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## Pro-Am a Coup for CGC

### A MUST SEE event right here – live!

A 'spectacular coup' could describe Stuart Hale's success at securing the first Pro-Am tournament to be held at Cambridge.

"There has never been an event like it at the Cambridge Golf Club so I leapt at the opportunity to get the club involved," said Hale. Sponsors, including **Cambridge New World, Sky City** and many others (listed at left), have fronted up with \$20,000 of prize pool money. This major golf event for Cambridge is on 7<sup>th</sup> December and starts the mini pro-am circuits which are very important to professional golfers towards the end of the year, as their positions go towards their Order of Merit for the year.

More than forty of NZ's best resident golfers have entered including: Michael Hendry, Grant Moorhead, Josh Geary, Nick Gillespie, Mark Purser, Jared Pender, Hamish Robertson, Josh Carmichael, Jim Cusdin, Marcus Wheelhouse, Alex Tait, Luke Nobilo, Dennis (Yogi Bear) Clarke, Reon Sayer, Mark Boe, to name a few. Each will team up with three amateurs at Cambridge just a few days after the NZ Open which is being held at Clearwater

in Christchurch.

This is a first for Cambridge golf and adds another major sport to the growing reputation of the *Town of Champions*. Following this event, the mini tour will go to Mt Maunganui.

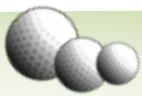


Above: Waikato Pro-Am golfer, Jim Cusdin at the September Tauranga Open which he won.  
(Photo courtesy [www.NZGolf.co.nz](http://www.NZGolf.co.nz))

"We have been inundated with player enquiries," said Hale, "and sponsors and local businesses have been overwhelmingly supportive. This is a must for our members and the public to come out and watch our own best. You have seen it on TV, now see it live in Cambridge."



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**Cambridge**



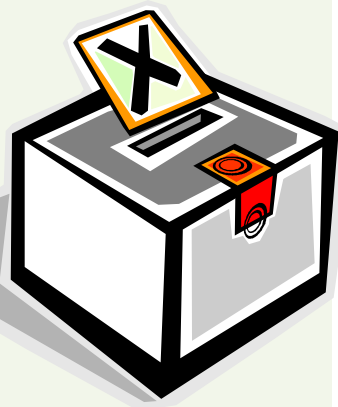
# Vaggy's Vision



My vision this month is to see a really great attendance at the AGM. I urge you to **read the President's Report** (see next page) and to **turn up** for this important meeting of the year which will review the year's finances, the development undertaken and progress that has been made during the year. It's your chance to exercise your voting rights, and having had some practice beforehand with the General Election, you will be pleased that the issues facing the golf club are not of the scale the incoming Government has.

I wish everyone **FELIZ NAVIDAD** and that you continue to enjoy your golf at home or wherever you are for the holidays.

El Presidente,  
Kevin Vagg



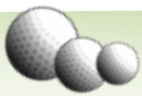
## Annual General Meeting on Monday, 5<sup>TH</sup> December, at the Cambridge Golf Club at 7.30p.m.

**There will be an election for President and Vice President.**

Kevin Vagg and Mary Hughes are standing again. Geoff Walker and Victor Calitz have put their names forward for President and Vice President respectively.

**The future of the Club is important to us all so make a note to be at this important meeting.**





# 2011 President's Report

It is with pleasure that I present my report for the year 2011.

When I look back over the year I believe the executive has moved the club forward in several significant ways.

A broad strategic plan for the club has been prepared and presented - thanks to Geoff Walker and his subcommittee of Victor Calitz, Deborah Martin, Elizabeth Wallace and Lawrence McDonnell. Although it has yet to be formally adopted, some elements of this plan have already been implemented.

At the reviews of the greenkeeping staff there were frank discussions over their particular responsibilities. I think we would all agree the course has never looked so good, and this has been aided by the purchase of a bunker rake machine, the reintroduction of the PD workers, and the ongoing voluntary help of a number of club members. We really do have a golf course we can be proud of.

Financially the club appears to be holding its own according to our finance subcommittee. The biggest problem facing the club is the lack of members. Hopefully the rearrangement of the sub cost structure may begin to turn this around. This year has also seen a drop-off in hole sponsorship. The new executive may have to rethink the package the club offers. We have also seen a reduction in tournament sponsorship. On one occasion a sponsored tournament had to be cancelled through lack of interest. Members have to realise that unless we support our sponsors, we cannot expect them to support us.

Again I thank Jeanette Boswell for the time and effort she puts in to helping juniors learn and enjoy the game - and also for her overall commitment to the club through the time and energy she puts into competitions like the Business House tournaments.

Scott Wallace also deserves special mention for his running of the Twilights. And Grant Clow continued to show what a valuable club member he is, especially when it comes to the running of our open tournaments! People like these are too few and far between, and we are very fortunate to have them.

