



GOLF WELLINGTON

Korowhā Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Golf Wellington Inc

2023 Annual Report



Daniel Hillier 2023 British Masters Champion

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Organisation

Board

Marty Scott	President	Royal Wellington Golf Club
Peter Gapes	Chair	Shandon Golf Club
Peta Rogers		Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club
Caitlin Hildyard		Manor Park Golf Club
Elton Nicholson		Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club
Murray Oliver		Miramar Golf Club

Staff

Steve Weir	General Manager
Di Patchett	Administration Support

Life Members

Rodney Barltrop
Patrick Fitzgerald
John Morgan
Gwen Hill
Julie Murphy
Peg Sargent
Enid Turner

President's Message

Welcome to the annual report of Golf Wellington Inc for 2023.

As we have come to expect it has been another busy year for golf governance and management in the wider Wellington region. Clubs have reported a positive year in most instances. Member numbers have stabilised after recent years of growth during the immediate post-COVID environment. Although club membership growth has levelled off in most instances, there is continued growth in the number of rounds played by both members and visiting green fee players. While this trend is encouraging the challenges for clubs become self-evident. If membership growth has slowed and, in some instances, declined slightly, but green fee income is rising, then the need to work on converting casual revenue into more reliable membership subscription income becomes highly desirable.

The value of a warm and welcoming experience for casual players where they are made to feel comfortable and not overawed by rights and wrongs and overzealous adherence to rules and etiquette, is significant. Immense value can be added to the transitioning of the casual golfer to club membership by the provision of a positive early experience at the club, the collection and assessment of contact data and follow-up with offers of return visits and assistance. Clearly the provision of group and individual skill development programmes also adds value, but we recognise this can be a challenge for clubs without professional staff.

Congratulations to all clubs and individuals who recorded success in competitions throughout the year. A special mention to Kapiti Golf Club, one of our smallest clubs, for their superb win in the Mary Alward competition which is the oldest competition run in our district. Manor Park also had a sterling year winning the women's Lansdowne Trophy and the men's Waikanae Cup, followed by the Schroder Trophy which saw them win promotion back to the premier grade for 2024. The ever-capable Shandon men triumphed over a valiant Judgeford in the Duncan Cup final. Another busy and successful year of interclub golf while representative golf results are covered elsewhere in the annual report.

The board and staff of Golf Wellington are deeply appreciative of the work done by all volunteers, team managers, coaches, parents, and extended families who do so much to enrich the lives of our community through participation in our wonderful sport. We also thank all club staff, from the offices to the green sheds who contribute so much to ensuring a positive sporting and social experience for golfers in our region.

Lastly, a very real thank you to our General Manager Steve Weir for his ongoing commitment, dedication, and skill and to Di Patchett, his able assistant in the office.

Happy golfing
Nga mihi

Marty Scott



Board Chair's Report

2023 was a continuation of the progress our region's golf clubs have made since the Covid pandemic which, in a restriction sense, thankfully is now mostly well behind us. Golf clubs have embraced the opportunity the Covid lockdowns presented and as a result have enjoyed increased membership continually since, and with casual round numbers growing year on year, there have been significant increases in green fee revenue with the added spin-off of cart hire and bar takings. This added to clubs' profitability.

Golf Wellington has followed golf New Zealand's vision in three core strategies.

- Growing the profile of the game.
- Increasing membership and participation.
- Supporting clubs and the golf sector.

In January 2024 club membership in New Zealand hit an all-time high of 142,000 members and 200,000 casual players. This year Golf Wellington membership numbers only marginally increased, although conversely 48,281 rounds were played in the Wellington region, an increase over the previous year of 14.3%, hence the continued strong growth in green fee revenue.

We have also seen growth in young people taking up golf. Our futures programme which was launched two years ago saw 13 events delivered in 2023.

A twilight beginners' series was trailed in December with six clubs participating.

Junior interclub continued to grow and thrive in the younger age group 8 – 14 years. The TDP – Talent Development Programme was again successful in its 15th year, in offering Juniors playing and learning opportunities; a huge and heartfelt thanks to the Pelorus Trust, whose generous funding allows this programme to be delivered.

Growth in the number of women and girls playing golf reached a decade high in terms of the numbers playing nationally – up 15% since 2018. Equally, it is acknowledged that at under 20% of club membership in our region, these numbers are still relatively low.

Many clubs have organized introductory lessons for new members and encouraged them with no pressure, which has led "newbies" to learn our wonderful game at their own pace. Nationally this has seen an increase of 10% growth in 9-hole membership. The mantra is for women to be welcomed, valued and thriving in golf.

Many Wellington clubs have supported women by signing up for Golf NZ's 'ambition for women and girls in golf'.

