

PICTON GOLF CLUB

MAY NEWSLETTER

The weather gods did not behave last weekend with the postponement of the Picton ITM Business House Round 3. Postponements have to be made early to notify travelling players. When the decision was made at approximately 9am, we had water pooling on #9. Fortunately we had programmed a reserve date into our calendar so Round 3 will be on Sunday June 20th and the final round on Sunday June 27th. Let's hope there are no more disruptions. Eagle eyed members would have seen that a mistake was made on the Women's July page in our 2021 Programme Book. Obviously Sunday 25th July is NOT the Picton ITM Business House Reserve Day.

Just letting you know there is a change in the Marlborough Region calendar for Kaikoura Golf Club on Queens Birthday weekend. They are no longer having the open tournament on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th, which is in our 2021 calendar. They are now holding the Kaikoura Hunting & Fishing Men's Stableford Tournament on Sunday 6th June. More information on the Kaikoura Golf Club Facebook page and website.

Good news – we have Eftpos now installed in our clubhouse. It is positioned near the till area on the kitchen bench and it can be lifted off the cradle and taken to the front office for payment of competition fees. It is very timely as Picton Westpac has closed and all banking has to be taken to Blenheim. There is no Pay Wave facility or Credit Card facility on our terminal. At this stage we will not be giving cash out either. We will revisit this later.

A new order of club shirts has arrived. The cost is \$45 per shirt. It is great to see so many buying these. If you would like one or a second one, please let me know.

We have had a question about our "Placing Rule". When placing is available, it is up to one club length on your own fairway, not all fairways which is the case at some clubs. We have also added a local rule after a question by a player - free drop is available for grass clippings. Another rule to remember is the one or two club length rule. This means the length of your club which **does not** include your club headcover as well. Please remove the headcover before measuring the distance.

We have had some donations to replace the dead rhododendrons on the bank beside #1 tee. Many thanks to Jo Prescott and Joyce Allen for being so generous towards our club. Thanks also to the Friday Golfers for their donation. It is pleasing to see the Friday golfers now depositing their competition fees directly to our club.

I have heard many golfers seem to lose golf balls!!!! They also lose pens!!!! We regularly put more pens in the Starter's Office and in the clubhouse. These all seem to grow legs and walk. If anyone has an over-supply of pens at home or work, we would love a donation of some. It is very frustrating to be in the Starter's Office and find no pen!!!!

Stay warm and dry on and off the course.

Jenny Hart