

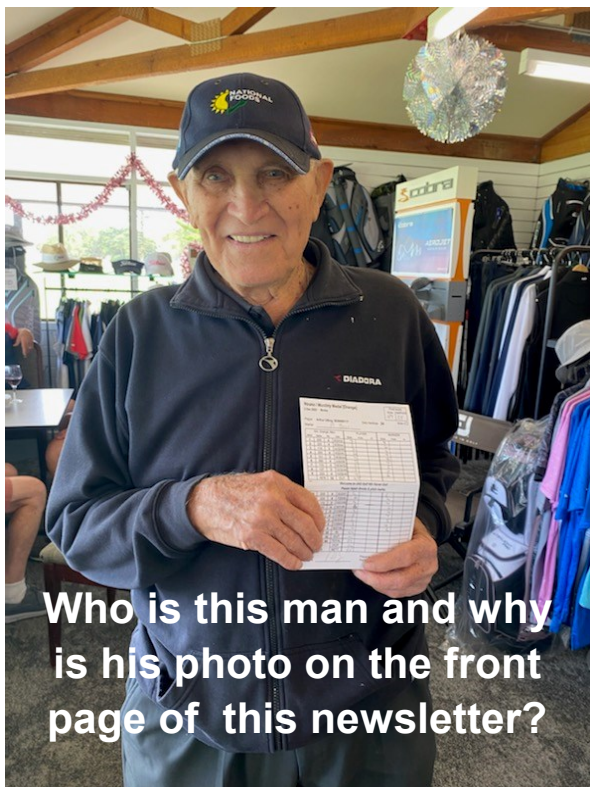
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North Haven Golf Club Newsletter—Issue 4, Dec 2023



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**Who is this man and why is his photo on the front page of this newsletter?**

## Message from The Pres.

Dear Members,

Well another year has come and almost gone and as we move into the festive season I would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Years.

The club has had a good year with quite a few new members joining and some of them now playing in our weekly competitions.

Please help our newbies by introducing yourselves to them, or by putting your names down to play with them in our comps. It make a big difference when newbies are noticed and welcomed to our club.

The Juniors have had a very good year with so much improvement in their golf and attitude to the game. For those who have not seen them play for some time the improvement in their game has been very noticeable. The junior teams from our club have performed well in the inter club comps and there is a strong sense of team spirit and encouragement from the older junior members.

The Committee has been very active this year with a number of new initiatives started in 2023 including this newsletter. I would like to thank all our committee for their time and efforts in 2023. Special thanks to our Secretary Ron Baskett and our Captain John Ginever for all their hard work. Unfortunately Michelle Hamence has had to resign from the committee and we do thank her for her time and commitment to the club. We will be looking for a new committee person in the next weeks so if asked to consider the position please do so knowing you will be able to make a difference in the life of our club.

For next year we will be planning to further improve our golf experience by investing in social activities, competitions, coaching, on-line information and again particularly growing our juniors and women golfers. We will also invest in facilities and course improvement where prudent to improve your enjoyment of our great game at the fabulous North Haven Golf Club.

Best Regards,

Justin

## New Website

The new website is now up and running. You can access it by going to [northhavengc.com.au](http://northhavengc.com.au)

There is lots of information on the site including news and events information for members and their friends. You can also access the competition booking sheet, competition results and your member account information by logging on through the website.

Thank you to those of you who are now using the website and please let us know if you can see any further improvements we could make.

## Committee Matters

### 1. Minutes of Committee meetings

We are currently looking at how we can publish the minutes on the website so that members only can gain access. Placing the minutes on the notice board we don't think is a good option because it is open to view by the general public.

In the meantime please send me an email to [secretary.northhavengc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.northhavengc@gmail.com) if you want to be included on the distribution list to receive the minutes.

### 2. Suggestions Box

The Committee has introduced a suggestions box which has been placed in the Pro-shop.

The idea behind this initiative is that it will give all members to opportunity to make any comments of how the Club is being managed and to make any suggestions for improvements other than course improvements.

Remember that if you have any suggestions regarding the improvement of the course that Dave Neumann will be carrying his notebook with him and you should write your suggestions down in that notebook

and Dave will take them up with Graham Blum.

### 3. Membership fees for 2024

The committee has decided that the membership fees for 2024 will remain unchanged at \$125.00.