Our 2023 AGM in March was our first "in person" AGM since COVID-19 years of 2020 and 2021 and was successfully followed by our ½ Year Meeting and the Vincent Ward Tournament at Judgeford, in September

This year a profit of \$42k was achieved against a budget of a \$23k profit. As agreed at our 2023 AGM the targeted surplus in 2023 and 2024 was to provide a large portion of funding for the website interclub, calendar and tournament components, rather than from accumulated reserves, required to be redeveloped after 10 years of "version 1", which has served the district extremely well over the last decade.

This is a major undertaking and we have engaged Golf New Zealand and external vendors for quotations.

Our golf programmes cost this year was the same as the previous year. Our funding comes almost exclusively from constituent clubs and grant providers. Our administration costs rose over the previous year, with the admin support role to the GM being increased to 2 days a week, and cost increases relating to CPI and inflation.

A special thanks to our General Manager Steve Weir, who with able support from Di Patchett, aside from their other duties leading Golf Wellington, dutifully compiled and filed applications for charitable funding grants.

Again, the Board from the previous year continued with all members contributing to one of the three sub-committees, namely Match, Finance and Golf Development. Caitlin Hildyard will not seek re-election at the AGM. Her tenure on the Board has been invaluable in that besides being Chair of our Golf Development Committee, she managed our Women's senior representative team to a national title at Ashburton two years ago. Caitlin was also instrumental in delivering our new website in 2022. She is currently involved in leading discussions with Golf New Zealand about the opportunities they could provide to upgrade our interclub portal.

With the largest number of interclub teams in the country, another wonderful season of club rivalry played out. There were many highlights as the season from late January to June continues to be a significant part of golfing in the district and a good reason for players to become members of clubs, a strong sense of identity within many clubs.

The Men's and Women's Interprovincial tournaments were held in our district in December at the Paraparaumu Beach and Waikanae golf clubs, following on from the Women's Masters event being held at Otaki GC in April – a rare treble.

This coming year will provide its own unique set of challenges but with the volunteers and paid workforce that is dedicated to our amazing game, the Board and I look forward to the next 12 months, and I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for all your efforts over the past year.

Peter Gapes

Chair Golf Wellington



Match Chair's Report

2023 saw several National events come to the Wellington District. Kapiti Coast courses were showcased with Otaki Golf Club hosting the Women's Masters, and Paraparaumu Beach and Waikanae clubs' joint hosting of the Men's and Women's Interprovincials. Boulcotts Farm Heritage Golf Club was the host to the NZ Mixed Foursomes.

Talent Development Programme

Golf Wellington delivered another successful Talent Development Programme, again courtesy of significant and generous funding from Pelorus. As well as attending sessions in Wellington, the 12 players in tier 1 participated in a 3-day camp playing 3 Manawatu courses and a 4-day camp in Timaru at the NZ Age Grade championships. Up to 24 players in tiers 2 and 3 enjoyed modules including an Introduction to Rules session thanks to the Wellington Referees Association.

Thanks to Matthew Lane, Alastair Sidford and Joel Macklin who continued to be superb leads for this programme.

Results/Highlights

GWI District Events

The Wellington 72-hole Strokeplay championship was won by Jayden Ford with Casey Chettleburgh winning the Women's title. The Wellington Matchplay Championships were won by Sam Marsters and Peta Time

The District Pairs Championship winners were Ben Dikze and Karl Tily for the men's, and the women's winners were Teisa-mania Vaka and Harriet Dewes.

The Men's Champion of Champions winner was Sam Marsters and Miramar, Wainuiomata and Paraparaumu finished in a 3-way tie in the teams event. Women's Champion of Champion joint winners were Pip Smith and Elise Barber and Shandon was the winning team.

Interclub

Duncan Cup - Judgeford with a couple of great wins over Paraparaumu Beach GC and Boulcotts Farm Heritage GC earned a spot in the final with Shandon. However, the 2022 champions were too good in the final at RWGC

Lansdowne - Manor Park overcame Boulcotts Farm Heritage GC in the final to become the champions for the first time in many years.

Mary Alward - Kapiti won the title after a wonderful season of golf, the small club winning for the first time in 85 years of the competition, the district's oldest (preceded the first Duncan Cup by 10 years)

In the Men's 18-hole grade Manor Park Golf Club won the Schroder Trophy final to earn a spot back in the Men's premier grade after many years of absence. Mahunga and Te Marua were the most successful clubs winning 3 trophies each.

In the junior grades, Paraparaumu won the Watt Cup, Shandon the 18-hole pennants and Royal Wellington the 9-hole Pennants competitions.

Midweek Pennants

In the Women's grades, Royal Wellington came out on top of both the silver and combo 18-hole grades, and Paraparaumu Beach and BFHGC Heritage were winners in the two 9-hole grades. Eketahuna won the Riverside Cup.

Kapiti won the Men's 9-hole grade, with Miramar winning the John Durry Salver.

