

November 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the final Purangi Golf & Country Club newsletter for 2025

Before we get to the serious business of AGMs and golf results, here a family of turkeys happily crossing the 6th fairway, oblivious to flying golf balls and the upcoming festive season.



Thank you to our sponsors and to all those who have contributed in some way to the running of the club during 2025.

1. From the AGM

1.1. Board Members Elected

There has been some movement with the Board:

- Al Sims, Past President, has retired from the Board,
- Kevin Milroy, Club Captain and vets Convenor for some years, has resigned,
- Brian Keucke, Course Convenor, has resigned from the position and will remain on the Board,
- Steve Borlase is the new course Convenor, Wayne Radonich the new Club Captain, Lauchie Phillips the new Vets Convenor, and Donna Dinsdale a new Board member.

Thank you to Al and Kevin in particular for their contributions and efforts in the running of the club, and all the best for them in the future.



Below, a very happy Kevin M ceremonially hands over the Saturday golf tin-of-great-significance to a reasonably happy Wayne R.



The Board for the coming year is:

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| President | Frank Geoghegan |
| Treasurer | Geoff Dalzell |
| Secretary | David Young |
| Public Contact, Subscriptions, Membership | Meryll Hawke |
| House Manager, Club Hire | Neil Robertson |
| Club Captain | Wayne Radonich |
| Course Convenor | Steve Borlase |
| Board Member | Brian Keucke |
| Board Member | Mike Farrance |
| Board Member | Donna Dinsdale |

Positions of Responsibility outside the Board

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| Handicapper | John Hamilton |
| Publishing Club Results | John Hamilton |
| Tuesday & Thursday Golf | John Hamilton & Steve Borlase & Catherine Borlase |
| Saturday Golf | Wayne Radonich |
| Vets Convenor | Lauchie Phillips |



1.2. Membership Types and Subscriptions

Membership types and subscriptions for 2024-2025 for one year, from 1 April to 31 March, or part thereof are set out below. The Casual memberships have increased by 25% to fit with the increase in Green Fees from \$20/day to \$25/day.

2.	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3+	Description
Full Playing	\$160.00	\$260.00	\$500.00	Fully affiliated to NZ Golf. Have a handicap and play in club competitions
Country	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	Available to players who are a full member of another club. Affiliated.
Junior	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	Fully affiliated to NZ Golf. Have a handicap and play in club competitions
Green Fee	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	Available to those who do not play frequently but wish to have a handicap. Will pay green fees each time they play.
Casual	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Not affiliated to NZ Golf. No handicap. Not able to play in Club competitions. No Green fees

2.1. Constitution

The new Club Constitution was presented to the meeting and adopted by the meeting with one amendment which specified the inclusion of the positions of Course Convenor and Club Captain on the Board.

3. November Golf

Monthly Medals:

- Thursday: Lauren Stephens (21 stableford points)
- Saturday: Jo Geoghegan

Below, a very happy Kevin Milroy presents Jo with the Saturday MM prize.



Match Play Championship Final:

The club Match Play Championship Final was won by Brian Keucke in a tight competition with Neil Vowles, 2 up and 1 to play. Below, Kevin Milroy very happily presents Brian with the Match Play nominal trophy.



The Buildlink Cooks Beach Purangi Golf Day

This was a very successful day on Friday 14 November. No reports of any winners, but it was lots of fun, what with drinking, gambling, and golf – all the best vices, or is that pleasures.





Photos: Lauren Stephens



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Final Official Club Event for 2025: Hahei vs Cooks Beach

Following the AGM, the annual Hahei vs Cooks Beach 13-hole, yellow tee, stableford competition was held. Being last year's winner, Hahei defended the trophy or at least attempted to – it was Cooks beach day with a reasonably comprehensive win: 25.6 average stableford to 24.7.

Individual winners (noting that 26 Stableford equates to playing to handicap):

- 4BBB: Wayne Radonich and Al Sims - 36
- Stableford: Neil Robertson on countback from Lauren Stephens – both 31
- Best gross: Caleb Burrows - 56
- Nearest the Pin: Neil Robertson – very close.

Below: President Frank Geoghegan presents the trophy to a very happy Cooks Beach representative, Lauchie Phillips. And the two's winner is drawn via the usual mathematically-sound and statistically-proven process.



The clubrooms were busy after play - the biggest numbers (29 played golf) since some time in the past - with Members enjoying nibbles, beer and banter. Thank you to Neil Robertson for managing the bar.

Of particular note on the day was a doubling of Junior golfers' participation – from 1 to 2 - Caleb M and Caleb B, the occasion captured accordingly on the practice green (below).... And who sunk their putt?





4. Remainder of 2024

Following the official club season end, informal club golf will continue into December and if there is interest restarting sometime in January. This will be on the usual days - starting at the usual times and organised by the usual people or whoever is there.

The Final Mid-Week Club Event and Lunch will be on Thursday 11 December: golf at the usual time, and lunch at 12:30 at the Hive.

Also, as mentioned above, the Green Fees for a day of play will be increasing on 1 December from \$20 to \$25.

5. Summer Holiday Season

The office will be staffed over the summer holiday period, from Friday 26 December (Boxing Day) until mid-January. This involves collecting green fees, hireage fees and the sale of small items.

The time slots each day are:

7am - 10am, 10am – 1pm, and 1pm – 4pm

A request for assistance with this will be sent out closer to the time, and new volunteers are particularly welcome – instructions are available as necessary.

6. Next Year, 2026

Opening Day

Opening Day for the club next year will be on a Saturday in early February, possibly 14th February – this will be confirmed as due course. The format will likely be over 13 holes from the yellow tees (the same format as the recent closing day).

All members are welcome to participate on Opening Day.



Vets Pennants Golf

The annual vets pennants golf gets underway in February 2026. The dates are all on Mondays, with any Monday between these dates being spare days available:

February	9 th	Whangamata
February	23 rd	Tairua
March	2 nd	Purangi
March	16 th	Pauanui
March	23 rd	Mercury Bay
April	13 th	The Dunes Matarangi

If you would like to join the vets contact Lauchie Phillips for further information:
lauchie.phillips@xtra.co.nz.

7. Course and Other Matters

Thank You

Thank you to our Greenkeeper, Luke, for his continued great work on the course during 2025, and to Brian, the retiring Course Convenor, and all the others who have contributed with rubbish collection, grass mowing, building maintenance and repair, course development and maintenance, garden development, etc.

9th Fairway Culvert Crossing

The rock sides to the new crossing have been constructed and the final step is to fill in gaps with smaller rocks and cement.



Photos: Lorne de Pape

Drainage on 4th Fairway

The first phase of implementing a new drainage plan was carried out during November. Thanks to Steve Borlase for organizing and assisting with this.



Bamboo on 1st Fairway

This has been removed and disposed of due to the effects of rats and bamboo rubbish on the farmer's house next door. Instead of being lost in the bamboo sliced drives will now be able to be retrieved from the out-of-bounds house grounds. Steve B in action on the left.



Photos: Lorne De Pape

Practice Nets

The upgrade to the practice nets is underway – here the layout for the concrete base is being prepared.



Photo: Frank G

All the best for a happy and safe summer time and the new year.

Cheers
David