

WAIMARINO WORD

Hi,

We are well into Autumn and have just had a fantastic Easter weekend. The weather was outstanding, and the course was busy with locals and visitors alike, all enjoying the experience.

Thanks to Brent and his team for preparing the course, plus Koos and Andy for 'manning the fort' over the weekend, it is very much appreciated.



1. May Tournament – 18-19th of May

Tee it up at New Zealand's 2nd highest golf course with the backdrop of picturesque Mt Ruapehu and watch your ball fly further than ever before.

Enjoy the course restored to its parkland best



It is now only 3 weeks until the new May tournament. We have over **\$3000** in prizes!

We have **27 holes** on the Saturday and **Super 6s** on the Sunday. You can play Saturday or both days.

What is Super 6s you ask? – it is match play over **6** holes rather than **18**, with a special play-off hole when the match is tied after 6 holes.

It promises to be great fun. Check out the attached menu Steve Gray and Annie Cleary have lined up for us! We might not be the best golfers, but we certainly will be the best **FED!**

Please register to secure your place in the field and so we can finalise catering.

Details below:

Date:	18th and 19th May 2019
Entry Fee:	Saturday 27 hole super deal \$50.00 Saturday and Sunday 'super 6' deal \$75. 00 Lunch supplied on both days
Entries close:	May 9th
Enter at:	www.ruapehugolf.com/events pay online with internet banking to: - 02 0712 010 1723 00
Contact details:	Email: waimarino@golf.co.nz Ph/Fax: (06) 3854246

2. Want to buy a Container



Yes you read correctly. The club has a container on site that it wants to sell. We are offering it to members first, before opening it up to the public. It is a fine looking container - orange, 20ft in length, made of steel and water proof. What more do you want from a container?

Only \$2,000 excl. GST and pick from the club (unfortunately we are not in the container transporting business). Email info@ruapehugolf.com

3. Club Survey – Thank you



Thanks to the 46 people (over 20% of the membership) who responded to our survey.

The responses have been noted in the committee minutes and will form part of our future planning.

See the end of the newsletter for some of the findings.

4. Committee minutes



Sent to an email address near you.

Apologies for the delay in the March meeting minutes.

However, you will receive March and April together next week.

5. Playing Golf update



Interclub Pennants and the new Sunday competition 'Race to Ruapehu', are well under way. See below as to how we are performing.

At the end of the regular play:

Men's Bs – Just missed out on the play-offs with some home town stitch up in Marton.

Men's Handicap – Looking forward to the 2020 season.

Men's Presidents – secured a playoff spot in the final round despite travelling to Foxton and playing with one player down.

The Race to the Ruapehu Cup (Sunday comp) - Hailong Han continues to 'pants' the field with daylight second. See clubhouse chatter for more. *You have to play to get the points!*

Note: There is a prize for winning the Sunday haggle – helping out! The winner has to run the haggle and shop the **following week**. If you can't make it or find a stand in, you risk losing your points from the week before. Koos is an **institution** at the club but he **does not live there**.

Ladies the 'Love Golf' program restarts next week!. Hint: there is a **glass of wine or 2** to be had during the session.

6. From the Greens



With Chris resigning, the club has appointed Brent Ingles on a week to week contract until we finalise our plans for the course long term.

Brent and his team of volunteers continue to do an outstanding job presenting the course for all levels of golfers.

Jerry Jordan has joined Brent and Wally Hayes as the course 'brains trust'.

Breakdown appears to be the theme of the autumn – machinery that is and the odd old golfer!

Plans are underway to repair, replace, rebuild and any other 'r' word you can think of to manage the machinery.

Our **1st Working bee** in a while (I think that means years!) has been delayed – there is too much to do at the moment. Maybe we will wait for the 1st snowfall and clean out the machinery shed!

The course promises to be in great nick for the May tournament.

7. The President's Piece



It was great to see all the golfers out at the weekend enjoying themselves including 50 odd people in the bar on Saturday night. A credit to all those involved.

What does it cost to maintain the club?