Representative Programme

The Mens Interprovincial team placed 3rd at Paraparaumu Beach GC, losing a cliffhanger to Auckland in the semi-final, who went on to be crowned champions. The Women's team were placed 6th.

The Mens Masters team with a loss to Auckland in Gisborne (the team's first loss in 32 straight matches over a 2-year period), fell just short in seeking to be the first team ever to win 3 national titles in a row.

Women's Masters, Boys and Girls teams all finished mid-field in their National Interprovincial events

Thanks to the continuing input from Matthew Lane and Alastair Sidford around coaching, leadership, and team development, the representative programme will continue to produce future champions.

Thanks

The golfing programme cannot be run without the continued assistance of volunteers, coaches, managers, selectors, referees and course raters who constantly support the game of golf. A huge thank you to each and every one of you.

Thank you to the Wellington region clubs and their green staff who work tirelessly to ensure courses are up to standard and for making their facilities and courses available for delivery of our competitions.

The Match committee expresses a huge thank you to Steve Weir for his outstanding expertise in managing and coordinating the events, programmes, players, and communication to clubs.

Chris May, Match Committee Chair



Golf Development Report

2023 saw the continuance of the Futures program, and growth in the women & girls initiative. Year 2 of the Futures program was delivered by Joel Macklin, with 13 events held across the Wellington region. In December a twilight beginners' series was trailed at 6 clubs with mixed success. Joel Macklin also resigned at the end of 2023, we would like to thank him for his time in running these events and wish him all the best. We are currently looking for a replacement for his role.

In our junior space, we saw Junior Interclub continue to thrive in the younger age bracket of 8–14-year-olds. We also had a successful 2023 TDP program, with significant funding by Pelorus that allowed this to be delivered. A new initiative was started in 2023 led by the Wellington Golf Referees Association to set up a junior rules program. This was rolled out in our Talent Development Programme, with three modules delivered to the juniors covering everything from taking relief, bunkers, and course etiquette. It was all well received, and we hope that more programs can be delivered in 2024. Special thanks to Anna Shires, Aine Meek, and Wendy Rhodes especially for their time and help in delivering these modules.

Following a successful 2022 Women and Girls launch, in 2023 we saw continued commitment to this initiative with clubs setting up a variety of events from Wine and 9, specific beginner coaching for women, and multiple She Loves Golf events. Golf Wellington also established four templates to showcase how a club can grow their female membership which are available for discussion with clubs wanting to pursue further opportunities in this space.

Website

After the success of the launch of the new website we looked at our options for Stage 2, which is the development of the Interclub Platform, Events, and Calendar functions. We created a request for proposal (RFP), to be sent out to various agencies around Wellington and to Dot Golf. The agencies came back well over budget, so we are currently awaiting a final quote from Dot Golf, with the aim of having a new platform up and running for the 2025 season.

Our website performance is continuing to grow, and over the last three months our total impressions are 196K (Total impressions is how many times a user saw a link to your site in search results), and 3.7K total clicks through to our website. Our top searches are the same as last year with users looking up driving ranges, golf lessons, and mini golf which correlates to our top three pages being driving ranges, mini putt and find a coach. Our average click-through rate is around 2%, and we would like to grow this more, which comes from continually updating our content in blogs etc. However, once the new website is fully complete, we will no longer be competing with our current wgi.co.nz and splitting traffic, so will see these numbers increase.

Caitlin

Chair Golf Development Committee



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TASMANIA AUSTRALIA

INTERPROVINCIAL RESULTS CARD

DATE 11/12/21
TEAMS Wellington v Man/Wang

		Result Holes in the hole	Result Holes in the hole		
Player 1	Donnae	5/4		Tara	Player 1
Player 2	Donika	2up		CASEY	Player 2
Player 3	ERIKA		4/3	LISA	Player 3
Player 4	YE WOO	3/2		VAN	Player 4
Player 5	Dakota		1up	SARA	Player 5
Signature	<i>chickford</i>	3	2	Signature	<i>Frankie McIn</i>

GOLF NZ
TASMANIA AUSTRALIA

INTERPROVINCIAL RESULTS CARD

DATE Sat
TEAMS Canterbury v Wellington

		Result Holes in the hole	Result Holes in the hole		
Player 1	M. May		3/6	Donnae	Player 1
Player 2	A. Bell	2/1		Donika	Player 2
Player 3	P. Taylor		3/2	ERIKA	Player 3
Player 4	R. Eder	□	□	YE WOO	Player 4
Player 5	M. Newman		1up	Dakota	Player 5
Signature	<i>Stuart</i>	1 1/2	3 1/2	Signature	<i>Michael</i>



General Manager's Report

2023 has in some sense set the tone for the next couple of years, with inflation and the cost of living well and truly impacting everything in our lives, golf clubs and their members being no exception to this.

