



Centre of Gravity (CoG) matters

It's why an assessment and fitting matters

If two drivers with exactly the same loft and shaft can have a difference of 20 plus metres in how far you hit the ball off the tee, then there's one irrefutable conclusion.



What you should be buying is metres, NOT a driver.

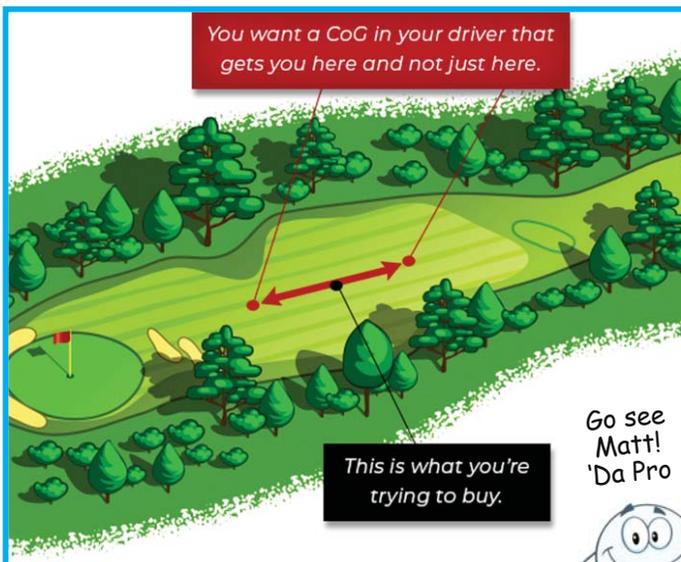
Yes, every time you're buying a driver, we should be helping you to find the configuration that maximises your ball speed and then match that to an angle of launch and spin rate on the ball to get you the biggest distance improvement without you losing control.

Matching swing speed, ball speed, launch angle, and spin rate on tee shots, will make up to 40 metres of difference for some golfers.

How much difference would it make to you?

COME AND GRAB SOME METRES

Get every metre off the tee your potential deserves! Come and have a tee shot assessment and let's see how we can add 20, 30 and even more metres to your tee shots.



