

Yup, I know it is Thursday, but as tomorrow is Good Friday and I don't work on Public Holidays, I thought I better get this done today.

Currently there is some serious thunder rumbling over my house, and if I was superstitious, I would think it was because I drove my car twice today. Both to access essential services, once for a supermarket pick-up not just for myself but for a neighbour as well, and later for my drive-through flu shot (no burger and fries at that drive through) How sad is my life that I get excited about a flu shot.

Really strange how quiet the streets are, not the supermarket car-park though, Really, it is only closed tomorrow, not for the rest of lock-down.

I have to admit I am finding having this much time at home a bit difficult some-days. I guess I can use it as practice for retirement, but it is good to get some of those 'a round tuit' jobs done. I can tell you that I am averaging 8 out of 10 for the Herald on-line quiz each day, and can complete the Codecracker online in less than 1min 20sec, so I need to work harder on those.

I do know that one member went to extreme lengths to break the lock-down, but seriously, dislocating your ankle and having to go to Tauranga in an ambulance seems a bit much. Take care Pip and get that ankle sorted.

I also got photos of how another member is filling his days, and I'm sure this will come as no surprise to some. (spied by another member while they were out bike-riding) It's not firewood or trimming sprinkler heads, but I am sure it is keeping your handicap up Mick.



So, what have you guys been up to. If you have a photo you think is worthy of the email, send it to me and I'll see what I can do.

There is an on-line petition circulating about sport clubs needs to keep their grounds staff working due to the long term effect on grounds and greens if they don't, so if you have seen this, supporting other clubs would be great.

I asked Tukai to give us a bit of an update on what is happening at our place, and here's what he had to say:

### *Course Update*

*This weather has been magnificently brilliant and all I can do when it comes to motorcycling, is clean my bike. Talk about riding withdrawal symptoms.*

*When it comes to the course though I have been actively looking after the facilities. A big thankyou to the people who assisted with some of the work carried out before the lockdown. We managed to solid tine core and fertilise the greens and surrounds. Additional jobs during that period included sanding and brushing in of the sand on the greens, cleaning spouting on the clubhouse and cart/trundler sheds, erecting a retaining wall beside the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. Trimming grass surrounding sprinkler heads, fairway markers, drains, tee blocks and signs. To the ladies who found the time to tidy up some of the gardens on the course and around the clubhouse and providing some food for our workers. Well done.*

*I have been keeping up to date with discussions between NZ Golf, NZGCSA and the government about whether we are able to maintain our facilities. With mixed opinions and no definitive decision yet I have made the call to maintain our greens, tees and surrounds to minimal standards. This is so that the transition for when we enter back into full swing, it will not be as overwhelming. Superintendents all over NZ have been using social media to discuss these issues and what has been*

*identified is that our facilities are in the percentile of "isolated facilities" which means because I live on site, a solo worker, I can carry out certain duties that does not burst my isolation bubble or yours.*

*Hopefully when the restrictions have been lifted and given us suitable time, we can set up the course for all to begin using. I know a lot of you people have become the best chip shot makers from playing in the back yard but remember that we have real greens and not umbrellas or buckets to target in and putt on.*

Not much else to report at this stage, no LGU, no Shootout, no Blue Tee Haggles, no Bayleys' so I wrap this up here.

I saw this on Facebook the other day and thought it was appropriate:

*All the days of the week have had a name change. They are now this day, that day, other day, someday, yesterday, today and the next day.*

It's getting a bit like that. Well, I believe there is a heavy shower of rain due, so I'll love you and leave you.

Stay safe, keep your distance if out and about, give thanks to the essential workers, and remember to wash your hands

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