The shape of club's revenue streams and the makeup of playing numbers has changed significantly post the Covid lockdown years of 2020 and 2021 and continued through the "return to normal" years of 2022 and 2023.

In this period casual rounds in the Wellington district have increased at a high rate year on year, and as a result, revenue reported through green fee income in our region over these 4 years has grown from \$1.614M to \$3.018M. This \$3.018M compares to subscription revenue of \$8.609M, reiterating the impact on revenue and course capacity that casual (and corporate day) rounds have.

Many clubs have expanded and improved their food and beverage offerings, but there are still huge opportunities in this area to grow revenue off the course and enhance the experience of club members and more importantly, visitors who may well become club members in the future, having had a great time on and off the course.

Prudent past purchase of land and smart sale and development of available land has seen many clubs strengthen their P & L and balance sheet, investing and securing their immediate and long-term future.

Early 2023 saw the country ravaged by never seen before cyclone weather patterns, and although the east coast north island damage was severe in the extreme and our district escaped the horrific outcomes of the communities, the nature of many of our courses being coastal and/or in river plains meant there was significant damage incurred at a peak playing and revenue earnings time. Castlepoint GC and the wider east coast area in the Wairarapa were particularly hard hit, with slips and washouts cutting off many townships. The courses sustained damage to assets and were left with hundreds of tonnes of organic matter which quickly turned to mud and a rotting stench. Tough times.



Interclub continues to be a large part of the golfing landscape in our region. Men's and Junior grades have again had new teams enter, with the Women's grades changing their shape a little as existing players move from scratch and silver teams to combo, off handicap and 9 hole options. This is common across NZ, reflective of both demographics and players time commitments within a working week.

Highlights within the 2023 season included Mahunga GC winning all 3 Men's grades they have teams in and subsequently winning the Men's Interclub Club of the Year title, Manor Park winning the Men's Championship grade, Waikanae Cup and Schroder Trophy double and promotion to the Premier grade after many years absence, and Kapiti winning the Women's Mary Alward Trophy for the 1st time in the events 85 year history, being the dominant team across the whole season and on though the playoffs.

The representative programme was successfully delivered with teams competing in 6 national interprovincial tournaments, 6 quadrangular matches and 3 interprovince matches, a total of 57 interprovincial games. Representative golf is an ever-increasing cost with inflation etc, but equally and more importantly is a key pathway for club members to represent themselves, their clubs and their province. The pride with which players, especially juniors and debutants across the squads, don the "black and yellow" is important both in our district and nationally – teams matchplay is truly something special.

The Men's, Masters Men and Junior teams won convincingly their respective quadrangular events in 2023 and had strong performances at their national interprovincial events. The Men's Masters team, unbeaten for 2 years and 31 matches and chasing an unprecedented 3rd national title in a row, came up just short losing to a strong Auckland who would go on to win the Freyberg Rosebowl. The exact same fate awaited the Men's senior team at PBGC, Auckland adding to their haul of Men's Masters, Boys, and Women's titles, an impressive 4 of 6 – the standard and what a year. The Girl's and Women's teams, in somewhat of a rebuilding couple of years after the departure of stalwarts Darae Chung and Erica Cui, made progress with good results in their quad, and against Canterbury as well as positive results at the Girl's national event. 2024 beckons with more progress for this young group.

As has been the case in previous years in my role, it has been a huge privilege and a pleasure to work with the Board, our subcommittees, our selectors and managers, and all the adults who support teams and junior interclub players, and those who give of their time to be part of the Rules group and the Course Rating group.

To finish, a special thanks to Manor Park's Caitlin Hildyard – the time, effort and expertise given in creating our new website, along with technical and digital advice provided to the writer's "basic" questions, has all been extremely valuable. That afternoon in Timaru 2021 as the team rolled through to a national title, a lifelong memory.

All the best for 2024 and beyond

Steve



Funders

Golf Wellington, the district member clubs and the players within these clubs, are again hugely indebted and very grateful for the critical support Funders provide. Without this support the many players who represent the province would not be able to do so to the level of professionalism that is required, the amount of preparation needed and the performance that follows.

Representative Programme

- Pelorus Trust
 - Boys and Girls National Interprovincial teams.
 - Men's and Women's National Interprovincial teams.
- Pub Charity
 - Women's Masters National Interprovincial Team
- Grass Roots Central Trust
 - Men's Masters Gisborne Quadrangular.
- NZ Community Trust
 - Mens Freyberg Masters National Interprovincial
- TAB
 - Men's, Women's, Juniors Auckland match.

Talent Development Programme (TDP)

- Pelorus Trust



TDP Camp in the July school holidays



2023 Golf NZ National Age Grade Championships, Timaru



2023 Girls National Interprovincial, Rotorua



2023 Masters Stu Smith Memorial Quad Winners



2023 Women's Masters National Interprovincial, Otaki GC

Commercial Partnerships

Golf Warehouse continued their support of our Representative and Talent Development (TDP) programmes, providing range and facility time to the various squads as they moved through the representative seasons and participated in the TDP. This ongoing commitment at a facility that is always in high demand from the public, is a key component of our teams ongoing success.