Thanks also go to the many volunteers who not only serve on committees but tend to gardens, hedges, shrubs, cleaning, painting, golf carts, getting rid of empties, picking up range balls - and the list goes on! All members appreciate the efforts that they contribute behind the scenes.

The office staff of Allan, Jill, Debbie and Pat have again done the club proud as our front people - not only in serving the members but also in welcoming and attending to visitors so well. Sadly Allen has had to retire due to ill health, so on behalf of the club, Allana big "thank you".

To Bryan and Jenny Paynter, again your efforts in tending to our catering requirements are second to none and are sincerely appreciated.

Congratulations to all of the trophy winners, especially the club champions for the year. I also make special mention of those members who made themselves available and were selected to represent the club in the various Waikato pennants competitions - and to those who were selected to play in Waikato representative teams.

Finally, I feel that the executive this year, whom I personally think have been a great team of members, have made decisions in the expectation that they will see the club prosper into the future. However it is over to the membership to ensure that this will be the case!

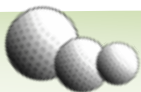
"El Presidente" Kevin Vagg



## 'Gardians' call time

After 25 years of creating and caring for the garden at the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee, **Harley and Valerie Bowler** would like to hand over the pruners and spade to a new team. Perhaps a couple or a team of volunteers would be prepared to continue the upkeep of this mature garden.

The new team would be free to plant, prune and maintain the garden as they wished. Please contact the office staff if you would like to take over the reins from the Bowlers.



# Green Scene by Kevin Brown

## Course

The overall condition of the course is very good. Excessive seasonal growth on all problem banks is starting to affect the play; staff are gradually working their way through the overgrowth problem. PD workers continue to do a good job of cleaning up out-of-the-way areas.

## Greens

The putting surface is holding up well in the warm temperatures. The Onehunga weed that was present on the surface has now been sprayed out. The chemical used for this operation will also assist to remove a number of small patches of Hydrocotyle weed before they become a problem.



## Irrigation

Recently a major break occurred in the PVC pipeline on the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway. The problem was caused by the root system of an approximately 8-year old tree putting pressure on a T-joint. Unfortunately the tree had been planted directly over the pipeline and the urgent repair work could only be undertaken after the tree was removed.



During this work it was realised a row of 15 pine trees between that point and the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway were over the same water main. To ensure we do not have what could be a very costly problem in the future these will be removed. The tree felling will be

carried out by the staff. The only other option would have been to re-route the mainline but this would have been at a cost that is not warranted given the various factors.

Greens staff also repaired another break in the system but on this occasion the break was situated just behind the 7<sup>th</sup> green and tree roots were not a contributing factor.



## Fairways

At this time of the season greens staff invariably get questioned about the mowing height of the fairways and why are they not cut higher.

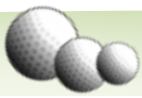
The Club's fairway cutting height is 18mm which is one of the highest in our region with most of the top clubs varying between 14 to 16 mm. There are many contributing factors to turf cover loss over the summer months, however mowing height is not one of them. The factors that do contribute to turf loss are extreme temperatures, strong winds, hydrophobic dry patch, and poor soil condition.

The Executive committee has a number of complex reports on the problem and is steadily working through the issues. The goal is to establish a good drought-resistant species that can tolerate the extreme conditions experienced over summer months, with a minimum amount of water, and a reasonable cost to the Club.

The following are the member figures for our club as listed on the NZ Golf website.

Men	296
Women	104
Junior Men	30
Junior Women	6
Total	436

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# Senior Moments

by Tony Stoner

As it is less than three weeks since I last put finger to keyboard I don't have a lot to write about – did I hear audible sighs of relief? Tuesday fields have continued to hover in the low thirties despite some pretty reasonable weather. Notable scores from the last three outings have come from Duncan MacGillivray with rounds of +5 Par and 41 Stablefords. Geoff Walker also had a +5 Par round and, for the ladies, Ann Thompson came in with a +3. Kevin Turnbull is in for a serious handicap chop after his eleven better than handicap 47 point Stableford last week although Morris Cattley wasn't far off the pace with his 45 points and Gaye Bezzant flew the flag for the ladies with 41 points.

Use of the word "flag" brings me to the next item which is the new full-colour flag that should be flying from our flagpole by the time you read this. Two of these have been purchased by the Tuesday Veterans following a suggestion from Bruce Moncur. The previous flag, very nicely hand-made by Betty Stuck some years ago, had suffered serious wear and tear over time and was no longer fit for purpose.

I only have one reportable **Senior Moment** this month. Being punctual is a laudable attribute but turning up a week early as Alan Luxton did recently for an Eagles meeting might be considered a little extreme, all the more so if you are the designated meeting Secretary and presumably responsible for setting the meeting time, date and place!

A final reminder that this year's Veterans Closed Xmas Competition will be on Tuesday 13 December. It is a great way to end the Tuesday Veterans year so if you have been a regular Tuesday player – remember we have defined *regular* as someone who has played at least 10 times in the current calendar year – then don't forget to highlight the date in your diary. A reminder also that we are once again selling 150 raffle numbers on Tuesdays for our special Xmas Competition draw which this year will be for a total of 18 one and a half kg Champagne Hams.

