



May 2026 Newsletter

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May on the course.

May

Sat	2 May	Men & Women: Semi-finals Club Champs. Others: Individual stroke
Wed	6 May	Mixed 9-hole, Men's midweek.
Thurs	7 May	Women's mid-week - Par
Sat	9 May	Men and Women: Club Champs Finals.
Wed	13 May	Mixed 9-hole, Men's midweek.
Thurs	14 May	Women's mid-week - Multiple stableford
Sat	16 May	Men: Monthly Medal + R2 Campbell Rosebowl (stroke) + Shootout qual. R3 (stableford). Women: LGU + R2 Rosebowl (stroke).
Sun	17 May	Women's Nancy McCormick Foursomes (36 holes or 1st 18 holes)
Wed	20 May	Mixed 9-hole, Men's midweek.
Thurs	21 May	Women's mid-week - LGU (stroke) + Putting. Also Nancy McCormick Foursomes (2nd 18 hole round)
Sat	23 May	Men: Qual round Leithfield Trophy (stroke). Women: 1st qual round Cumming Trophy (stroke). Others individual stroke
Wed	27 May	Mixed 9-hole, Men's midweek.
Thurs	28 May	Women's mid-week - Canadian foursomes
Sat	30 May	Men: Quarter-finals Leithfield Trophy. Women: 2nd qual round Cumming Trophy. Others individual Stroke

Committee News

Course Committee:

No report.

Competitions Committee:

The Clubrooms Club Champs this Saturday

The "Clubroom" Club Champs finals are being played this Saturday. The Senior/Intermediate men and women 36 hole finals start at 8am. We encourage anyone that is not involved with playing a match to come down and support our golfers playing their respective matches. There is no club competition being held on this day but for those wishing to play - please tee off between 930 and 11. You may get directed to play off #10 depending the matches / time.

Our Winter **early Tee times** will begin Saturday 6th June, tee times on a Saturday will be from 11:30am, so please turn up by 11am to enter the Game of the Day to give our magnificent starters a chance to organise the field.

Coming up....

- A reminder that our Canadian Foursomes tournament is next month, any gendered pairs are welcome to enter but only Amberley mixed pairs members will be eligible to win the "Griffiths Trophy"
- Pairs events - men's trophy "Leithfield Cup" and women's "Cumming Trophy" Details in the programme. Men's & Women's pairs qualifying round on the 23rd May. This is a choose your partner event, so get your partners sorted soon as not to miss out.

Round 3 of Shootout qualifying is played alongside our Monthly Medal round. There is still time to enter this if you haven't already, see Brian Fitzgerald to enter.

Men's Interclub

Our Kaikoura Cup team has done very well considering the opposition they have been facing, well done to some of our higher handicapped players for this type of competition stepping up to help the team. The Kaikoura Cup team has progressed to the semi-final of the Gardner Trophy.

One of our Templeton Cup teams (Amberley Gold) has also progressed to the semi-finals. Both of these teams are playing at Cheviot this Sunday. Good luck to all those involved!

Women's Interclub

Town competition has now finished the round robin and unfortunately our team is now out.

North Zone competition still has a couple of rounds to go and our team is a few points behind the leaders.

National Teams was played at Bottle Lake last Friday in heavy conditions. Our team came 11th out of 24 teams.

Finance and Administration Committee:

We are now seven months into the financial year and past the period when the bulk of subscriptions are received. Membership has reached a milestone of over 300, with subscription income up 25% on last year. Green fees being our other major income stream is slightly below expectations. This is likely due in part to green fee players recognising the value of membership, which is also reflected in increased attendance at club days.

Like many, we are beginning to see cost pressures due to the fuel crisis. Despite this, the club remains in a strong financial position. Ongoing course developments and investment in a new cart shed are clear indicators of this, supported in no small part by the significant voluntary hours contributed by members. We have recently introduced a real-time booking system for those who wish to secure a tee time, particularly on weekends and public holidays when demand is higher. This can be accessed from the front page of our website (bottom centre). You can view available tee times and will receive an email confirmation when you book.

For those who prefer to simply turn up and play, this remains absolutely fine—especially during the week. However, we recommend checking the events page on the website beforehand to ensure there are no scheduled events that may limit access. Thanks Phil for all the work setting this system up.

We have mentioned the success of the Junior programme under Kathys leadership. What we haven't told you is that many mums and dads are now joining with their kids. We have 12 junior members at present.

Amberley All Stars

A huge thanks to Fitzy and Laurie have spent days and days on removing the 3 water tanks and installing the new one in readiness for the new cart shed. At the same time they have tidied up the whole archaic water system to the clubhouse. They've had help from Janet, Ash and Neil at various times.. a big thanks to all - a fantastic job.

Committee Spotlight: Our committee members are hardworking volunteers who work hard behind the scenes. Jannene is one of these. We all know how great Jannene is looking after the club's finances but over the past few months she has not only be doing the Treasurer role but the Club Secretary role as well. I know that there has been many hours involved and a big thanks goes to Jannene for her dedication.

Sponsors Spot

A good day was enjoyed by a group of sponsors who were joined by some of our committee members for a fun 9 hole Ambrose event to recognise the support the sponsors provide the club. It was a great idea and will hopefully become a regular event.

Mark is continuing to bring in more sponsors – more news next month.

Road update

From Bruce....

Road access Update - Good things take time!

The good news is that the Hurunui Council has finally reached out to the neighbouring farm owners and come to an agreement to acquire the land that will be required for the extension of Grierson Ave, to replace the erosion prone Golf Links Rd.

The agreement allows for the farmers to use the green-feed crop in their paddock over the winter, so construction will not now commence until the Spring, but the resource consent to construct the road (in particular across two small wetlands) specifies that work can only take place in dry periods anyway, So while we will have to put up with the present unreliable Golf Links Road access for the coming winter, we should have a new Council maintained road via the Grierson Ave extension by the end of this calendar year.

The Council is presently arranging an easement for the new road to cross a small triangle of reserve land at the Grierson Ave end of the new road, so that removes another potential snag.

And the project is now in black and white in the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan (with a budget of \$1.2 million), which the Council will put out for public consultation in the very near future.

The land-owner agreement also allows for physical works to commence before the the legalities such as the formal subdivision is completed, so the Council expects to tender the road work as soon as the Annual Plan is adopted in June.

Rules

Thanks Jason....

Unplayable Ball:

Did you know that: - a player may declare a ball unplayable anywhere on the golf course except in a penalty area There is a one shot penalty if you decide that your ball is unplayable and your 3 options are:

- Stroke and distance - go back to where you last played your shot from or
- two club lengths from where your ball is, either side but no nearer the hole or
- back on line as far as you want keeping the point where your ball was in line with the flagstick

If you are in a bunker you need to stay in the bunker when taking your options. If you wish to come out of the bunker back on line, you may do so for a further penalty stroke i.e. 2 penalty strokes.