

## Newsletter April 4 2011

### **Golf Northland Executive Officer**

Eric Scott who is our new Executive Officer has been making himself familiar with the job, and some of you will have met him. His cell phone number is 021 707 426. However he will be away from 11-26 April. There will be an alternate number on his cell answerphone during this time. Contact can also be made through the Golf Northland email address [admin@golfnorthland.co.nz](mailto:admin@golfnorthland.co.nz).

### **Golf Northland Phonenumber**

We no longer operate a landline number. All phone contact is through the EO cellphone at 021 707 426.

### **Golf Northland Website**

Remember you can put club news on the site. Contact Rob Pelsky at [robmannz01@hotmail.com](mailto:robmannz01@hotmail.com).

### **Golf Northland Representative Teams**

The first men's trial event for seniors masters and junior men is the Tom Bonnington tournament at Mangawhai on 27/28 May.

Our annual interprovincial clash with North Harbour will be on 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Current plans are for Men's teams of 10 Seniors, 6 Masters, 4 Under 19 and 4 Under 16, and for 4 Women to compete.

### **Juniors - results of the Tiger Tournament held at Waipu GC 27 March**

While the day was overcast and there was some drizzly rain, the 52 competitors made the most of the fact that there was little, or no wind, to post some pretty impressive scores.

Winners in the main competition were:

Boys 12-14      Liam Young      Gross 38      2<sup>nd</sup> - Braden Keown (39)      3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Julian Fowler(39)

NB      Julian won the Under 11 section last year, so did really well to finish in the top three for the 12-14 Division this year.

Boys U11      Blake Cooper      Gross 58      2<sup>nd</sup> - Bradley Foster (59)      3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Daniel Orr (76)

Girls 12-14      Brooke Kingi      Gross 39      2<sup>nd</sup> - Shanice Croft-Kemp(47)      3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Jodi Macalister(49)

Girls U11      Soktaera Sean      Gross 53      2<sup>nd</sup> - Soktaerodh Sean (53)      3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Taylor Wyatt-Logan(66)

NB      The Sean twins finished with the same score after 9 holes and had to continue on to a sudden death playoff. Soktaera, who won this event at Northland Golf Club last year, beat her sister to go forward to the Nationals again this year. In 2009 Soktaera had only just put in enough cards to get a 54.4 handicap - she is currently playing off 21, regularly shooting rounds in the 80's and 90's.

The youngest player in the field was two year old Kaiser Jacoby - first born to Kylie Wilson (ex touring professional lady golfer).

Eight players in the second division competition shot scores in the 40's with Shaydi Smith winning first place with a gross score of 42.

Waipu Golf Club's Grant Weston, and his merry band of helpers did an awesome job throughout the day. Thanks also to sponsors More FM (Emma) and Harvey World Travel (Rod) for helping to add to the fun of the day. For my part, I was pretty much the 'conductor' - bit hard to run around on two crutches!

Bronnie Winter    GDM

## **Notes from the March NZGolf Forum**

In recognition of the difficulty that many younger players have with end of year examinations clashes NZGolf are considering changing the date of the Women's Interprovincial to April/May for 2012.

9 hole golf has grown 10 percent in 2010.

NZ golf is looking into a package to guide golf clubs who might have to make a joint venture with another club or sport due to the economic climate.

The R&A have sent \$50k to the Christchurch golf clubs to assist with the repair of earthquake damage. Contributions have also been made from the Tautarangi fund and also from Japan.

NZ golf levies to stay the same for the 2011-12 year.

The MAP scheme is the best insurance scheme to cover equipment for club members. It also provides considerable coverage for clubs and returns some funds to junior golf in each district. If you are not paying the very minimal annual MAP fee of less than \$6, ask your club why not.

## **Neil Sorensen for Golf Northland**

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