It costs a minimum of **\$10k per month** to run our course at the current levels. We have positive signs - membership is slowly on the rise, most of our sponsorship is being renewed plus we are attracting new sponsors, as well as targeting and receiving grants to help fund the club.

Also, we are continuing to investigate new ways to generate revenue for the club, we will keep you posted! Some ideas that have been thrown around include: an 18 hole putting green, pitch and putt and a driving range.

The committee has agreed to investigate subdivision opportunities and possible club house use. The buoyant economic conditions in the region warrant the investigation. Wally Hayes will be heading this on behalf of the committee.

8. Clubhouse chatter



There was some '**hustling**' going on last weekend at the club. I am surprised there weren't reports of Easter eggs going missing.

Goldie shot a nett 65, embarrassing the president. Only to be 'smoked' by **Hailong with a nett 61** – who was also in my group!

Where is the respect in the youth of today?

Also, the day before in my group - **Wally shot a 5 under (67) and Rex nearly shot his age again!**

Where is the respect in the seniors of today?

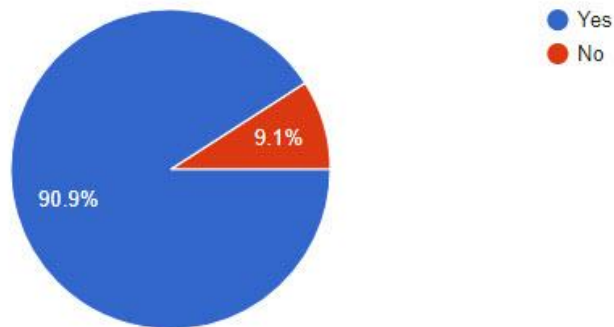


9. Survey Results

See below the key survey responses.

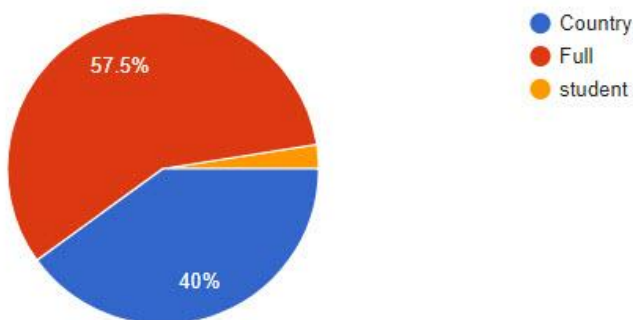
1. Are you a current member?

44 responses



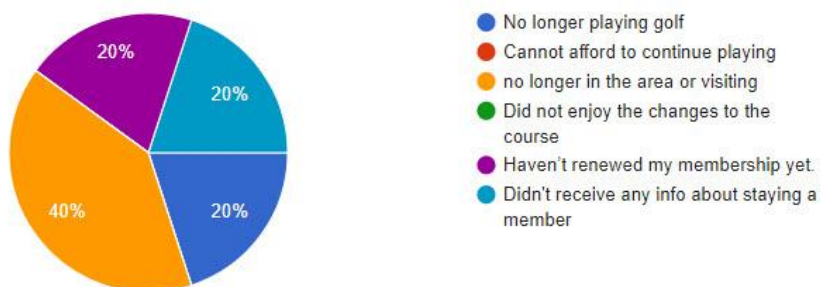
1.a If so, what type?

40 responses



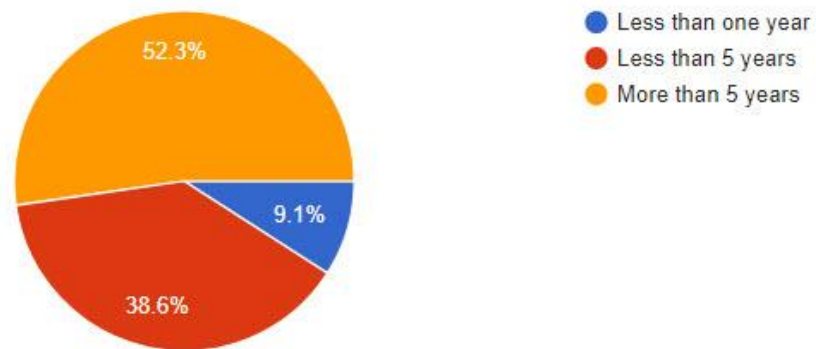
1.c If you were a member, why did you leave?