Golf Warehouse also contributed financially to enable Golf Wellington to continue to operate a vehicle. Golf Wellington is acutely aware of the pressure commercial businesses are under and are extremely grateful for Golf Warehouse's continued support.

P.A.R. Golf

Petone based Physiotherapist Jonny Dittmer has partnered with Golf Wellington to support and provide exercise, nutrition, rehabilitation and event preparation modules and skills. Jonny is in the unique position of being able to combine the playing experiences and skills of a top level amateur golfer, a former NZ Pro, and a national softball rep with his qualifications and knowledge in the physio and sports dynamics spaces, providing a specific and accurate approach to golf and all its components.





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Competitions

Interclub



2023 Duncan Cup Champions Shandon



2023 Lansdowne Champions Manor Park

2023 Champions

Men

- Premier
 - Otaki Cup Boulcott's Farm
 - Duncan Cup Shandon
 - Presidents Salver Royal Wellington
- Championship
 - Waikanae Cup Manor Park
 - Schroder Trophy Manor Park
 - Dudding Shield Royal Wellington
- Div 1 - Kau Kau Trophy Mahunga
- Div 2 - Pennants Trophy Otaki
- Div 3 - Dunlop Cup Te Marua
- Div 4 - Dave Barclay Cup Miramar
- Div 5 - Mana Trophy Waikanae
- Div 6 - Wairarapa Salver Te Marua
- Div 7 - Linnell Cup Mahunga
- Div 8 - Miramar Cup Manor Park
- Div 9 - Capital Cup Titahi
- Div 10 - Kapiti Cup Te Marua
- Div 11 - Andy Shaw Trophy Mahunga
- Div 12 – Smith Rosebowl Titahi
- Mens Interclub Champions Boulcott's Farm
- Mens Interclub, Top Club Mahunga
- John Durry Salver Miramar
- Marquis Shield Mahunga
- Workman Trophy Martinborough
- Intermediate Cup Eketahuna
- Sutherland trophy Eketahuna
- 9 Hole Men Kapiti

Women

- Premier
 - Lansdowne Salver Royal Wellington
 - Lansdowne Trophy Manor Park
- Founders Trophy Peta Time Shandon
- Mary Alward/Tuakana Kapiti
- MAT (runner up) BFHGC
- Mary Alward Salver (Top Qualifier) Miramar
- Betty Duffy Trophy
- Silver Pennants Royal Wellington Gold
- Silver Pennants (runner up) Royal Wellington Green
- Bronze Combo Pennants Royal Wellington
- Bronze Combo (runner up) Martinborough
- Lady Meech Trophy
- Tilson Salver Martinborough
- Riverside Cup Eketahuna

- 9 Hole Membership Women
- 9 Hole Membership (runner up)
- 9 Hole Open Women

PBGC 1
 Kapiti White
 BFHGC Heritage

Junior

- Watt Cup
- 18 Hole Pennants
- 9 Hole Pennants

Paraparaumu
 Shandon
 Royal Wellington Green



2023 Otaki Cup Winners Boulcott's Farm



2023 Waikanae Cup and Schroder Trophy Champions Manor Park



2023 Mary Alward Champions Kapiti



2023 Watt Cup Winners Paraparaumu Beach Combo Team



2023 9 Hole Pennants Final, winner Royal Wellington



Lansdowne Salver winners Royal Wellington



Midweek Silver Pennants winners Royal Wellington Gold



Midweek Combo Pennants winners Royal Wellington with runners-up Martinborough



Midweek 9 Hole winners Paraparaumu Beach (centre) with 2nd and 3rd placed teams, Kapiti and Karori



