Ackerman
1981	M Ingram	F Connolly
1982	M Ingram	G Dymond
1983	K White	C Finn
1984	K White	C Finn
1985	I Steel	S Parkinson
1986	K White	S Parkinson
1987	K White	H Gay
1988	D Smith	I Hanna
1989	A Dando	I Hanna
1990	B Futter	P Power
1991	W Saul	J Futter
1992	A Jones	S Parkinson
1993	J Aldridge	S Parkinson
1994	G Thorpe	S Parkinson
1995	S Adams	J Futter
1996	K Houghton	A Miles
1997	J Peters	H Gay
1998	G Holland	A Miles
1999	J Peters	J Fink
2000	R Hack	J Futter
2001	R Gerrand	J Futter
2002	C Judd	A Ricketts
2003	C Judd	J Futter
2004	R Gerrand	J Futter
2005	G Quinn	A Hadfield
2006	R Cooper	S Parkinson
2007	R Olivecrona	L Bruce
2008	R Cooper	J Bolland
2009	R Olivecrona	J McLaren
2010	R Olivecrona	J Bolland
2011	K Houghton	R Henderson
2012	R Olivecrona	C Hawe
2013	R Olivecrona	C Hawe
2014	A Walding	C Hawe
2015	K Houghton	R Henderson
2016	R Kinealy	
2017	G Coutts	C Hawe
2018	R Naylor	C Hawe



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