

Hagley Times

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Funding and the Christchurch City Council

As you may be aware there has been a lot of speculation in the Press about how Hagley Golf Club is going to survive, given the current situation. The bottom line is that the Council has voted 12 to 2 to provide the Club with an underwriting of up to \$40,000, but with some conditions. At the moment those conditions are to be negotiated between council staff and a sub committee formed by Hagley Golf Club. What those conditions are we currently don't know. Due to ongoing issues with after shocks the council have yet to present their conditions. One of the main conditions that we have been advised of, is that we as a Club must continue to seek funding from other sources and that we may have to restructure our operating model.



Lets make this very clear from the start the Club has been and continues to actively seek funding from multiple sources.

- **New Zealand Community Trust.**

With the support of Canterbury Golf we applied for funding of \$12,000 for wages for 2 staff This application has been successful.

- **ASB Non Profit Fund**

We have applied for funding of \$10,000 from this fund which is the max that the fund will pay out.

- **Recovery Canterbury Trust**

We have applied for support from Recovery Canterbury Trust, as well as a direct funding application for \$40,000. To date our application has been received. We have already established a close working relationship with this organisation as they offer support through business management programmes as well as assistance with legal and accounting issues.

- **Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund**

We have applied for \$40,000 from this fund but this has only just become available in the last couple of weeks and it could be some time before they start issuing funds.

- **New Zealand Community Trust**

We have applied for funding for a new laptop as the Clubs current one died last month. This is something that allows us to be much more flexible in the way we operate.

- **Pub Charity**

We have applied for funding for fertilizer / sprays that we had budgeted to purchase over the late winter early spring. These are items that we do need to be able to maintain the course.

- **New Zealand Golf**

NZ Golf currently have a fund set up for Golf Clubs affected by the earthquake. Unfortunately they will not distribute funds from this until some time later this year or next year as they try and work out just how to do this. There is also income still being received by this fund.

- **CCC Funding**

As stated in the Press the council have given us advice on where to go for funding. The Club has explored these at length. The first was the councils discretionary fund. We looked at this and it only had \$13,000 left in the fund which is meant to be topped up on 1 July ,so we have held off applying till the fund is refreshed as you can not apply twice for the same thing. They then suggested the annual plan. We looked at this and it is not something that would bring us funding in the short term but is something that we will look at for the longer term.

- **Sport Canterbury**

The Council then suggested we approach Sport Canterbury as they had emergency funding available. This we did and were advised by Sport Canterbury that they didn't have any funding available directly. Also they would not deal with individual Clubs we would have to work through Canterbury Golf, which we have.

- **Canterbury Golf**

Throughout this process we had kept Canterbury Golf advised of the situation and when we

Club Captain

At the Executive Meeting held on June 23rd Chris Bond our current Club Captain handed the Executive his resignation from the position of Club Captain.

The Executive have accepted this with regret and have thanked Chris for all the hard work he has put in over the past in his capacity as Club Captain. Dennis Levers our Vice Captain is now acting Club Captain until the position is voted on at the AGM in December.

Dennis will be calling a Match Committee meeting in the near future to brief the match committee on how he proposes to work through the process of taking over as Club Captain. We ask for a little understanding while the match committee adjust to operating without Chris and while Dennis sorts out a number of issues.



were told we had to work through Canterbury Golf we immediately did that. Canterbury Golf have been very good and helped support our funding application with NZ Community Trust (application for wages) as well as dealing with Sport Canterbury.

The Club have been very active in pursuing funding from a number of sources, most of which are very time consuming. While applying for funding we have also had to work through the process of dealing with the City Council which requires a great deal of patience as their systems are not set up to deal with anything that is out of the normal. At this time I would like to thank **Jim Anderton** for all of the help he has been in our dealings with the City Council and its staff. I would also like to acknowledge the support that we received from the **Ferrymead Community Board**, without their support we would not have been able to get a deputation in front of the council. (An issue that the council should be looking at)

Restructuring

It is very frustrating when council staff make statements in the press that are so misleading they could almost be considered libellous. A member of the council staff gave the impression that the Club was resistant to change. The fact is that the Club has always made it very clear to Council that it would be prepared to restructure and consider any operational model that the Council wanted. This was put in writing to the council as far back as 2008 when we were once again talking about lease options with the Council.

The Club restructured in 2007 when the Club undertook a comprehensive review of its constitution, to reduce the size of the executive and make the administration of the Club more efficient.

Then late in 2007 due to the retirement of the then Secretary Manager the Club restructured it's administration again. They took advantage of the skill set that it had available to it by replacing the old Secretary Managers roll with a new Club Managers roll. This combined the responsibilities of both Secretary Manager and Course Superintendent. This generated significant savings for the Club through the reduction in wages as well as efficiencies in administration.

In 2009 due to the **wettest summer on record** the Club faced a major funding crisis. After approaching the City Council for assistance, (without success) we once again restructured our staffing levels and were able to get through the winter.