2023 Interclub Champion Club of the Year - Mahunga



Men's Division 1 winners Mahunga



Men's Division 11 winners Mahunga



Men's Division 2 winners Otaki



Men's Division 5 winners Waikanae



2023 Vincent Ward ½ Year Meeting Winners Boulcott's Farm Heritage GC



A typical sunny Sunday afternoon that is the Wellington Junior Interclub scene

District Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Champion</u>
GWI 72 Hole Strokeplay	Otaki	Jayden Ford (Judgeford) Casey Chettleburgh (Man/Wang)
		Wellington Men (District Teams) Shandon, BFHGC (Club Teams)
GWI Matchplay Championship	PBGC	Sam Marsters (Miramar)
GWI Matchplay Plate	PBGC	Matt Pegg (Shandon)
GWI Matchplay Championship	PBGC	Peta Time (Shandon)
GWI Women's 36 Hole Strokeplay	Otaki	Teisa-mania Vaka (Shandon)
Wairarapa 54 Hole Strokeplay	Masterton	Sam Forrester (Masterton) Tar Raj (Wanganui)
GWI U19 Strokeplay	RWGC/BFHGC	Dominic Hazeldine (RWGC) -U19 Boys Elise Barber (Shandon) -U19 Girls
GWI U19 Matchplay	BFHGC	Alec Prentice (PBGC) -U19 Boys
GWI Men's Champion of Champions	Karori	Team: Miramar, Wainui, PBGC, 1st= Senior: Sam Marsters (Miramar) Intermediate: Fergus McDougall (Karori) Junior: John Mitchell (PBGC)
GWI Women's Champion of Champions	Karori	Team: Shandon E. Barber, V. Faiumu, M. Davies Silver: Elise Barber, Pip Smith (RWGC), 1 st = Bronze: Sue Cookson (Riversdale)
GWI Men's Interclub Champion's Invitational	BFHGC	Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club
GWI Men's Interclub, Top Club 2023		Mahunga
Women's National Teams, District Champ	Te Marua	Martinborough
Women's National Teams Gross Stableford	Karori	Shandon
GWI Pairs	Miramar	Ben Dirkze/Karl Tily Teisa-mania Vaka/Harriet Dewes

GWI Women's Vets Championship

BFHGC

Silver - Fiona McBride (Otaki)

Bronze – Janne Moyle (PBGC)

Senior – Julie Steel (Manor Park)

9 Hole – Kathryn Bradshaw (BFHGC)

GWI Women's 9 Hole Championship

Manor Park

Viv Smith, Jane Campbell tied

Gross: Paula Thomson

Stableford: Alex Tomlinson, Pip Fairbrother



2023 Wellington 72 Hole Strokeplay Champions, Casey Chettleburgh and Jayden Ford



2023 Wellington Matchplay

runner-up EJ Nicholson, champions Sam Marsters and Peta Time and runner-up Teisa-mania Vaka



2023 Womens Vets Champions



2023 Women's Champion of Champion Winners



2023 Men's Champion of Champions Winners Sam Marsters and joint team winners Wainui, tied 1st with Miramar and PBGC



2023 9 Hole Champions



2023 Women's Strokeplay Champions

International

Jayden Ford had another great year, competing in many events offshore in America, Australasia and Europe.



Mens New Zealand Eisenhower team

National and Local



2023 Booth Shield Junior Interprovincial winners



Eagles National Tournament, Teams Champion



College Sport District Teams Winner



College Sport Year 9 and 10 Champions



2023 Christies Flooring Mount Open



2023 Clements Memorial Trophy Pairs

Development Programmes

Futures Wellington

The Futures sub-brand, launched by Golf NZ, looks to capture all things junior golf and offer opportunities to first-timers through to established players.

Year 2 of the Futures Series of events, where young players can participate in 18-hole and 9-hole competitions, and 6-hole Ambrose, starter events, saw events held at Masterton, Riversdale, Mahunga, Manor Park, Judgeford, Paraparaumu Beach, Royal Wellington, Shandon, Boulcott's farm and Otaki as well as Futures district Strokeplay and Matchplay Championships at Royal Wellington and Boulcott's Farm.



Representative Programme Fixtures

Women's Masters Interprovincial 8th

Marton Junior Quad, Shand Salver

Shand Salver		Junior Quad	
Hawkes Bay	Won 4 - 0	Hawkes Bay	Won 7 - 3
Taranaki	Won 2.5 - 1.5	Taranaki	Won 9 - 1
Man/Wang	Won 4 - 0	Man/Wang	Won 7.5 - 2.5
	Winner		Winner

Tairawhiti Masters Tairawhiti Men Won 6 - 2; **Tairawhiti Masters** Won 5.5 - 2.5; **HB** Won 6 - 2

Otago Masters Won 9 - 7

Auckland Men Lost 7 - 13; **Women** Lost 0.5 - 14.5; **Boys** Lost 3 - 12

Girls' Interprovincial

1. Bay of Plenty	Lost 2.5 - 3.5	4. Hawkes Bay	Drew 3 - 3
2. North Harbour	Lost 2 - 4	5. Auckland	Lost 1.5 - 4.5
3. Waikato	Won 5 - 1	Playoffs Hawkes Bay	Lost 2.5 - 3.5
			6th place

Boy's Interprovincial

1. Taranaki	Lost 1 - 5	4. Bay of Plenty	Drew 3 - 3
2. Northland	Won 5 - 1	5. Waikato	Lost 2 - 4
3. Auckland	Lost 0 - 6	Playoffs Aor/Southland	Won 4 - 2
			9th place

Shand Cup, Stu Smith Memorial Quad

Men		Masters		Women	
Taranaki	Won 5 - 3	Taranaki	Won 6 - 2	Taranaki	Won 7 - 1
Man/Wang	Won 7 - 1	Hawkes Bay	Abandoned 4 - 4	Hawkes Bay	Drew 4 - 4
Hawkes Bay	Won 6 - 2	Man/Wang	Won 7 - 1	Man/Wang	Lost 3 - 5
	Winner		Winner		2nd place