5 responses



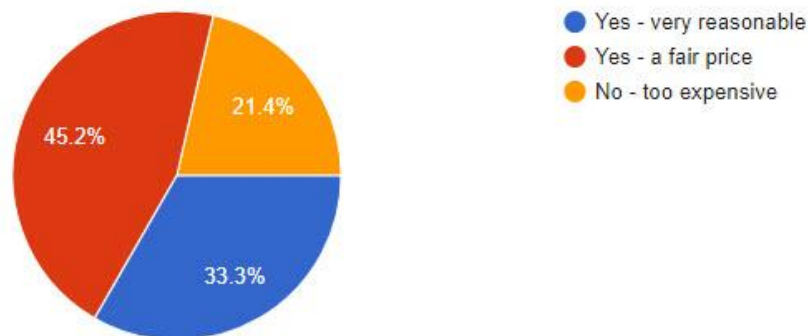
2. How long have you been a member?

44 responses



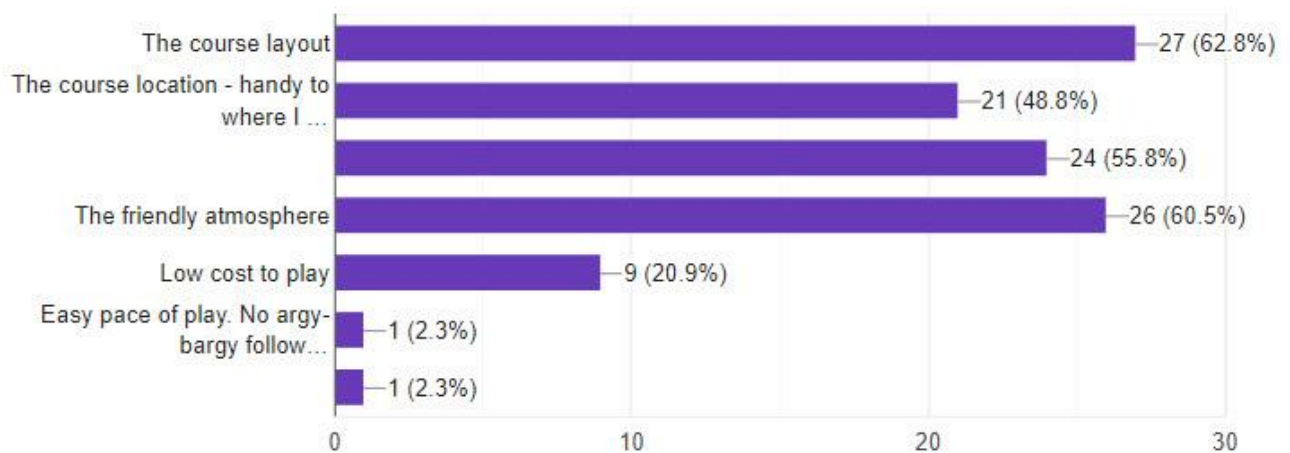
3. Do you think the Golf Membership Fee is fair?