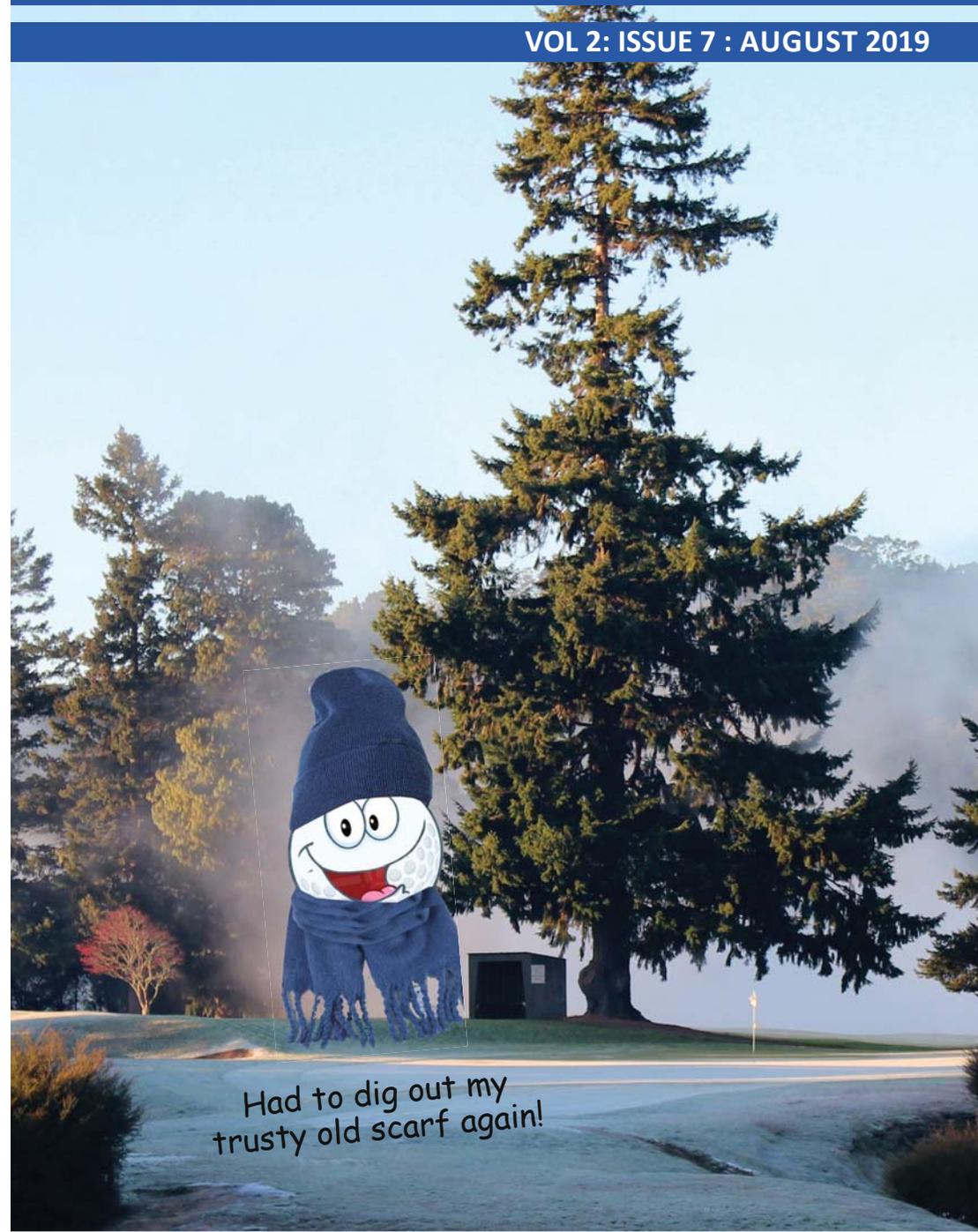
Go see Matt! 'Da Pro



ROTORUA GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Acknowledgements and Appreciation
Both Board members and Club volunteers continue to be busy behind the scenes putting things in place for the betterment of Golf and the members of RGC at Arikikapakapa.

The Funding committee, **Steve Christie, Greg Halse, Tony Gill, Brett Marvelly, Peter Spurdle** and **Di Donnelly** have been busy obtaining quotes and following these up with actual applications. It takes some time and energy to do this and hopefully we will receive a positive response facilitating the replacement of office computers, replacement fairway mower, rebuilding of the sand storage bunker (finally!), funding for geotechnical reporting of the Club house surrounds and a woodchipper which will enable environment-friendly disposal of wind throw, dead trees etc. Other volunteers, led by **Alan Parks** and **Brian Gore** are dealing to the dying hedge by No 3 tee, which will be replaced by a fence and yes, the camellias with the short back and sides at the carpark will 'bush up' again. We appreciate too the work done around the 9th hole and green.

Some of you are asking about the amount of GUR around the course. Rest assured, Kerry has plans to deal with this accordingly, when the conditions are appropriate and, as you will have noticed, he has begun this very programme.

We must remember when making comparisons, that other clubs may



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Ali Painter

have fairway watering and don't have underlying thermal issues to manage! The one club length placement now instigated not only helps players but also the course as players can move away from damaged areas.

Peter Lewis, with the assistance of **John Tustin** and **Phil Painter**, have conducted a tree survey of the course and a renewed tree management plan is underway.

Congratulations to **Janey Woodward** for her recent hole in one *and* a two in the same round. The Saturday ladies enjoyed sharing the celebration.

Congratulations too, to **Karen, Ladies Club Captain and her team** for another very successful **Mike Steiner's July foursomes**. Whilst numbers may have been down, enthusiasm certainly wasn't.

I mention all of these things, and there are others, as any organization is only as good as the energy and resources that go into it. It is the desire of the board to be inclusive of members and whilst it is easy to make comments and criticisms (constructive ones OK) it is a different matter when volunteers are called upon to assist.

We are VERY GRATEFUL to those who give of their time so willingly.