The Club has made it very clear from the start, that we are prepared to work with the Council in any way that the Council see fit. We have made this very clear to Council and Council staff. It was very disappointing to then have council staff make statements to the Press that imply the Club was unwilling to change, when this is clearly not the case. The Executive are prepared to look at any sort of management plan that the Council want to impose on us.

As for saying that the Club did not have to pay to use "one of the most pristine bits of real estate in the city." is so misleading it could be considered libellous. No we don't pay the Council but as a sports Club **we invest over \$140,000 / year** in making our section of the park one of the most pristine sections in the city. How many other sports Clubs in Hagley Park make that sort of investment, on an annual basis to maintain part of Hagley Park?

Club Faces Catering Problems

The Executive are aware that there is an issue regarding the catering at the Club on Saturday's. The standard of food provided by the 24 hour dairy has slipped in the past months and needs to be addressed. This is a complex issue as we have to consider a number of important issues.

1. Quality of food supplied.
2. How the food is delivered to the Club House
3. Cost of catering to the members.
4. The number of people ordering food.

In the past we have had caterers working on site on Saturdays but with the small number of people placing orders, this is simply not financially viable any longer. We are looking to see if we can find a new supplier but this is problematic and we face 2 major issues. The first is that most shops want you to place your order before 7.00am as this is when they make up their orders. The second is that once we have the orders, we then have to get them to the course. With orders so small they have to be picked up. This means someone is required to go and get them!

Our President has come up with a proposal that would see members volunteer to go on a roster system where each member would be responsible for the catering once a Saturday. This would see that member provide the food for lunch on a Saturday as well as serving it up for those members that want to purchase it. All income from this would be the members to off set any of



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Local Rules

Listed below are the some of the local rules that were use during the finals of the Club Champs and still currently apply.

GUR

Where GUR is marked with white paint rule 25-1b shall apply.

Relief 25-1b (i)

Except when a ball is in a water hazard or lateral water hazard a player **must** take relief from interference by an abnormal ground condition as follows (GUR) Through the green. If the ball lies *through the green* the player **must** lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one Club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green.

BUNKERS

The following bunkers are currently out of play and the area is to be treated as GUR, and rule 25-1b applies.

No 2 Green side Bunker
No 5 All bunkers
No 6 Greenside bunkers
No 12 All Bunkers

LIQUEFACTION

Any area affected by liquefaction shall be treated as GUR and Rule 25-1b shall apply.

LEAF RULE

Where it is clear that a ball has been lost in leaves, the player in conjunction with his/her marker may take a drop as near as possible to where the ball has been lost with out penalty.

In most cases common sense should apply as we all deal with unusual conditions on the course.

the cost. The more members that are involved the less often that people would have to do it.

Another option could be that instead of the Club using a bakery to provide the food we could phone the order through to an individual who would then make up the orders and drop them down to the Club. Members would continue to pay for their orders as they do now but the person making up the orders would keep all of the money. This would reduce any waste and could make it more profitable for the person. Another suggestion is for us to contact a mobile catering service that could come in and sell direct to the members

The Executive are interested in what you the members have to say regarding this issue. The first question you need to ask yourself is would I be interested in going on the roster system that the President has suggested? If not then what do you think we should do? If you are interested in being part of the roster or know some one that would like to do the catering then please contact the Manager in the office. **We need your feedback now!!**

Parking Restrictions



The Executive would like to acknowledge the support of the Botanic Gardens in regard to our ability to park at the rear of the Club House since the Feb 22nd earthquake. With the onset of wetter weather as well as frosts ,we would ask that members now stop parking on grassed areas by the Club House and that they keep all vehicles in the designated car parks (**Armagh St or Riccarton Av**). The only vehicles that are to be brought into the park are those that have a designated parking spaces between the

Club House and Tractor Shed. If you don't have a gate key you should not bring your car pass the barrier arm! This applies to all members!

Car Parking Passes

Yes it is that time of year again where we need to issue car parking passes to those members that park in the Armagh St and Riccarton Av car parks. Permits are available from the **office/shop** and need to be displayed at all times while using the car parks. As per last year they have your registration printed on the pass so if you have changed your car and the registration number no longer applies then you must let me know so I can order new ones.

Club Funding

With the Club still facing a short fall, thanks to the earthquakes and subsequent closure of our car parks, the Club still needs to secure more funding to cover this.

Yes the City Council has agreed to underwritten the Club to the tune of \$40,000 but this comes with a number of conditions. We have yet to be advised of these conditions but the Executive would rather fund the short fall in other ways than through the underwriting. With this in mind we continue to apply for funding through a number of channels as explained on page 1. As we are not able to raise debentures the Executive have decided that we will go to our members and ask if they would support the Club through donations. These donations can be as large or small as members like we will accept all donations. We know that times are difficult for a number of Christchurch people including some of our members and that making donations to the Golf Club may not be considered a priority.

