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Waahi Taakaro Golf Club

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Farewell to Our "Big Hitting Gentle Giant" - Brendan Doyle Stepping Down as Golf Shop Lead

After years of dedicated service in the golf shop and countless booming drives down the Maitai Valley fairways, Brendan Doyle is preparing to step down from his role as Golf Shop Lead this coming Sunday.

For players checking in for an early tee time or dropping by after a round, Brendan has been a fixture of the Waahi Taakaro experience. He first joined the team as a dependable assistant, working alongside the pro shop crew to handle everything from cart hires to competition setups. Two years ago, he transitioned naturally into the Lead position, managing daily operations with calm efficiency, good humour, and a genuine passion for our golfing community.

Yet Brendan's contributions have never been confined to the clubhouse counter. Known affectionately around the fairways as our "Big Hitting Gentle Giant," he has regularly backed up his big-hitting reputation with clutch tournament golf.

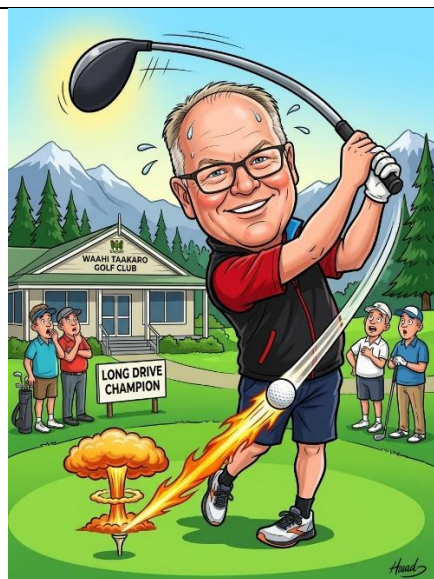
His crowning individual moment came at the Tasman Champion of Champions tournament at Motueka. Flying the flag for Waahi Taakaro against 12 club champions drawn from across Nelson, Marlborough, and the West Coast, Brendan produced the round of his life. Showing the discipline to navigate Motueka's tight, tree-lined layout, he carded a gross 91 off a 20 handicap—sparked by a superb 44 on the front nine—for a winning net 71. The milestone victory—the biggest of his career—was a testament to smart preparation, following a dedicated practice round on the course earlier that week.

Since that breakthrough, Brendan has remained a constant threat near the top of club leaderboards, whether anchoring scramble lineups to podium finishes (including a gross 68 in the annual Mike Greer Homes Scramble) or competing hard in club matchplay.

While Brendan's daily presence behind the pro shop counter will be sorely missed, his connection to the club remains strong.

On behalf of everyone at Waahi Taakaro Golf Club, thank you, Brendan, for your exceptional service, your leadership, and the sportsmanship you bring to every round. We will miss you.

We wish you the very best on your next endeavour—and we look forward to catching your drives launching down the 1st fairway.



Welcome to the Golf Shop, Alex Knight.

The rumours are true: - the Waahi Taakaro Golf Shop has a new face behind the counter. We are thrilled to officially welcome current club member and mid-week golf regular Alex Knight to the golf shop team. Alex is stepping into the shoes left behind by Brendan—which, as many of you know, are pretty big shoes to fill. (No pressure, Alex, but we’ve already measured your stride.)

Luckily, Alex comes fully loaded with a Swiss Army knife of skills to make sure the transition is as smooth as a fresh roll on the 18th green:

1. Retail & Customer Service Wizardry: He likes talking to us, which is a massive bonus.
2. Inventory Control: Expect the shop stock to be lined up tighter than a tour pro’s golf bag.
3. Machinery Maintenance & Operation: If it has an engine or moving parts, Alex can fix it, drive it, or make it run better.
4. Tech & Computer Savvy: Crucially, he knows how to make the shop systems work—meaning less time staring at frozen screens and more time getting you out on the tee.

Since he already knows the course and regularly plays during the week, he’s aware of our collective golf habits, quirks, and occasional lost-ball meltdowns.

Next time you’re checking in for a round, buying a sleeve of balls, or looking for an excuse as to why your slice came back, pop into the shop, say g'day, and test out his patience.

Welcome aboard, Alex

Golf Results ending October 3

18 Holers

NBS Club Championship Semi-Finals & Club Results – Saturday, 3 October 2026

A brutal polar blast served up rain, gusty winds, and golf to match on Saturday. While the weather was largely appalling and much of the play mirrored the conditions, a brave few managed to rise above the misery to lock in their places for the NBS Club Championship finals.

