



Waahi Taakaro Golf Club Maitai Masters Newsletter 25 October.

Final Spots Remaining: Maitai Masters 27-Hole Championship

The biggest event of our season is just around the corner — **and places are almost gone.**

The Maitai Masters is the region's premier men's 27-hole tournament: -

A full day of serious competition, outstanding camaraderie, and pure golf theatre. Every year the field reaches capacity fast, and we are now down to the final remaining spots.

The region's crown jewel of men's golf returns — and the tee sheet is down to the final few names. There is tournament golf, and then there is the Maitai Masters. Twenty-seven holes of pure test, unrelenting drama.

Don't get left on the waitlist for the region's top golfing showcase. Lock your place in today:

- Grab an entry form: Available at the clubhouse and golf shop.
- Call the team directly: Ring the golf shop on 03 548 7301 to register your details and confirm payment right away.

Next Saturday 31 October, and get set for an unforgettable 27 holes.

A Prize Table of Uncompromising Quality

Victory at the Masters carries more than just silverware and eternal bragging rights. This year, we have assembled an exceptional prize pool of sheer pedigree — a showcase table laden with the finest rewards, and premium spoils fitting of the region's premier championship.

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MAITAI MASTERS

*Mens 27 Hole
Championship*

31 OCTOBER 2026



LIMITED TO THE FIRST 72 PAID PLAYERS

Register Now

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: _____

Waahi Taakaro Golf Club A/C

03-1354-0272446-03

Please enter your NAME and MAITAI as
reference if paying online



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

PlaceMakers

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**Saturday
31 October 2026**



Golf Committee – Weekly Internal Competition Dates

Date	Competition Details	Tees/ Time
Monday 26 October	Labour Day, Ladies golf	10am
Tuesday 27 October 9-Hole Field	Tuesday Comp - Net + Putts	B9/ 1pm
Wednesday 28 October 9-Hole Field	Starts back In November	
Thursday 29 October 9-Hole Field	Golden Oldies - Net + Putts	F9/ 10am
Saturday October 31 18-Hole Field	Maitai Masters	9am
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Key Dates Saturday November 14	Waahi Taakaro Prize Giving/ Closing Day Ambrose ▪ 18-Hole 9am (TBC) ▪ 9-Hole 11am (TBC)	

FROM THE TEE BOX

Waahi Taakaro Golf Club: Weekly Results, Highlights & Updates

Kotua Crowned King of the Shootout After Dramatic Finale

Aaron Kotua triumphed in a wild and chaotic Shootout on Saturday, October 24, navigating a gruelling gauntlet of chip-offs, putt-offs, and a late-game visit to the river to claim the title.

While fatigue and mounting pressure took a heavy toll over a long day in the sun, the back-nine battle among the top 10 qualifiers delivered high-stakes entertainment from start to finish.

The Elimination Gauntlet

The tournament wasted no time asserting its trademark pressure. Gareth Edwards, the number one seed who had played brilliantly earlier in the day to win the match of the day, fell victim to the sudden-death format immediately on the opening hole, becoming the first casualty following a four-way chip-off.

The departures piled up quickly over the remainder of the back nine: -

- **Hole 10:** Maurice Woodhouse bowed out following a five-player putt-off.
- **Hole 12:** After a messy sequence featuring out-of-bounds shots and unplayable lies on the par-five, Chris Louth lost a two-man chip-off.
- **Hole 13:** Phil Sellers succumbed to a cruel three-way putt-off from above the hole on the uphill green.
- **Hole 14:** Andrew Bosselmann's run ended after a four-way chip-off on the par-three.
- **Holes 15 & 16:** Peter Watson saw his chances vanish with an out-of-bounds drive down the 15th, while Mick Leggett failed to recover after finding the creek on the 16th.
- **Hole 17:** Matt Tomczyk's tournament came to a close when Graham Eggers got the better of him in a tense chip-off.
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A Dramatic Final Showdown

That left the 9th and 10th qualifiers, Aaron Kotua and Graham Eggers, to contest the 18th hole in a fittingly dramatic finish.

Looking for a killer blow, Aaron sent his second shot straight into the river. However, the door cracked back open when Graham thinned his third shot into the riverbank penalty area in front of the green, forcing a drop for an unplayable lie.

Forced to regroup from the drop zone, Aaron played a sensational approach shot to 14 feet. Graham responded with an impressive chip to get even closer, but his six-foot putt to force a chip-off agonisingly lipped out. When his return putt missed as well, Graham conceded the hole, cementing Aaron's victory.

Backed by steady golf down the stretch and nerves of steel when it mattered most, Aaron Kotua earned his status as a thoroughly deserved Shootout champion.

Sherlaw Blasts 46 Points to Take Mixed Vets Honours

A glorious spring Thursday on October 22 drew a strong field for our Mixed Vets competition, with pristine fairways and quick greens yielding exceptional returns across both the 18-hole and 9-hole divisions.

18-Hole Competition

The day belonged entirely to Mark Sherlaw (22), who produced the round of his life to leave the 18-hole field in his wake. Mark carded an astonishing 46 stableford points, firing an 89 off the white tees for a net 62. His memorable round was highlighted by seven pars and brilliant birdie fours on both the 4th and 7th holes.

