

WAIMARINO WORD

Hi

Welcome to the latest edition of the Waimarino Word, in fact, maybe even be the 1st edition.

As with all newsletters, the idea is to keep you updated on happenings in and around the club.

So, what has been, and is, happening?

1. May Tournament – 18-19th of May

Tee it up at New Zealand's 2nd highest golf course with the backdrop of picturesque Mt Ruapehu and watch your ball fly further than ever before.

Enjoy the course restored to its parkland best



Our 1st big event of the year - The new May tournament. It promises to be great fun – with a novel new competition – **Super 6s**.

27 holes on the Saturday and **Super 6s** on the Sunday.

What is Super 6s you ask? – match play over 6 holes rather than 18, with a special play-off hole when the match is tied after 6 holes. This is the same format **Ryan Fox** played and won in Perth WA, earlier this year. Similar prize money up for grabs – April Fool!

Bridget Connolly will also be back in the country and playing that weekend. All you big hitting low handicappers had better bring your 'A game' for the weekend!

Register today to secure your place in the field. Details below:

Date:	18th and 19th May 2019
Entry Fee:	Saturday 27 hole super deal \$50.00 Saturday and Sunday 'super 6' deal \$75. 00 Lunch supplied on both days
Entries close:	May 9th
Enter at:	www.ruapehugolf.com/events pay online with internet banking to: - 02 0712 010 1723 00
Contact details:	Email: waimarino@golf.co.nz Ph/Fax: (06) 3854246

2. Club Survey – we want your opinion - really we do!



Here is your chance to have your say about your club experience, present your ideas to the committee, and help develop a plan for the club.

Complete the survey and have **your word**.

The Survey will be emailed to you shortly after this newsletter.

3. Committee minutes



Sent to an email address near you.

I hope you have been receiving and reading our committee meeting minutes Lynne has been sending. You should have received February's last week, and March meeting minutes will be out shortly.

4. Playing Golf update



Interclub Pennants and the new Sunday competition 'Race to Ruapehu', are well under way. See below as to how we are performing.

After 3 rounds of Interclub the teams are:

Men's Bs – 1 win away from the 2nd spot, and looking for a big win or two in the last rounds

Men's Handicap – Chasing the field at 9th – expecting a late run home in the remaining rounds

Men's Presidents – currently 9th, and half a point off a playoff spot

The Race to the Ruapehu Cup (Sunday comp) - Hailong Han has opened an early lead on the field.
You have to play to get the points!

Twilight golf - Good numbers have been attending and enjoying these evenings. Well done Robert Edmonds and family, for running this program.

More of the 'Love Golf' program is being planned for the Ladies. Andy is finalising details with Rhys, so look for an update shortly.

5. From the Greens



Brent and his team of volunteers have been doing an outstanding job in Chris' extended absence.

We have received constant feedback from players (locals and visitors), on **how well the course is setup and playing.**

The team have had their challenges over the summer with a Fungus growing in the greens. A warmer and more humid summer than usual, has seen the grass growing in front of their eyes!

Keeping machinery running has required help from many sources, especially **Andy**. Its fair to say you wouldn't see any of our course equipment maintaining Augusta or St Andrews fairways or greens.

Fancy sitting on mower or tractor, or getting grease on the hands fixing some machinery? **Give Brent a shout - he can use the help.**

Keep a watch out for our *1st Working bee* in a while (I think that means years!) – we are going to tackle the machinery shed! ***No, we are not scared about what lies with-in!*** Food and refreshments will be provided to keep the helpers sustained throughout.

Great news! - we have received a **grant from Raetihi Bowls to help us build the 18 hole putting course.** Watch this space for details and updates on this new concept for the course.

6. The President's Piece



It has been a busy summer to say the least. **Thanks to the committee and volunteers for their time and efforts over the summer – it has had its challenges!**

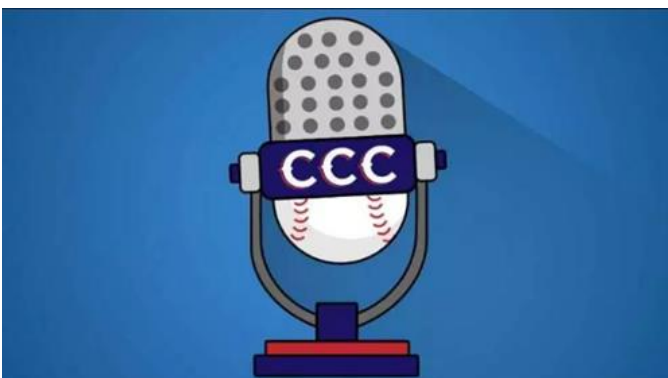
Juggling volunteer time, work, family, golf, is not easy, and I **thank the club members who do put their hand up to help.**

The more help the less the load – go figure! And you may even enjoy being an active support in the club.

You don't have to be local to help, and help doesn't need to involve being at the club. You may have contacts for sponsors, or potential deals for course equipment etc.

There will more on what we are doing and where we are headed in the coming newsletters!

7. Clubhouse chatter



Did you hear that the **President's pennants team** only lost 2 points out of 12 in their recent home match against Tawhero.

Apparently the recent **past and current club presidents** may find themselves **AXED** from the next round!