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MEN

Thu	1	Probus Rotorua Vets at Lake View
Sat	3	Free Day
Wed	7	Men's Scramble
Thu	8	Rotorua Vets at Springfield
Sat	10	McDonald Cup. Thornton Cup
Sun	11	Cambridge Interclub at Cambridge
Wed	14	Men's Scramble
Thu	15	Rotorua Vets at Rotorua
Sat	17	Monthly Medal. L.A. Warner (3) by today
Wed	21	Men's Scramble
Thu	22	Rotorua Vets at Waiotapu
Fri	23	INFRASTRUCTURE NZ GOLF DAY
Wed	28	Men's Scramble
Thu	29	Rotorua Vets at Lake View
Sat	31	Kirk Windeyer (2). L.A. Warner Final by today



LADIES

Sat	3	Par. Forum to follow. Ladies Tee Times now 8.49 am
Tue	6	Par. Draw on the Day. Forum to follow.
Sat	10	Bisque Par
Tue	13	Bisque Par. Draw on the Day.
Wed	14	Nine Hole Ladies Best Nett (6), Putting (6), Mauve. Ann Allpress Memorial Trophy.
Sat	17	Captain's Surprise.
Tue	20	Captain's Surprise.
Wed	21	Nine Hole Ladies Match Play (3). F9
Fri	23	INFRASTRUCTURE NZ GOLF DAY
Sat	24	Captains v Vice Captains
Tue	27	Captains v Vice Captains
Wed	28	Nine Hole Ladies Match Play Final. F9
Thu	29	BOP Ladies Inter-zone PM/ Dinner 48 players
Fri	30	BOP Ladies Interzone AM 48 players
Sat	31	LGU (3)





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let's make it the **VERY BEST** in
New Zealand!

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POSTER SEEN AT A CHURCH ENTRANCE IN FRANCE

(translated)

When you enter this church it may be possible
that you hear 'the call of God'.

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.
Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a
quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Another Lexophile . . .

I'm reading a book about
anti-gravity. I just can't put
it down.



from the Board



Richard Pryce

Royal Portrush's hosting of this year's Open Championship proved to be a huge success. It was a privilege for my wife Mary and I to be in attendance to witness the hugely emotional victory of **Shane Lowry**.

The event had got off to a poor start for the Irish with both the favourite Rory McIlroy and Portrush resident Darren Clarke missing the cut. But Lowry's victory certainly made up for that.

I had visited Portrush in 1977 so was well aware of the obvious quality of the course. Fortunately it seemed to receive universal praise from all of the pros, who are never hesitant to offer criticism if they deem a course set up to be lacking.

The weather was a real mixture, with the worst spell coming in the final round to really test the patience and skills of the players. It also was a challenge for the spectators, but there seemed to be few grumbles bearing in mind they were witnessing some rather special history.

It was good to catch up with John Weston who turned up for the last two rounds. Accommodation proved to be a scarce commodity, such that the likes of David Beckham were rumoured to have paid around NZ \$100,000 for a house rental for the week.

Mary and I contented ourselves with rather more modest digs in Belfast. From the time we left our accommodation, walked to the train station, travelled up to Portrush and then walked to the course took around two-and-a-half to three hours. And of course that had to be repeated on the return trip.

So there are definitely hassles in attending such events, but the memories they create make it all worth it.

No doubt many if you will have watched the Open on TV. If so you will have seen more of the actual play than we did, as the only easy way to watch on the course was to sit in a stand and watch groups come through.

We saw a bit of Ryan Fox, who played very well including an Open Record for a back 9 when he came home in 29 in the second round. That, together with NZ's win in the World Cup netball, restored our spirits after the agony of the Black Caps' loss in the cricket.

The word is that Portrush will be awarded another Open in the next 5 to 10 years, and if so I would encourage anyone with a vague interest in attending to make the effort to do so.

**DID I READ
THAT RIGHT?**

Man kills self,
before shooting wife
and daughter.

TREES ON THE COURSE

We have lots of trees on our course - many are getting old and have become very large. (See cover page!)

A recent survey by local experts showed there are several trees which may have to be removed. The Cypress in front of the clubhouse by the 18th green will be removed at some time soon.

There are at least three very large macrocarpa on the course; one at the back of the 8th green, one that is like a beacon to balls on the 4th fairway, and also on the 5th fairway. Interesting to note that the timber from these has value.

A similar tree was sold to China recently where it was used to make high-end coffins. It took three men three months to make the coffins which sold for about \$10,000. It also is used in high end furniture. Apparently they find the smell of the wood very pleasant.

Does anyone have a contact who may be interested in these trees?

