

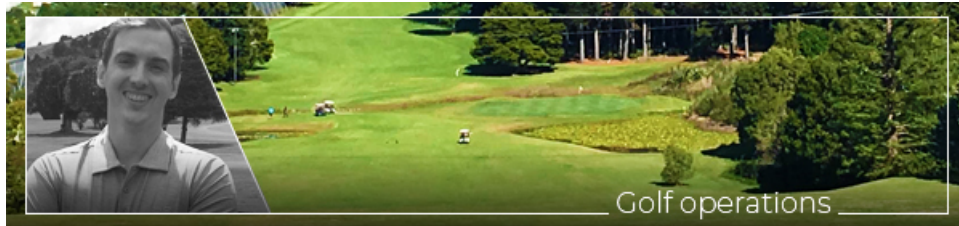
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Vets' call for players

The Vets are looking for players to put in teams to represent Denby. This is a great opportunity to play some amazing courses and have some friendly competition while you're at it!

If you are a full member, 50 years young or more, then grab 3 buddies and a registration form from the Club and enjoy three rounds (Northern Wairoa, Sherwood Park and Whangarei).

[Contact us](#) if you have any queries.

Call for volunteers

As you know we have a fantastic albeit small group of regular volunteers that make running the club possible but we need more!

We are looking for more volunteers in the following areas:

- On the course
- In the shop
- In the bar/clubrooms
- Running twilight golf after Xmas

Contact Matt in the shop **(09 437 0775)** for the course, twilight and bar

work and Dirk Oberholster (**021615198**) for help with on course work.

Men's Committee trip to the far north

Last weekend the Men's Committee took a group of 12 up to play Kaitaia and Hohora with a spot of watching the Rugby World Cup final in the middle.



A great time was had by all and both Kaitaia and Hohora were fantastic hosts. A huge thank you to John Gordan for organising the trip, Lee for providing the early morning breakfast, John the bus driver and all those that came along and supported the adventure.

A note on alcohol and the course

I would like to take a quick moment to clarify the club's position on drinking on the course.

We can serve alcohol and consume it within the clubrooms, sprigg shot and surrounds by the benches. However as many of you know we have a **zero BYO and zero drinking on the course policy.**

The only exception to this is on tournament days where a special license has been obtained (at a cost). The penalties for not enforcing this come

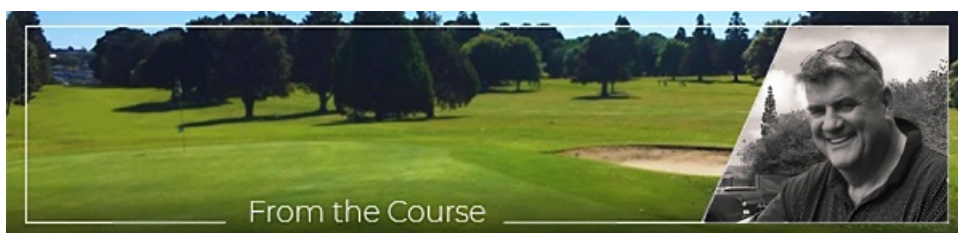
from the council and New Zealand Law and are substantial both to the club and on duty staff. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Calling all juniors

Your opportunity to improve your game, for FREE!

A reminder that junior golf coaching has started again this term and is available with Matt **every Wednesday from 4:15pm – 5:15pm** and **every Sunday** with Wiremu **from 10am – 11am**.

The sessions are free and open to all so spread the word! Let's grow this wonderful game!



Farewell Ben

The club wishes to inform the membership that **Ben Bowmar** has been offered and accepted a role at Carrington Golf Club. Obviously he will be sorely missed here but we all wish him well and thank him for his service over the 4 years he has worked with us.

"I am extremely grateful to Whangarei Golf Club and its members who has supported me through being an apprentice all the way to getting fully qualified this year. This position has allowed me to meet some great people and learn a lot during my time. I wish everyone all the best in the future." – Ben Bowmar

Ben will be leaving us around late December/early January and the club is in the process of sourcing a replacement. We will update you as and when we know more.

Course maintenance

A few points on what's happening and coming up:

We have been fertilising, seeding and watering the greens heavily to encourage regrowth in some areas and as a result our greens will be slower than we would all like for a few more weeks while this happens. Short term pain long term gain.