Freyberg Masters Interprovincial

1. Tairawhiti	Won 4 - 1	5. Tasman	Won 4 - 1
2. Hawkes Bay	Won 4 - 1	6. Auckland	Lost 1.5 - 3.5
3. Taranaki	Won 3 - 2	7. Canterbury	Won 3 - 2
4. Bay of Plenty	Drew 2.5 - 2.5	8. North Harbour	Won 3.5 - 1.5
			3rd place

Canterbury Women

Won 8 - 4

Men's Interprovincial

1.Manawatu/Wanganui	Won 3.5 – 1.5	5.Taranaki	Won 4 - 1
2. Otago	Won 4 - 1	6.Bay of Plenty	Lost 2 - 3
3.Tasman	Won 4.5 – 0.5	Semi Auckland	Lost 2 - 3
4. Northland	Lost 2 - 3		3rd place

Women's Interprovincial

1.Bay of Plenty	Lost 1.5 – 3.5	5.Manawatu/Wanganui	Lost 0.5 – 4.5
2.Auckland	Lost 1 - 4	6. Canterbury	Lost 1 – 4
3. North Harbour	Lost 1 - 4		
			6th place







Awards



2023 College Sport Golfer of the Year – Sameer Govind and Teisa-mania Vaka

2023 Eagles Young Golfers of the Year – Teisa-mania Vaka and Riley Moy



President Marty Scott congratulating John Morgan on becoming a Life Member of Golf Wellington in recognition of the multitude of roles filled and many years of service given.



Wellington Golf Referees Association

This small, dedicated group have again had another busy year with the running of the very popular and oversubscribed rules courses, Level 1 and Level 2 versions.

The referees attended Premier Interclub, Otaki, Duncan and Lansdowne matches, the Wellington 72 Hole Stroke play and many other district championship events.

If you have any questions on anything to do with the Rules of Golf, any observations or comments, or rules incidents to share, please send them to Terry Gardiner at gardfam77@gmail.com

If your club is keen to hold a rules session please contact office@wgi.co.nz

Go to the Golf Wellington website to view Tee Time, the WGRA’s publication.

Course Raters

We are very lucky and very well served to have had this highly skilled group operate in the Wellington district for many years, performing a valuable and indeed essential function of golf linking into the real-time WHS.

The two senior leads in this space have “hung up their clubs” after countless years given. A huge thanks to Anna Shires and Bruce Phillips, and the teams they have led over an extended period.

The Board in conjunction with Golf NZ is now exploring how this requirement will be best fulfilled moving forward.



Course Rating

2023 Membership Numbers (not including Juniors)

2022

	<u>Full playing</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Full playing</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Wairarapa	2,065	35	2,239	20
Kapiti Coast	2,009	168	1,868	169
Porirua Basin	863	100	818	114
Hutt Valley	4,076	246	4,076	246
GWH	4,955		4,067	
Wellington	1,278	78	1,254	100
Total	15,246	627	14,322	649

Financial Performance of Wellington Golf Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Levies and subscriptions	293,755	240,389
Interclub	24,080	24,200
Events	19,459	22,291
Grants received – TDP	18,754	23,613
Grants received – Rep	22,701	25,029
Grants received - other	0	0
Interest received	11,329	3,486
Partnership	0	5,000
Other	7,322	4,857
Total Income	397,400	348,864
<u>Expenses</u>		
Interclub	5,929	2,985
Events	35,378	31,969
Events Fundraising	0	0
Representative	97,308	88,627
Coaching, Physical, Welfare	11,427	9,767
Junior Development, TDP	29,914	42,587
Development Programmes	16,749	20,440
Other	5,165	5,756
Total Golf Expenses	201,870	202,132
Staffing	112,890	101,287
Covid Wage Subsidy		
ACC	643	427
Accountancy	3,897	3,156
Audit/Review	3,285	2,785
Bank Charges	101	141
Insurance	1,662	2,193
Rent	2,760	2,760
Computer Support	4,152	9,449
Office Running	5,563	5,828
Vehicle	18,150	17,626
Legal	0	0
Other	356	435
Total Administration Expenses	153,459	146,088
Surplus/(Deficit)	42,071	644
Depreciation	4,011	5,338
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	0	1,185
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	38,060	(5,878)

Commentary

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Revenue

Levies and subs – 53.4 increase. This reflects growth in the handicap-only membership base primarily from players outside the district, and a levy increase.

Grants – TDP 4.8 decrease. Favourable venues(costs) vs. 2022 venues, and the resultant scale(cost) of the 2023 programme.