Hot on his heels was Peter Watson, who delivered a top-tier display of ball-striking to card the lowest gross of the day: a 5-over 77 (net 68) for 40 points—a haul that would comfortably win almost any other tournament. Peter's round featured a sparkling front-nine 37 alongside birdies on No. 7 and No. 14.

Waahi Taakaro members owned the top end of the leaderboard, claiming each of the first six spots: -

- **1st: Mark Sherlaw** – 46 pts (net 62)
- **2nd: Peter Watson** – 40 pts (gross 77, net 68)
- **3rd: Mike De Veer** – 38 pts (net 70)
- **4th equal: Barry Mitchell & Ali Mawby** – 37 pts each
- **6th: Jack Denton** – 36 pts (played right to handicap)
- **Shot of the Day:** Dave Huntley provided an early cheer, sinking a sharp two on No. 2.

9-Hole Field

The 9-hole field took full advantage of the benign conditions on the front nine: -

- **1st: Paul McCrae** – 23 pts
- **2nd: Tom Kennedy** – 21 pts
- **3rd: Ian Hanford** – 20 pts
- **Close Behind:** Rae Hanford (Totaradale) & Rebecca Gibson (19 pts each); Richard Pearson & Andrew Dean (18 pts each).
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Special thanks go to greenkeeper James Dale for presenting the course in prime condition, and to Richard Pearson and Heather Carey for ensuring a seamlessly run tournament.

Waahi Taakaro Women Dominate Tasman 9-Hole "Best of the Best"

Our women's 9-hole squad put on a masterclass on Tuesday, October 20, capturing five of the seven major trophies at the annual Best of the Best Tasman 9-Hole Tournament.

Hosting 38 golfers from seven regional clubs on our home layout, the Waahi Taakaro quartet of Micayla Lowden, Marg Parfitt, Donna Dawson, and Judith Jordan made home advantage count with an emphatic team and individual display.

Individual Honours

- **Best Overall Gross Trophy:** Micayla Lowden posted the lowest score across Division 1 with a 47, earning the coveted overall gross championship.
- **Division 2 Double Champion:** Judith Jordan (22) staged an extraordinary sweep in Division 2, taking both the gross and net crowns with a gross 52. Judith also finished as the top individual stableford scorer across the entire field with 24 points.

Team Trophy Stays in the Valley

Waahi Taakaro took out the prestigious Team Trophy with an aggregate of 63 stableford points (best three scores), holding off determined challenges from Nelson (59) and Motueka (58). Our winning team total was spearheaded by Judith Jordan (24), Donna Dawson (21), Marg Parfitt (18), and Micayla Lowden (18).

Regional & Season Accolades

- **Division 1 Best Net:** Gabrielle Milnes (Motueka) edged out Gwennyth Fenemor (Greenacres) on a countback after both recorded net 32s.
- **Best Improved:** Diana Bassett (Greenacres) with 18 stableford points.

Cumulative Season Honours Announced on the Day:

- **9-Hole LGU:** Helen Dryden (Motueka)
- **9-Hole Sue Bunt Competition:** Margaret Fraser (Greenacres)
- **9-Hole Postal Stableford:** Jennifer Singleton (Nelson)

Our sincere appreciation to Tasman Golf, and in particular Heather Carey and her team of helpers, for running such an enjoyable and successful regional gathering.

Congratulations to our Waahi Taakaro women on an outstanding effort—you have done the club immensely proud!



Celebrate the End of Winter in Style.

Winter Season Finale & Ambrose Tournament & Waahi Taakaro Golf Club Prize-Giving.



Date: Saturday, 14 November Time: 9:00 AM Shotgun Start

Where: Waahi Taakaro Golf Club Winter is officially going out, and we are sending it off with a bang. It's time to lock in your dream team, grab your mates, and join us for our massive Winter Season Finale Ambrose Tournament. Whether you're out to smash lowest team scores or just there for the laughs, this is the ultimate day to celebrate with fellow members and wrap up the season the right way. Expect plenty of banter, great golf, and a whole lot of fun out on the course.

What's Waiting for You After the Final Putt: -

- **The 2025/26 Prizegiving:** Stick around as we hand out the accolades and celebrate our standout performers for the year.
- **The Fuel:** Enjoy a complimentary sausage and bread (on the house!) to keep your energy up while you kick back and enjoy a well-deserved beverage at the clubhouse. Don't miss out on the club event of the season.

Get your team sorted today, sign up through the pro shop or club channels, and let's make this a season send-off to remember.

See you on the first tee at 9 am sharp! 🥂 🏌️

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Remembering Adam Candy RIP

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our dear friend and long-time golf shop team member, Adam Candy, who passed away recently following a battle with illness over the past few months.

For many years, Adam was a welcoming, familiar, and cherished face in the Waahi Taakaro golf shop. He played an integral part in our club's daily life, greeting members and visitors with a friendly demeanour and building strong connections across our community. His dedication, warmth, and presence around the clubhouse will be deeply missed by us all.

Funeral and Burial Details

For members wishing to attend and pay their respects: -

Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Marsden Cemetery, Nelson

All Waahi Taakaro members are warmly welcome to attend.

Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences go out to Adam's family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Adam. You will always be a part of the Waahi Taakaro family.

Waahi Taakaro Women's Twilight Golf

WOMEN'S TWILIGHT GOLF

MONDAY EVENINGS | GAMES START 5:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN MEMBERS

FREE
ENTRY!

AFFILIATED
TO PAY GREEN
FEES

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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