FENCE BY THE 3RD TEE

The fence by the 3rd tee will be built once the dying hedge has been removed. This has been quite a task, as it is very thick and hard to remove. The boys have been keeping a tally of how many balls they find in the hedge, and we may have a competition to see

who is closest to the number. Thanks to all those who helped remove this hedge, especially **Alan Park** and **Colin Matthews** who built the new fence – digging the holes for the posts among those tree roots was some task.

Ken the honorary groundsman took several buckets of sand to fill the divots on the 4th fairway recently.

Come on golfers – it's our course and those little sand buckets are not hard to carry.

Even with the new rule of a club length drop the divot holes are a scar on our pristine fairways.

It's everyone's responsibility.



Should you want to lend a hand, contact:

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HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to **Janey Woodworth** who, on Saturday 13 July, hit a hole in one on the 17th!

I also heard that on another hole she had a 2 along with three other ladies.

It must have been a good day for golf!



Janey Woodworth celebrating her Hole in One on the 17th on Saturday 13 July.

Her playing buddies were Chrissie Ormsby and Gay Bartle. All the Saturday ladies shared a glass of wine with her.

She had such a successful day, winning the raffle, placed 2nd in the stableford competition and also managed a 2 on the 6th.

Just one of those days that makes golf such a great sport.

Photo and caption contributed by Di Donnelly

NEW HOLE FOR THE NINE HOLE MAUVE COURSE

There is a new hole for the 9 hole mauve course in use now.

The mauve course plays holes 1-5 and 16-18 and the new hole. This allows a Nine hole course that starts and finishes at the club.

The new hole is hole 6. The tee off is from just behind the 16th men's tee. There are **no above ground tee blocks but there are yellow markers in the ground up on the tee.** The hole is played to the 15th green and hole.

Hence, both people playing this hole and people playing the 15th hole need to keep an eye out for each other and allow play through when appropriate.



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from the Ladies

MIKE STEINER - JULY FOURSOMES MATCHPLAY

Once again this was a most successful tournament, though numbers were down on last year, 28 pairs of 18 holers and 10 pairs in the 9 hole division.

Kath's catering for the 76 ladies attending the Monday night dinner (themed uniforms) was awesome and plenty of toe tapping and dancing with the band **Al Dawson & Lorraine**. One of our committee ladies has an 'in' with **Volcanic Hills Winery** and we had 12 bottles to award as prizes for best and better uniforms.

The Kate Shaw and the **Mike Steiner Trophy**, made up of the top 16 pairs, was won by **Dianne Sweeney and Deb Ring (Walton)**. Runners-up were **Ella Campbell (Rotorua)** and **Gemma Towers (Te Awamutu)**.

The Rosebowl and the **Mike Steiner Trophy, 2nd division**, made up of 12 pairs was won by **Wendy Lewis and Colleen Allen**. Runners-up were **Dorace Bishop** and **Maureen Carter** (both groups from Rotorua).

The **9 Hole Winners** were **Karen Corkill** and **Karolyn Taylor (Te Awamutu)** and Runners-up **Mary Cole** and **Pat Labrum (Titirangi)**.

WINTER GOLF

'Draw on the Day'. If you wish to play golf on Tuesday - please turn up, get your card, have a coffee and we'll tee off at 9.00am weather permitting.



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Karen Chard

PREFERRED LIES



To establish uniformity throughout the District, Bay of Plenty Golf recommend that if you have placing in place as a Local Rule, then it should be "**one club length no closer to the hole**" as recommended by the R&A, USGA and New Zealand Golf.

The 15cm or other measures are no longer recommended. Both the Ladies and Mens Committees have adopted this new ruling.

BAY OF PLENTY GOLF WOMEN'S INTERZONE MATCHPLAY

Please check the flyer on the noticeboard and **PUT YOUR NAME UP** if you are interested in playing this year. It will be played at Rotorua Thur/ Fri 29/30 August.

Entries close on Fri 2 August. (First 48 names are automatically in).

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from the Men's Committee



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Merv Lee

We are now in the middle of winter with fewer golfers playing! Maybe that is the reason that a lot of our competitions have not been patronised as in the past. Bay of Plenty Golf have asked all clubs to stop the 15cm place and go to a one club place not nearer the hole.

Your committee has passed this recommendation and we now have a one club place on own mown fairways. Hopefully this will improve the condition of the fairways.