Partnership – Vehicle sponsorship in mid-2022, ran through till end 2023

Other – 2.4 increase. Golf NZ payment towards developing Futures programme based on Flexiclub numbers, which grew in 2023.

Expenses

Interclub – 2.9 increase. Development of season opening and ending field days

Representative – 8.7 increase. Inflationary effect on all costs, the largest impact being on accommodation.

TDP – 12.7 decrease. Favourable venues(costs) vs. 2022 venues, and the resultant scale(cost) of the 2023 programme.

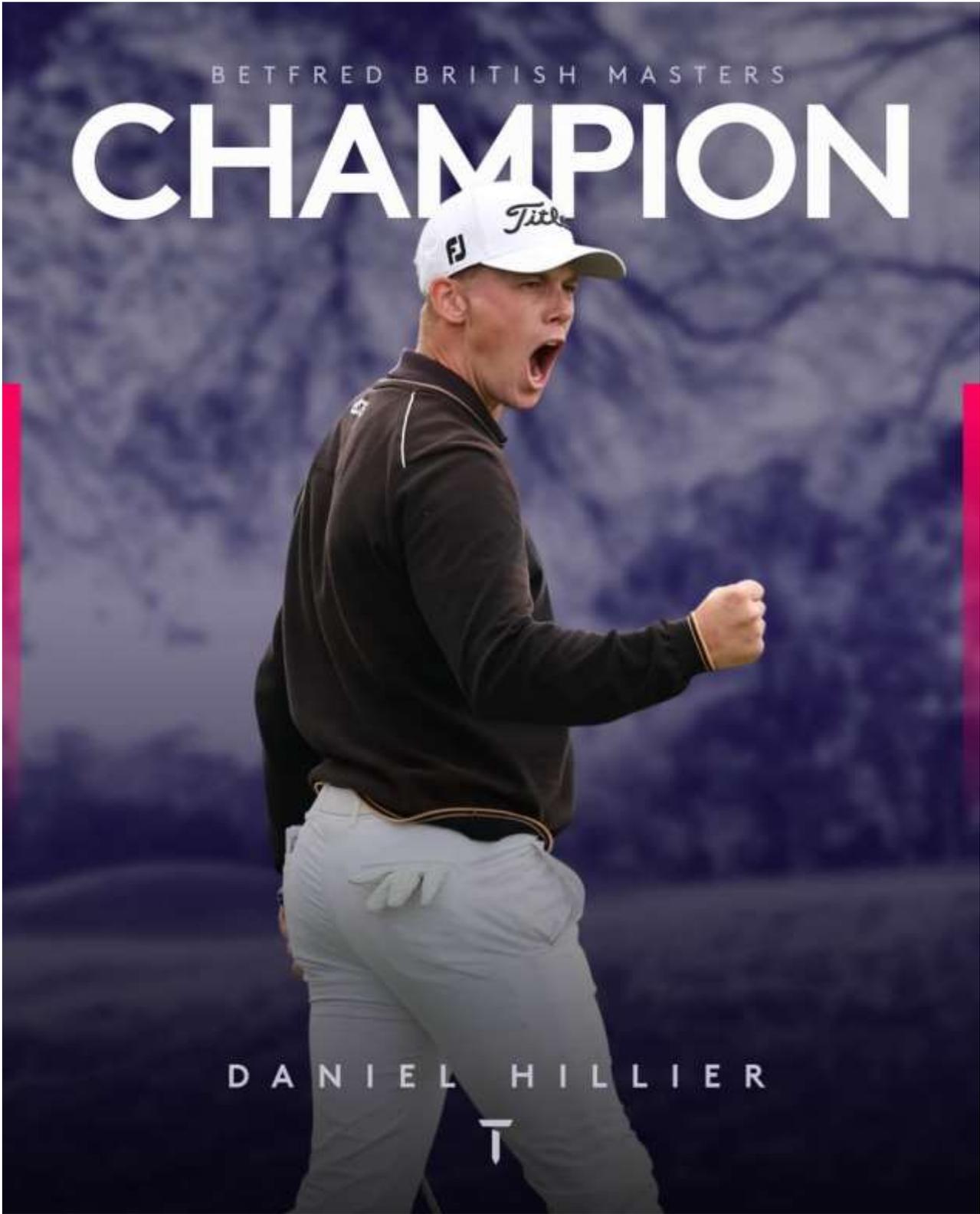
Development – 3.7 decrease. A move away from Ready Set Golf modules delivered into schools by a contractor, to supporting Futures events and club junior initiatives.

Staffing – 13.4 increase. Admin support role increased to 2 full days.

Travel and accommodation – 1.8 decrease. National All of Golf conference was 1 day local in 2023 vs 3 days at Christchurch in 2022

Computer support – 5.2 decrease. Development of phase one of the new website was completed (one-off costs) in 2022.

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-----/ **Champion golfer, champion person** \-----