

Waikanae Golf Club



MEMBER INDUCTION GUIDE and FAQs

INTRODUCTION

First of all, we all wish you a big WELCOME to the Waikanae Golf Club (WGC). We hope you will feel welcome and enjoy our course and amenities. If at any time you feel unsure about anything, you can always approach Marg in the office, or Ron and Allan in the Shop, with your questions – they will welcome your inquiry and point you in the right directions. Our members too will be happy to make new members feel welcome – please ask.

We know that when someone is new to a Club they don't necessarily find it easy to get to know how to go about "joining in". This guide is aimed at addressing some of the largely 'unwritten' basics and nuances of participation at WGC. Most of what you need to know can be found either in the official WGC Club Programme (which you have been issued) or by going to our website (www.waikanaegolfclub.co.nz) and following the menus.

For your convenience, this guide is divided into parts, according to what type of participation you are seeking, as follows:

Casual Golf:

- **When can I play?** As a member, you are entitled to play on the course whenever it is open for play (that is, most of the time – if it is closed, there will be notices to that effect). However, to avoid having to queue for your game, or being disappointed because another event is on, bookings are strongly recommended. At these times you can, at your option, play the Yellow Course (Women) or the Blue Course or the White Course (Men). You may play 9 holes or 18 holes (your choice). Mixed gender and/or Junior play is also allowed at any time that casual play is available.

- **How do I book a tee time?**

- **Online Bookings:** If booking more than a day (but no more than 10 days) ahead, you can book online as follows:
 - Go to www.waikanaegolfclub.co.nz (Tip: make it a Favourite)
 - See the Quick Links on the right, Click on "Waikanae Tee Booking",
 - Enter your seven digit member number and password (Marg at the office will give you this) and Log in.
 - Click the arrow next to Booking Sheets
 - Select the date you want from the calendar at top left
 - If booking for Sunday Club play only: Click on "Time" at top right.
 - Look for vacancies for play which will be those that have "Book this Time" displayed
 - Click on the required vacancy
 - Click either Book, Cancel or Unbook

- **Manual Bookings:** However, if you want to book on the same day you want to play (or to book a time more than 7 days ahead) you cannot book online and must book through the Shop by speaking with either Allan or Ron (phone: 04 293 6399 ext 1).

- **What do I do if I'm running late?** It is essential to ring the Shop if you think you might be late, or can't honour a booking. This is not only a courtesy to those whom you are down to play with, but it also enables the Shop staff to do their best to re-allocate you a time as near as possible to your missed booking.

Women's Club Golf

Women's Section Events: Women's events are run by the Midweek Women's Committee, the Weekend Women's Committee and the 9-hole Women's Committee.

- **Women's Weekend 18-hole Events:** Please turn up on Sunday mornings and uplift your card from the machine in the Shop and your disc from the Ladies change room before 08.45, and then present your disc to the organizers upstairs in the lounge. A draw for playing partners and tee allocations is then made. A two-tee start ensures both a mass start and a mass finish to the day's event, with announcements and prize-giving conducted in the lounge soon thereafter.
- **Midweek 18-hole Events:** Please turn up on Wednesday mornings, uplift your card from the machine in the Shop and your disc from the Ladies change room, and then put your disc in the box in the foyer before 08.30. A draw for playing partners and tee allocations is then made for a multi-tee start. Any announcements and prize-giving for the previous week's play also occurs at this time in the lounge.
- **Weekday 9-hole Events:** Please turn up on Monday mornings and uplift your card from the machine in the Shop and your disc from the Ladies change room before 08.15, and then present your disc to the organizers upstairs in the lounge. A draw for playing partners and tee allocations is then made. Any announcements and prize-giving for the previous week's play also occurs at this time. A multiple tee start ensures both a mass start and a mass finish to the day's event.

Women's Informal Roll-ups

Women's Informal Roll-ups: These are times when informal groups of women players play together to enjoy the golf and the company. You will be welcome to join in.

- **Weekday Women 18-hole Roll-ups:**
 - **Fridays:** From 08.00am, please put your name on a list held in the Shop for an 08.30am start. Put \$0.50cents in the black box (in the Ladies Room) and your name in the book for Friday Stableford.
- **Weekday Women 9-hole Roll-ups:**
 - **Wednesdays:** Please turn up by 12.15 and enter your name in the 9-holers book in the Ladies change room. Then uplift your card from the Shop. You will play from 12.45pm in the order of entry in the book.