MATCH PLAY/STROKE PLAY

Members have been playing match play in conjunction with stroke play. I have asked BOP Referees for their opinion and they have come back with the comment that this is not ideal but they recognise that clubs have to do this to complete competitions. However, members doing this must adhere to stroke play rules and putt out on all holes. Your committee has passed this, as members are already doing this.



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MAXIMUM HANDICAP

From 1 August 2019, the maximum handicap for all club competitions will be 26. For any competition commenced prior to 1 August 2019, players' maximum handicap is 38.

With the maximum of 26 that does not mean players above 26 cannot play in competitions but have to reduce their handicaps to 26.

PENNANTS

At the time of preparing this report, we are holding the finals of the handicap pennants on Sunday 28 July 2019.

The four teams are Opotiki v Reporoa and Turangi v Omanu.

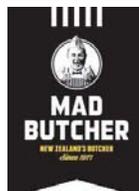
They will be playing the blue tees, which at this time of the year, will be a real test!

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry is now open and sheets are on the board.

Remember . . . if you don't put your name on the sheets, late entries will not be accepted.

NAIRN FISHER
ACCOUNTANTS
- give them a call
07-343 1002



SATURDAY CARD GROUP

This is not run by the club but Allan McCarty has stated that **all members are very welcome to play.**

Cards in by 10.00 am, and if members don't want to play in their competition for \$5.00, please let the day's convenor know.

This will not stop you playing in this group.

VETS

Visiting vets with their own carts are required to have them verified as

safe by the club manager (Health and Safety Act ruling).

Plus, they are now required to pay \$15.00 at the Pro Shop.

Those who do not adhere to this ruling will be disqualified from the day's competition.

I am away twice in the next couple of months.

If there are any problems, please contact a committee member.

Good golfing and keep well in these cold months!

from the OFFICE

Peter Spiers, our Marketing Man, is currently in the USA, so just a few notes from the office.

The phone system has been giving a great deal of technical trouble of late. Consequently an update is to be undertaken.

Firstly, an upgrade of the incoming line to fibre will be installed, and then we will look at replacing the associated hardware in our system.

These problems have compromised our internet service, causing ongoing

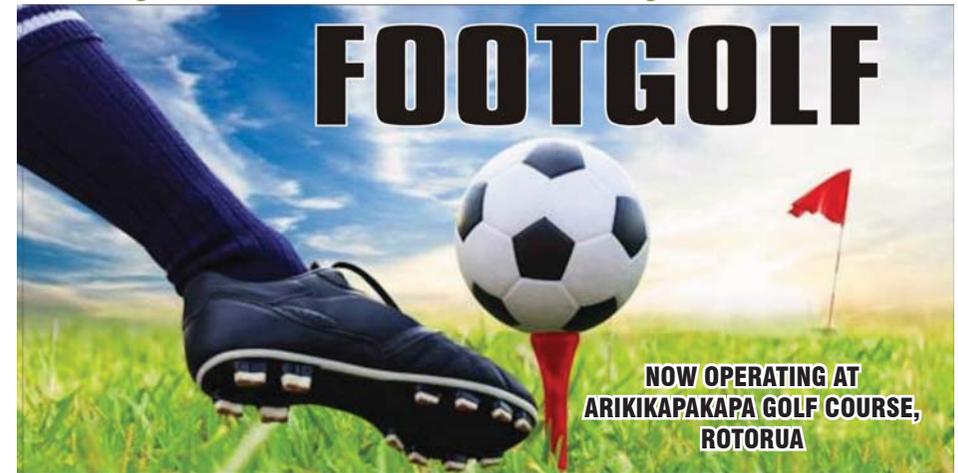
issues particularly with the Dot Golf terminals.

It has at times been difficult to contact the Proshop through the club phones, but the direct line to the shop has remained in service.



We suggest that to contact Matt or Karina please use their direct line 07 349 0446

Have you tried our FOOTGOLF yet?



Footgolf is a precision sport, in which players kick a soccer ball into a cup in as few shots as possible. The name is a portmanteau of football and golf, and the game combines the two sports, being more closely related to golf. [Wikipedia](#)

Course type: Golf course, Footgolf course

Equipment: Football

Number of players per team: Single, Several players

Team members: Teams or single competitors

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