Here is how the action unfolded across the grades: -

Senior Grade

1. Nick Riddell def. Andy Isle (5/3): Top seed Nick Riddell proved utterly unbothered by the gale. He launched his round with a spectacular eagle on the 1st from the blue tees, though Andy Isle briefly rained on his parade by taking the 2nd (with a bogey) and the uphill 4th (with a fine par). Riddell steadied the ship with pars on the 6th and 8th to lead by one at the turn, before clinically taking three of the next four holes to close out a comfortable win with a par on the 15th.
2. James Campion def. Keri Kotua (5/4): Campion caught Kotua napping early, taking the 2nd and 3rd with pars. Despite unleashing a string of bogeys that would make lesser men weep, Campion never lost his grip. Up two at the turn, he bagged three of the first four holes on the back nine before sealing a 5/4 victory on the 14th—a win built on laser-like iron play and superior work around the greens.

Intermediate Grade

1. Peter Watson def. Graham Galt (4/3): In a match best described as "winning ugly," neither player will be preserving the game tape. Watson's short game was the sole saving grace in a scrappy affair. Sitting just 1-up through 10, Watson simply capitalized on Galt's late-round mistakes to coast to an early shower.
2. Andrew Bosselmann def. Bryce Vincent (3/2): Fresh off knocking out the top qualifier in the quarters, No. 8 seed Andrew Bosselmann continued his giant-killing streak by taking down 4th seed Bryce Vincent. After a sluggish front nine left Bosselmann 1-up, the underdog found his groove on the back nine with three consecutive pars. Vincent mounted a brief late rally, but Bosselmann held firm to halve the 16th in bogeys and punch his ticket to the final.

Junior A Grade

1. Harry Ambrose def. Richard Pearson (1-up): Top seed Harry Ambrose survived a massive scare from veteran Richard Pearson. A chaotic front nine saw Pearson win the first two before handing four back to his younger, longer, but considerably more wayward opponent. Ambrose pushed his lead to 3-up at the 10th, but a dogged Pearson clawed back four of the next five holes to level the match with three to play. It came down to the tough 3rd hole: Ambrose chipped to two feet, forcing Pearson into a must-make chip for a half. To Ambrose's immense relief, Pearson's effort missed by a smidgeon.
2. Gareth Edwards def. Paul Tunnicliff (3/2): Edwards used his signature length off the tee and steady green-side play to wear down Tunnicliff. Tunnicliff fought gallantly with a series of miraculous scrambles to stay within 1-up at the turn, but Edwards put his foot down with three straight hole wins from the 13th to secure the victory.

Junior B Grade

1. Jack Denton def. Dave Huntley (4/3): Denton delivered a trademark steady performance to end top seed Dave Huntley's campaign. 2-up at the turn, Denton weathered a brief storm when Huntley dropped a magnificent par to win the 13th. Unruffled, Denton rattled off three straight wins from the 16th to seal a convincing 4/3 triumph.
2. Andrew Craig def. Andrew Dodson (21st Hole): The match of the day was a marathon thriller between the two Andrews. With the lead swapping back and forth and never exceeding a single hole, they went to the 18th all square. Both clutch-potted single putts on the 18th green to extend the drama. After halving two playoff holes, Craig finally claimed victory on the 21st hole (the long 4th)—securing his spot in the final with a high-tension double-bogey.

18-Hole Par Competition

Micayla Lowden turned the rest of the field into spectators, scorching the back nine with a brilliant 39 to finish at +3 and take the win by a mile.

1st: Micayla Lowden (+3)

2nd: Craig Barron (0)

T3: Chris Louth, Aaron Kotua, Mick Leggett, Graham Eggers (-1)

Twos & Nearest the Pin:

Twos: Craig Barron (No. 11), Aaron Kotua (No. 14)

Closest to the Pin (No. 14): Aaron Kotua

9 Holes October 3

9-Hole Division (Net Round – Back Nine)

There was high drama in the 9-hole division as the elusive twos jackpot—sitting at over \$80—was finally cracked. Steve Turnell thought he had scooped the entire pool after a heroic chip-in on the 11th, only for Mike De Veer to ruin his solo payday by matching him with a two on the 14th.

De Veer capped off a stellar day by winning the daily net comp, while Blair Joliffe squeezed into second via countback.

1st: Mike De Veer (36)
2nd: Blair Joliffe (38 - CB)
3rd: Ian Hanford (38)
4th: Warren Green (38)
Final Point: Donna Dawson (40)

Weekday Golf @ Waahi Taakaro Golf Club - Nelson

1. Back Nine Par Round Results

Competition Results: Par Round (Back 9) – 29/09/2026

1st Place: John Dryden
2nd Place: Jack Denton
3rd Place: Jim McC.
4th Place: Mike De Veer

Massive shout out to “Twos Winner” Maurice Woodhouse collecting a huge \$22.50 pay day.