- **Fridays:** Please turn up by 10.15 and enter your name in the 9-holers book in the Ladies change room. Then uplift your card from the Shop. You will play from 10.36am in the order of entry into the book.

Mixed Gender Events

Mixed Gender Events: Mixed-gender days are organized about monthly on Sundays. These are days that the whole Club can enjoy where the emphasis is very much on enjoyment. The schedule and rules for these events are included in the WGC programme and also may be viewed online using the Calendar tab. They are also advertised ahead of time on Notice Boards in the change rooms.

Men's Club Golf

Men's Section Events: Men's events are run by the Match Committee (Sundays – Blue tees) the Midweek Men's Committee (Tuesdays – White tees) and the 9-hole Men's Committee (Wednesdays – White tees).

- **Club Events (Blue Course):** Men's Club Day is Sunday from 7.30am – 09.15am. Unless otherwise advertised, there is a two-tee start (from the 1st and 10th tees). Announcements and Prize-giving occurs in the lounge immediately following completion of play. A Duty Starter will be in attendance.
 - Generally, you may book your tee time either online, or at the shop (see " **How do I book a tee time?**" boxed above). Do not hesitate to book to play with those whom you have not yet met – you will be welcome. If a time is vacant but no one has yet booked, then book yourself in anyway and you are sure to be joined during the week. Should no one join you (rarely) then tell the Shop proprietor on arrival and you will be accommodated on the day by the Duty Starter who will see that you are put into a group.
 - Once per month (as advertised in the Club Programme) a Monthly Medal (net) competition is run for which there is an on-the-day draw conducted for playing times (between 8.20am and 9.00am) and playing partners. To be in the draw, you must have your name in to play by 07.45am (but you do not have to be there ready to play before 08.20am). The rules for attendance and booking are posted on the Notice Board in the Men's Change Room. If you do not wish to be in the Monthly Medal field, you may book online (or at the Shop) where there are vacancies.
- **Midweek Men's Section (White Course):** Normally, this is a multiple-tee start at 9.30am. Please turn up on Tuesday mornings between 08.30 and 9.00am, draw your card from the machine in the Shop and present it to the registration table upstairs in the Club lounge, along with a modest entry fee. You will be allocated a tee time and a playing group. A multiple tee start ensures both a mass start and therefore a mass finish to the day's event – and a full clubhouse for announcements and prize-giving soon thereafter.
- **9-hole Men's Section (White Course):** Please turn up on Wednesdays at 12.30pm and draw your card at the Shop. Then present it to the Convenor who will be located at a desk in the

Clubhouse Foyer (near the café). You will be assigned a group to play in and will play (on alternate weeks) either the Front 9 holes or the Back 9 holes from 12.45pm. Prize-giving in the lounge follows immediately play has concluded.

Men's Informal Roll-ups

These are times when informal groups of men players play together to enjoy their golf and the company. Normally, there is a modest entry fee and, on completion of play, an informal prize-giving. You will be welcome to join in.

- **Blue Course players:**
 - **'Wednesday Warriors':** Please turn up by 11.15am and draw your card from the machine in the Shop. Give your card to the Shop proprietor who will see that you are entered in the blind draw for your tee time and playing partners. Play commences from 11.40.
 - **Friday 'Federated Farmers':** Please turn up by 11.00am and draw your card from the machine in the Shop. Give your card to the Shop proprietor who will see that you are entered in the blind draw for your tee time and playing partners. Play commences from 11.28.
- **White Course 18-hole Players:**
 - **Thursdays:** Please have your card drawn by 08.15am for an 08.30 tee time. Informal tee and playing group assignments will be agreed.
 - **Fridays:** Please have your card drawn by 08.30am for an 08.50 tee time. Informal tee and playing group assignments will be agreed.
- **White Course 9-hole Players:**
 - **Mondays:** Please turn up by 12.30pm and draw your card and be ready to play from 1.00pm. Informal tee and playing group assignments will be agreed.
 - **Fridays:** Please turn up by 12.30pm and draw your card and be ready to play from 1.00pm. Informal tee and playing group assignments will be agreed.

We look forward to meeting you and enjoying your company on the course and in the lounge.

Good golfing

Club Captain.