



May 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the Purangi Golf & Country Club newsletter for May 2025. Yes, it is actually June now! This month we begin with two reflections: one of how picturesque our course is during Autumn, and then a personal reflection of Dick Hawke who passed away recently.

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1. Autumn at Purangi





Sandy Grigg on his trusty green machine, Lettuce



2. Dick Hawke

As many members will be aware Dick Hawke passed away recently. Dick, husband of Meryll, was a Purangi golfer for many years until they relocated a couple of year ago to Hamilton for health reasons.

This is a personal reflection of Dick by Jim Brown.

RICHARD (DICK) HAWKE

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, we lost a friend. Meryll lost a husband, and her family lost a loved member. Purangi Golf lost a keen golfer – a gentle man who will be missed by many. Dick was a great friend to many who played golf with him here, and many a happy hour or two were spent with him as he wandered over the course, enjoying the atmosphere and catching up with world events. Dick happily passed on his knowledge to others, not only of golf, but of anything we were interested in. He was a man of great conversations, and it was easy to listen to his soft voice. Thank you, Dick, for fifteen years of a great friendship!

Jim Brown
1/6/25

3. Club Golf in April

3.1. April Monthly Medals

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Saturday:

- won by Michael Farrance with a very good nett 66, on another close countback – this time from Wayne Radonich.

Thursday:

- won by Wayne Morrison with an excellent 39 for 9 holes off the stick.



3.2. Saturday Stroke Play Championship

The results of the club stroke play championship to date after 3 rounds are below. The competition is over 8 rounds between March and September, with the winner decided from the average of the best 4 rounds. Nett scores on unadjusted gross scores are used.

The next round in this is on 14 June and then another on 28 June, so two rounds of the stroke play champs this coming month.

Nett Scores on Unadjusted Gross

Name	15-Mar	12-Apr	10-May
Agnew, Richard	79	81	71
Ander, Phil	72	76	
Bartlett, Tim		71	
Borlase, Catherine	73		
Borlase, Steve	76	80	
Bright, Jeff	67	68	77
Dinsdale, Donna		72	
Farrance, Mike	83	83	
Geoghegan, Frank		78	
Geoghegan, Jo	69	72	
Goodwin, Dean		78	75
Grigg, Sandy			73
Hibbert, Ben			82
La Roche, Annelise		73	72
Mahoney, Caleb	82	89	
Milroy, Kevin	65		72
Murray, Callum	83		
Phillips, Lauchie		72	70
Radonich, Wayne		75	
Sims, Al	84		76
Van Der Putten, Harry	69	80	
Vowles, Neil	76	70	72
Walker, Bob	67	74	75
Webster, Grant	76		
Young, David	74	72	68



3.3. The Tyrone Chauvel Cup

The competition for this well-known trophy – donated some time ago by an elusive Tairua-based French takeaway business - was contested over two Saturdays with Stableford points combined.

The final results were a tie (no countback apparently) between Catherine Borlase (37 & 36 points) and Neil Robertson (32 & 41 points). The first-round leaders were unavailable for the second apparently (Mike F 43, David Y 41). Well done to Catherine and Neil.

Below, the presentation, noting that the presenter has his hands on the trophy the whole time.



Photos: Annelise La Roche

3.4. The Jean Smith Trophy

The winners of the annual Jean Smith Trophy this year were Annabel Wharton and Wayne Morrison for women and men respectively. The happy winners are shown below, the men's winner quite overcome with emotion it seems.



Photos: Steve Borlase



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1. Vets Pennants Golf

Having won – just – the Vets Pennants eastern Coromandel zonal competition the Purangi team competed in the Waikato final at Huntly on Monday 5 May. The Purangi team of 6 selected for Huntly was Bob Walker (captain), Lauchie Phillips, Tim Bartlett, Richard Agnew, Al Sims, and David Young.

The team finished 4th equal out of 10 teams and were only 10 points from the winners, our neighbour club Tairua – congratulations to them. The best of our players were Richard with a nett 69 (par is 71 at Huntly) and Lauchie 70.

As selector Kevin Milroy appropriately described the Purangi performance afterwards: “a reasonable result without setting the place alight.”

During the prizegiving the winners of each of the zonal winners in Waikato were presented with a trophy. Our team captain for the day, Bob Walker, accepted this for the Purangi Team. An attempt was made to capture the moment: team captain and trophy. The result, below, was a pile of meat tray prizes, an empty beer handle, Tim B looking on bemusedly, a trophy which is invisible (it is in the photo), and half a captain.



Photo: Lauchie Phillips

2. Upcoming Golf in June

2.1. Club Days

Tuesday and Thursday:

- 9 holes, 9:15am for a 9:30am start, tea, coffee and biscuits after.

Saturday:

- 18 holes, 11:45am for a noon start, bar open, savouries and prizes after.

Golfers of all handicaps are welcome on all days.

2.2. June Programme

The club programme for June is below.

in the photo Saturday (18 holes)		Tuesday (9 holes)		Thursday (9 holes)	
		3	P Haworth Trophy Round 2 of 3 - Stableford	5	Monthly Medal - Stableford
7	Monthly Medal - Nett	10	L Haycock Trophy Round 2 of 3 - Par	12	Stroke Play
14	Stroke Play Champs - Nett. Round 4 of 8.	17	Stableford	19	Stroke Play
21	Stroke Play	24	M Bonnar Trophy Round 2 of 3. Nett	26	Stroke Play
28	Stroke Play Champs - Nett. Round 5 of 8.				

3. Events

No information has been received recently about events at other clubs on the Coromandel Peninsula, but this may be of interest to some:

A winter special at Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary, available 1 June – 17 August, \$165 for affiliated members. More info and booking via their website.

4. The Course, Clubhouse and Surrounds

4.1. 8th Green Drain

The drain near the 8th green is becoming scoured out due to the inlet pipe not coping with the water flow causing overtopping. A wing wall will be installed shortly and the pipe crossing under the 8th fairway just north of the green will be investigated and the pipe replaced as necessary.

4.2. 9th Fairway Bridge

The pipe forming a culvert has been installed in the creek across the 9th fairway and the finishing of the surface with shingle etc will occur shortly. Below, Course Convenor Brian supervises the placement of the pipe.



Great to see Brian (left) back on the fairways, here with relative newcomer to Purangi, Grub.



Have a great golfing June.

Cheers, David