We will begin draining bunkers on 12 and 15 soon which will help come next winter to keep them in play.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- Dirk Oberholster

Upcoming Events

This month is a fairly busy one with the following events occurring:

12th Nov – Ladies Prizegiving Dinner

21st Nov – Northland Vets AGM, Golf and Dinner

22nd Nov – Eagles Association Xmas Golf & Dinner

25th Nov - Whangarei Golf Club AGM (7pm start)

29th Nov – Landmark Homes Chip in for Charity

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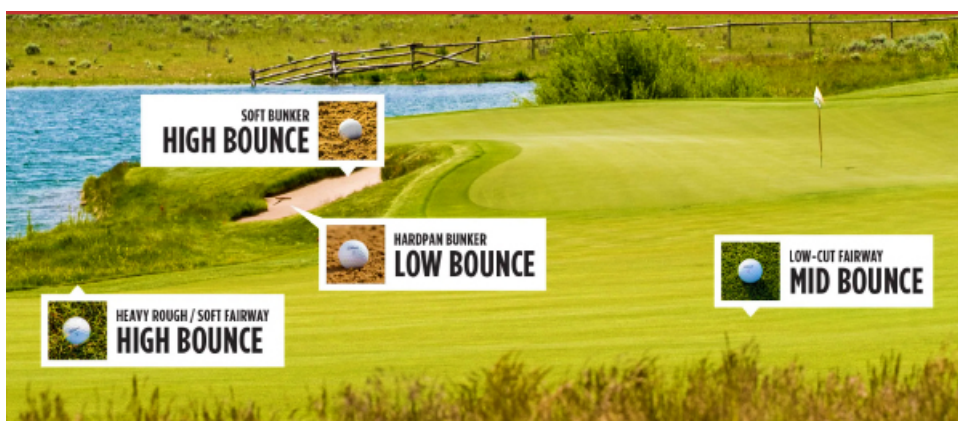
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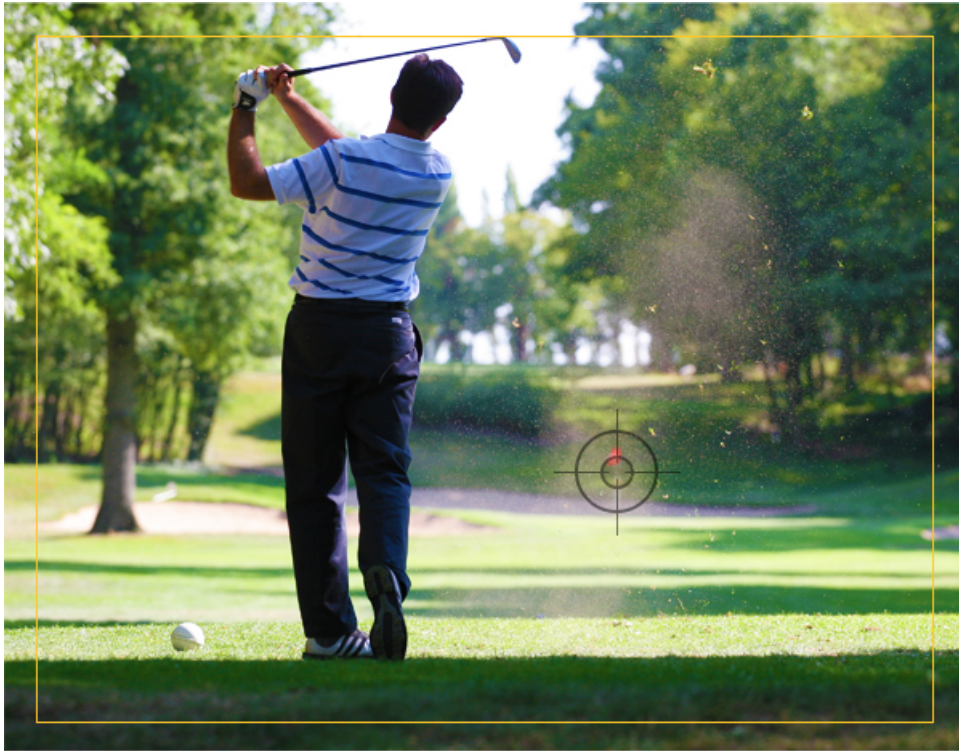


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