Juniors will again be subsidised and their fees will remain at \$60.00.

You will be notified early in the new year to pay these fees by 30 March 2024.



## Course conditions

You will have noticed new turf has been laid on several fairways to repair bare patches. This turf has now established itself and continues to improve with time. This is a worthwhile investment for us as a club and we hope, with JAGs help, to lay even more new turf over the next year so as to improve playing conditions for all our members.

## JAG Monday Comp

Every Monday JAG run a Stableford Comp. We are encouraging everyone playing in this comp to put your name on the booking sheet please just like we do on any other day. This will show that there is a comp running to newbies and others who wish to play on a Monday. We have a booking sheet so lets use it.

## Calendar of Events

A calendar of events going through to February 2024 is now available to assist all members to schedule and prepare for important events that will be coming up within the next couple of months

Events listed in the calendar include

- Weekly competition formats for Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Ladies competitions on Fridays
- Major club competitions
- Social events

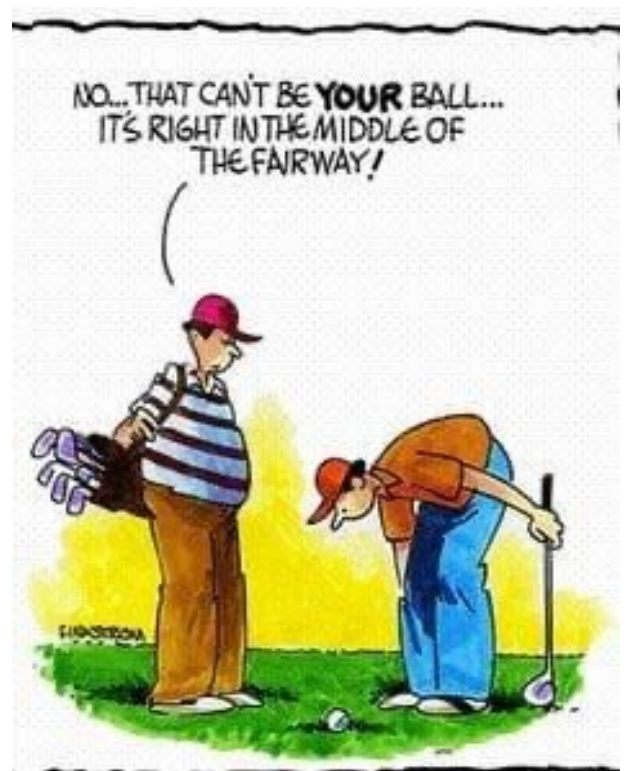
A copy of the calendar is included on the new website.

## Social Events

You can look forward to the following social events being planned for the next couple of months: -

- Fri 15th Dec - 9.30am Ladies 9 hole 3 club Stableford comp followed by Christmas lunch
- Sat 16th Dec - 7.45am shotgun start Hambrose followed by free BBQ lunch. Members entering will be allocated teams in a draw
- Mon 1st Jan - 10am shotgun start JAG Par 3 Hangover Cup with lunch to follow. Members and non-members welcome. Enter via booking sheet by 29th Dec.

If you have any suggestions regarding any social activities you would like to see at the club please contact Carolyn, Trevor, Nadine or Justin.



## Recent Noteworthy Results

On Saturday 4th November one of our juniors Tyler Moore won the Monthly Medal.

On Saturday 18th November another of our juniors Szymon Domagala won the Stableford competition with a score of 47 points (11 shots better than his handicap)

On Saturday 25th November Dennis Brenton playing in the final of the Div 3 Grades competition got a hole-in-one on the 5th hole.

On Saturday 2nd December Juliette Lawler, again one of our juniors, came from behind to win the Div 4 Grades competition.

On Wednesday 6 December Jack Bigioli (age 92) had a score of 92 off the stick thus equally his age.

Congratulations to all of these players for their noteworthy results.

Lastly, I refer you to the photo of Arthur Utting on the front cover of this newsletter.

Why would we single out one person from all the others above to feature on the front page? Well, on Saturday 2nd December Arthur won the Monthly Medal with a score of net 55 which is 9 under his handicap. The extraordinary thing about this is that Arthur is 96 years old and is legally blind. His net score of 89 is 7 shots better than his age.