42 responses



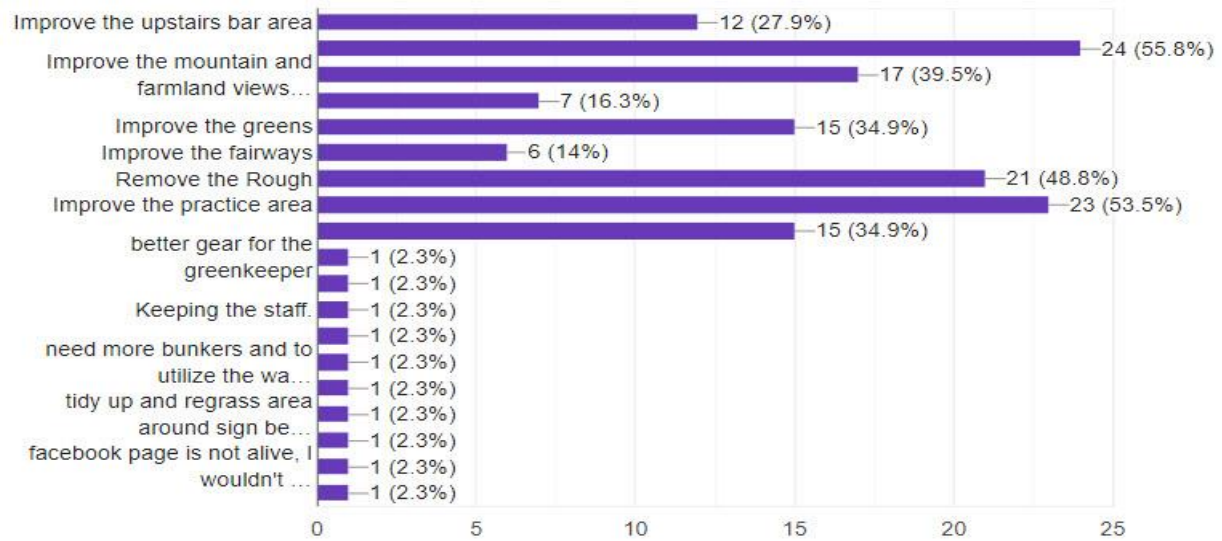
5. What do you enjoy most about playing the course?

43 responses



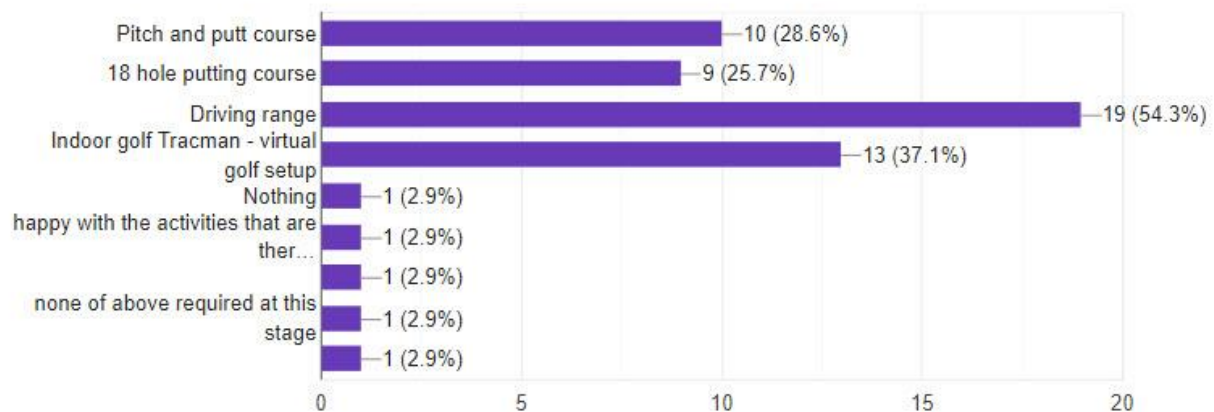
6. What would you change about the course? Tick your top 5.

43 responses



8. What other Golf related activities would you like to see added?

35 responses



Ruapehu Golf Club

Super 6 Golf Tournament

Menu

Saturday Lunch

**Macaroni Cheese or
Vegetarian Quiche
Coleslaw on the side**

Saturday Dinner

**Venison Casserole with creamy mash, peas, carrots or
Hearty “Boil Up”
Fry Bread on the side
Fruit crumble with cream**

Sunday Lunch

**BBQ
Fish Pie
Salad on the side**

Sunday Dinner

**Shepherds Pie
Chicken Casserole**

Lunch on both days is included in entry fee. For non-players, food will be available to purchase.

Saturday night dinner is \$20.00 per head.

Sunday dinner is complimentary to players and supporters.