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Golf Northland Website

Remember you can put club news on the site. Contact Rob Pelsky at robmannz01@hotmail.com.

Rothburys Insurance Business Relationship

Golf Northland have just signed a partnership agreement with Rothburys Insurance. There are benefits for individuals, clubs and Golf Northland so be sure to consider them when your policies are due for renewal. Details are being placed on the website.

Notes from the September NZGolf Forum

NZGolf Rules; The circulated proposed changes to the NZGolf Constituion were passed. The proposed regulations relating to the definitions of Golf Clubs, Courses and Training Facilities and the requirements for their approval as Associate Members were considered and suggestions passed on to the Board, who will then formulate the appropriate regulations.

Financial Forecast; NZgolf are forecasting a surplus of \$178,000 for 2011. Although the income at \$5,000,000 is down some \$165,000 this is compensated for by a decrease in expenses budgeted of some \$203,000. There are still some significant sponsorship and business partnership funds to be confirmed to meet these forecasts.

Strategic Plan; Thanks to all those who provided feedback. All these comments will be reviewed in September. NZGolf will then work with the NZPGA to align strategies to have a common vision. Hopefully the draft will be circulated later this year.

Website; A review of the current format is underway. There will be some modifications to make it more attractive and user friendly. Usually the site is the most popular sports site in NZ, this month being pipped by the All Blacks.

Tournaments; It is likely that in the future NZGolf will focus its energies on a smaller number of the premium events, and 'tender out' a number of the other events to Districts to run.

NZ Sports Turf Institute; This service is now owned by Parkland. NZGolf has a 5 year contract for them to provide service to 100 clubs per year, on a 2.5 year rotation. If you have significant problems and wish for assistance there are some discretionary visits available.

Levies for 2012

Levies for 2012 have been confirmed.

The NZGolf levy will remain unchanged at \$28.75.

The Golf Northland levies are Full Playing \$23.00, Summer \$11.50, Junior \$6.58. These have increased by the CPI increase of 5.3%.

The Northland Golf Referees Levy will be unchanged at \$1.00.

MAP Insurance

This covers damage and loss to a wide range of golf equipment under a wide variety of events. It also provides public liability insurance both to each individual and to the club. At \$4.53 plus GST per year this has to be the cheapest insurance you will ever find. And all annual profits are returned to the District on a pro rata basis.

You can only participate on a club-wise basis, and the premium is collected with the NZGolf levy. Full details of the scheme are in the NZGolf Club Manual (available online at www.documentsonline.co.nz/nzgolf/NZGolfClubManual/). Golf Northland Executive recommend that all clubs join up as we believe the benefits for clubs, members and the District are the best available.

First Tee Coaching Initiative

Northland is the first in NZ to launch this golf and life skills programme District-wide. It has been in operation in USA for many years and in Auckland for 5 years. The steering committee report encouraging progress in discussion with a major partner to support this initiative.

At this stage there have been a number of coaches trained, and the programme will initially begin in the Whangarei area with the first training to begin at Tikipunga Primary in term 4.

The intention is to have other coaches based in the Bay of Islands, Kaitaia, Dargaville and Wellsford areas. See all the information about this programme at www.thefirstteenz.org.

Congratulations

Well done to the Ngunguru ladies team of Linda Spratt, Moira Pullman, Raewyn Burnard and Pam Johnson who won the Mary Rishworth competition at Northland Golf Club.

Lee Neumann played very well in difficult conditions to win the Golf Northland Men's Strokeplay also held at Northland Golf Club. His first round 65 set him up for a 36 hole total of 8 under par.

Neil Sorensen for Golf Northland

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