So it seems that with inspiration from both Jack and Arthur you are never too old to score well at golf.

Well done guys!

## Message from the Club Captain

### Grades Championship

The grade competitions has now been finalized and I am pleased to announce the following winners:

Div 1—John Bowman defeated Adam Allen

Div 2— Cale McLindin defeated Steve Dunning

Div 3—Dennis Brenton defeated Michelle Hamence

Div 4—Juliette Lawler defeated Karyn Lavigne

Congratulation to all winners and to the runners up for making the final,

### Rules of Golf

Again we have included an attachment to assist you with your knowledge of the rules of golf.

We encourage you to download the R&A Rules of Golf to your phone and to refer to our local rules which can be found on the back of the scorecard and on the noticeboard.

Hopefully by referring to the rules where necessary you got them all right.

If anyone needs clarification on the rules of golf please contact John Ginever for assistance.



## Message from the Ladies

Here we are heading to the end of 2023 and with the support of the lady golfers here at North Haven we have continued to run a successful 9 hole comp on Friday mornings. Many of the women are now progressing to play in the 18 hole comps along with the men on other days of the week.

We have enjoyed visiting Penfield on 3 occasions this year, everyone increasingly confident playing on other courses. Our fundraising for Pink Day once again was a great success with inclusion of players from Penfield and clubs further afield.

We also supported fund raising for Cambodian Cocoon and were pleased with the outcome enabling one water well to be built for a community and 3 bags of rice distributed to families.



Next Friday 15th December is our final comp day for the year with a 3 club Stableford event followed by our end of year Christmas lunch. During the lunch Anne Pethick will be presenting awards to the winners of the 3 state events we participated in this year which were: International Bowl—Natalie Veale, Laurel Wreath—Anne Pethick, Shylie Rymill 4Somes—Jan Menzies and Carolyn Smith. Congratulations Ladies!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, have a safe holiday period and happy golfing enjoying our end of year fun golf events over the next couple of weeks.

We will resume our Ladies competitions again for 2024 with a Stableford round on Friday January 12th @ 8:30am.

## Message from the Juniors

Congratulations to all our Juniors on a wonderful year of golf and improvement., Thanks to Christine for all the time and effort she puts into our Juniors. It must be rewarding to see the results of all her hard work,,,,,Notable was..

- Juliette winning the D Grade Club Championship
- Nth Haven winning the MYGOLF Competition.
- Tyler winning the Club Monthly Medal
- Szymon winning a Club Stableford with 47points.

2024 looks like another great year and we would encourage all our members to get behind & support our Junior Golfers especially when they enter our club competitions or play for the club.

Thanks also to the parents and club members who have supported our kids at Junior events this year.

## JAG Social Occasions and Competitions

### Christmas Party Friday 8th Dec

A great night was had by all 60 members and friends who attended the JAG Christmas dinner at the clubhouse. Congratulations to Dominique Lees on winning the \$100 members draw.



Congratulations also to Brian Mathers who was presented with his Life Member badge and commemorative wine glasses during the night.



### Upcoming Events

*Chris and Graham invite you all to*  
**CHRISTMAS DRINKS**  
AT NORTH HAVEN GOLF CLUB  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 22  
*Chance to Win \$100 off your  
2024 Jag Membership Pass*  
BAR OPEN 4PM-8PM  
DRINK SPECIALS  
BAR FOOD SNACKS AVAILABLE

**HANGOVER CUP 2024**  
PAR 3 COMPETITION • MONDAY JAN 1 • SHOTGUN START @ 10AM

**GOLF & LUNCH JAG MEMBER**  
\$35 PER PERSON

**GOLF & LUNCH NON-MEMBER**  
\$45 PER PERSON

**BBO LUNCH ONLY**  
\$25 PER PERSON

**BBO LUNCH @ 1PM**  
NEAREST THE PINS  
NUMBERS LIMITED

**PAYMENT DUE BY**  
29TH DECEMBER

## Our sponsors

The Club is very lucky to have support from Saints Meats and Ouwens Casserly so please show your support to them as well.



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## Finally

That is it for another members newsletter.

Don't forget to let me know if you have any suggestions on content for a future newsletter.

A Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all from the NHGC Committee.

Ron Baskett

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TEE-RRIFIC  
CHRISTMAS!