2. Irish Stableford Results

Competition Results: Irish Stableford (Front 9)

1st Place: Claire Wynn – 44 points
2nd Place: Sally Quinlivan – 35 points
3rd Place: Marg Parfitt – 30 points
4th Place: Judith Jordan – 29 points
5th Place: Susan Albert – 22 points

3. Golden Oldies Front Nine Par Round Results

Competition Results: Par Round (Front 9) – 01/10/2026

1st Place: John Dryden
2nd Place: Mark Sherlaw
3rd Place (Tie): Phil Sellers, Roma, and Rebecca Gibso



Golf Committee – Weekly Internal Competition Dates

1. **Monday October 5** 9H 'Women's Golf – 10.00am.
2. **Tuesday October 6** 9-Hole **STABLEFORD B9** Tee-Off (1pm).
3. **Wednesday October 7** Women's Golf Club Competition **Stableford F9** 9-Hole Pink Ribbon (10am).

4. **Thursday October 8** Golden Oldies play **STABLEFORD (F9)** Tee-Off (10am).

5. **Saturday October 10**

- **9 Holers Comp - STABLEFORD B9**
- **18 Holers MOD – Barkman Trophy Rd 13/ Shootout Rd 11 White Tees**

Finalists of the Waahi Taakaro Golf Club Championships will be played off the blue tees, later this month.

The draw is: -

- Senior grade - Nick Riddell v James Campion/
- Intermediate grade - Peter Watson v Andrew Bosselmann.
- Junior A grade - Harry Ambrose v Gareth Edwards.
- Junior B grade - Andrew Craig v Jack Denton

Waahi Taakaro Women's Twilight Golf

WOMEN'S TWILIGHT GOLF
MONDAY EVENINGS | GAMES START 5:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN MEMBERS

2026 DATES & EVENTS

- COMMENCING 2 NOV
Nett front 9
- 9 NOV
Stableford back 9
- 16 NOV
Par front 9
- 23 NOV
Nett + putts back 9
- 30 NOV
Irish Stableford front 9
- 7 DEC
Nett back 9
- 14 DEC
Stableford front 9
- 21 DEC
Par back 9
- 28 DEC
NO COMPETITION

2027 DATES & EVENTS

- 4 JANUARY
NO COMPETITION
- 11 JANUARY
Nett + putts front 9
- 18 JANUARY
Irish Stableford back 9
- 25 JANUARY
Nett front 9
- 1 FEB
NO COMPETITION (STAT HOLIDAY)
- 8 FEB
NO COMPETITION (STAT HOLIDAY OBSERVED)
- 15 FEB
Stableford back 9
- 22 FEB
Par front 9
- 1 MARCH
Nett + putts back 9
- 9 MARCH
Irish Stableford front 9
- 15 MARCH
Irons only Nett front 9
- 22 MARCH
3 clubs only + putter back 9
- 29 MARCH
Format TBC
(Competition concludes end of Daylight Saving)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Maitai Masters

We're only a couple of months away from our biggest event of the season — the Maitai Masters, the region's most popular men's 27-hole tournament.

This event fills fast every year, so please register early and arrange payment to secure your spot. Posters and registration forms are available or simply ring the golf shop 03 548 7301 and the staff will take your details. See below.

Register via the golf shop & put date in your diary.

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*Mens 27 Hole
Championship*
31 OCTOBER 2026

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\$300

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by emailing your registration to:
golfshop@waahitaakarogolfclub.co.nz
or call into the Golf Club to register
and pay

Need to know
ENTRY fee of \$65 includes BBQ,
TWOS and Pitch For CASH
Handicap is limited to 26
3 GRADES

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**MAITAI MASTERS
REGISTRATION**

1. Name: _____
2. Handicap Index: _____
3. Membership Number: _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. Phone Number: _____

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Please enter your NAME and MAITAI as
reference if paying online

Will you be crowned
Maitai Masters
Champion?
2026

Register at the pro-
shop by 8.15am
Briefing at 8.40am
Tee off at 9am

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**Saturday
31 October 2026**

WAAHI TAAKARO GOLF CLUB SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT SUMMER GOLF COMPETITION

6th NOVEMBER 2026 – 26th MARCH 2027

Weekly 9 hole competition.
Tee off 4.30pm each Friday



- LEARN The Rules, Types of competition, Scoring.
- GAIN A NZ Golf Handicap
- MEET Others who play and make new friends
- Could you be our new 2026/2027 STUDENT CHAMPION?
- Trophy awarded end of season.
- MEMBERS: FREE
- NON MEMBERS: \$12.50 each week you play
- MEMBERSHIP Nov – March 31: \$104
- CLUBS AVAILABLE TO HIRE: \$5.00

REGISTER INTEREST:

- PHONE/EMAIL GOLF SHOP: 03 548 7301
- golfshop@waahitaakarogolfclub.co.nz

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