I chip out this month with  
"The First Senior Moment on Record"



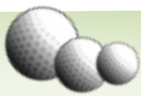
And that's what happened to the dinosaurs!

Happy Xmas and best wishes to you all for 2012  
Good Golfing Tony Stoner – Veterans Convenor

## Kathy's Kartoon



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# Divas, Divots & Drivers by Karen Payne

The Women's AGM was a great success, largely thanks to Leslee's quiet efficiency and Bryan and Jenny's wonderful culinary skills. Many thanks to the Committee who worked hard to ensure a festive atmosphere and enjoyable night for everyone. I think we all identified with Rosemary's poem, and afterwards Liz Skiffington, Marilyn Kennedy, Karen Bodle and Pam Nixon provided some "rip-roaring" entertainment, after which we were all in tears. Ouch! I'd provide more detail but this is a family magazine!

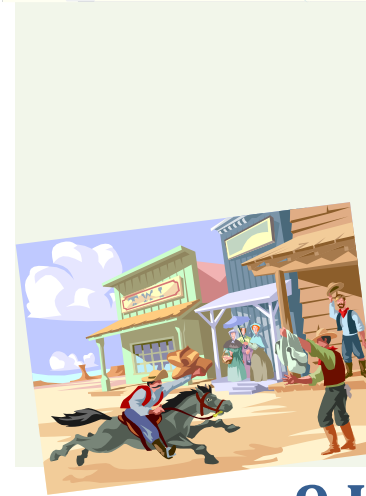
A full list of our prize-winners for the year will be in the next edition of the Tee Mail.

The shootouts were contested this month, and our clever 18-hole winner for 2011 was Marilyn Harrison, with Jocelyn Hughes taking out the 9-hole competition. Many thanks to our

referees, Elsie and Audrey who did a great job trying to reduce the chaos of so many people on the greens.

Sadly, we had to cancel our Open Christmas Tournament due to a lack of entries – an issue the Committee will be endeavouring to address in the lead up to next year's tournament. However, our Closed Tournament was well attended, with Valda Dyson and Ann Thompson the top 18 holers with 39 stablefords, and Pam Walton and Cabby Keyte posting the best 9-hole stableford score of 20. A big thank you to all who donated to the impressive raffle table.

The Summer Cup is now underway. Please write your name, net score and signed confirmation in the little notebook tied onto the noticeboard downstairs. Here's your big chance to win the first prize of the 2012 season!



# 9 Hole Shootout Thriller by Cabby Keyte



The ladies 9 holers' shootout proved to be every bit as exciting as any shootout could be.

On a lovely spring morning, seven ladies teed up at the 4<sup>th</sup> hole to attempt the first ever 9 holers shootout, kindly sponsored by **Jointwood Products**. A surprisingly silent group set off after their respective drive shots and made their way up the fairway in contemplative mode. After a five way putt-off, top qualifier Doris O'Connor was the first casualty, with sponsor Doreen Levesque faring less well on the 5<sup>th</sup> where no play-off was required. The next hole was the challenge for gracious

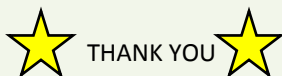
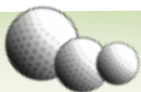
octogenarian June Bridgland. Cabby Keyte's dud chipping let her down on the 7<sup>th</sup> where a chip-off was ordered by referee Audrey Turner, between Cabby and Trish Hansen. Trish fared the better until falling victim to the bullet after the 8<sup>th</sup> hole.



This left cousins Pam Walton and Jocelyn Hughes teeing off for the final on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Excellent tee shots by both players saw them both on the upper fairway and well

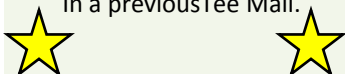
placed for a strong shot towards the green. Pam's ball found a couple of rough spots but she recovered well. Jocelyn having the higher handicap wasted none of it and landed her approach shot beautifully on the green. However, after putting out they were all even and a putt-off saw Jocelyn the ultimate winner. Congratulations to **Jocelyn Hughes** and many thanks to Jointwood Products (Moore, Levesque & Morris Ltd) for their generous sponsorship.

*Picture shows winner Jocelyn (at left) being congratulated by Pam (right) and referee Audrey (centre).*



THANK YOU

The club executive and members gratefully acknowledge the extraordinary effort put in by Harley & Valerie Bowler in planting and caring for the garden at the #2 tee for the past **TWENTY-FIVE** years. They were made STARS In a previous Tee Mail.



You too can be a STAR in our own 'Hollywood Walk of Fame' - just volunteer for any of the myriad jobs that keep the CGC club-house and grounds looking fabulous! Our 'virtual walk of fame' is right here in the Tee Mail every month.

# CLOSING DAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC and PRIZE-giving



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