That said if members were seen to support the Club and actually look to fund some of the deficit we face, it may well be seen by other residents of Christchurch as yet another positive move by Hagley Golf Club and its members. With member donations in mind as well as applying for funding through a number of organisations the Executive have decided that we as a Club should apply for charitable status. This will make it easier for us to apply for funding as well as allowing us to offer tax rebates to anyone that makes donations to the Club. **See Page 4 regarding making a donation.**

Debentures? Yes or No

At the informal members meeting of the Club held on 21/5/2011 one of the suggestion raised regarding helping fund the deficit that we faced was to ask members if they would invest debentures in the Club.

The executive have looked into this and following legal advise it is apparent that this is not something we can do. The bottom line is that as we don't own any land that could be used to secure those debentures it would be unwise for us to issue debentures. We have also been advised that it would cost us about \$50,000 to have this set up legally. What has been suggested is that we put out a request for donations from members not debentures. **(see page 4)**

Sub Committee

Formed

With negotiations over the conditions of the underwriting hanging over the Club the Executive have set up a sub committee to deal with the Council. As part of these negotiations the sub committee has a wide ranging brief that will allow it to deal with most issues that could come up including any further restructuring as well as looking at issues around the lease as these may be part of the conditions imposed. The Executive have chosen a diverse group of people to work on the subcommittee and have looked outside the square.

The sub committee consists of the following.

Club President

G Druery

J Anderton

Accountant C Stent

Canterbury Recovery

Trust B Stuart

Club Manager

P Macintosh.

Working Bees

With the on going after shocks and the liquefaction we still have around the course we are looking for some volunteers to do some work around the course and Club House. If you have some spare time then please feel free to give me a call.

Web Site

Don't forget to check out the web site for the latest results as well as the latest news. If there is anything that you think we should post on the web site then please feel free to drop me an email or just come in and have a word.

www.hagleygc.org.nz

Donations To Hagley Golf Club



The Executive of Hagley Golf Club after careful consideration are calling for donations to help fund the current short fall of \$40,000 that the Club faces. This short fall is a direct result of the earthquakes that have affected Christchurch as well as the subsequent closure of both of the Clubs car parks.

If you feel that you are in a position where you would like to make a donation to the Club then please feel free to contact either the Club President Geoff Druery or the Club Manager Peter Macintosh. If you wish your donation can be kept strictly confidential. Donation of any size would be gratefully received by the Executive and members of Hagley Golf Club.

On behalf of the Executive and Members of Hagley Golf Club I would like to thank those members that have supported the Club in the past as well as those that will support the Club into the future. With out that support of those members this Club would not be able to survive.

Geoff Druery

President Hagley Golf Club

Course Update

With the continued aftershocks keeping everyone on their toes the course appears to be coming through them ok. We have had some more liquefaction on fairways 12, 10,7, 6, 4, and 3 but it has been significantly less than before and has not really affected the playability of the course. Having said that the liquefaction we have had is proving troublesome as it is not drying out which makes it much harder to move.

- The Course in general is in good condition although it is quite heavy as we have had a significant amount of rain over the past few weeks.
- The leaves that trouble the course at this time of year are well in hand with staff making a concerted effort to keep these under control. The leaf rule still applies.
- Those bunkers that were affected by liquefaction continue to be out of play as we are currently unable to fill them back up with sand. This will be done next season once the course has dried out from the winter and the threat of further liquefaction has been reduced.
- Following the last round of major aftershocks we also developed a number of holes on the course. These have been roped off and will be cleaned up as we remove liquefaction. If while playing you happen to notice any major subsidence on the course then please let us know so that we can deal with these.
- Long term the plan for those greens that have been worst affected by the earthquakes is to wait and see just how much subsidence there will be over the winter. We may be looking at the rebuilding of 3 greens but this will be carefully considered by the Executive and we will make plans accordingly.
- Our irrigation system which was badly damaged in the Feb 22 earthquake was back operating at about 95% prior to the last 2 major aftershocks. As the course is already quite wet we have not been able to run the system to make any assessments as to what if any damage has been done. We will look to make sure that the system is fully operational early in the spring before the system comes under to much pressure.
- Those mounds and areas of liquefaction on fairways that were over sown in the late autumn will be over sown again in the spring to improve grass coverage.

If there is something that you would like to discuss regarding the course then please feel free to come in and have a chat about it in the office. I am always open to discuss any issues regarding the course. I know at times it may appear that we do things just to annoy the golfers. I can assure you that is not the case and I am more than happy to explain things.

Club House

The Medical School continue to use the Club House for lectures and will do so until around Labour weekend. I would like to thank the members for their understanding regarding the use of the Club House. It is a very good income stream for us at present.

Once the university stop using the Club house we will have the carpets cleaned and re arrange the tables into a more user friendly arrangement. We are still waiting on our insurance company to come back to us regarding the repairs that are required for the Club House. We are hopeful that some of the changes that we have been discussing regarding the redevelopment of the Club House may be able to be incorporated into the repairs that have to be done.