



The Tee Times

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Newsletter of the Northland Golf Club - Monday 4 May, 2026

KNOW YOUR GOLF RULES



Today's Topic. Marking Someone Else's Ball on the Green

Can You Mark Someone Else's Ball? The Short Answer:

Yes, you absolutely can mark and lift a fellow competitor's ball, but there is one non-negotiable condition: you must have their permission

first. Without their authorisation, picking up or even accidentally moving their ball in play will result in a penalty for you. The person authorised to lift a ball on the green, or the player whose ball it is, are the ones allowed to replace the ball.

Understanding the Official Golf Rule (Rule 14.1)

The core of this situation is covered under Rule 14.1, which details the procedures for marking, lifting, and cleaning a ball. The rule makes it clear that a player is responsible for lifting their own ball whenever it's allowed. The important exception is this: a player can authorise someone else to lift their ball.

This rule exists for a few key reasons:

- Fairness: It ensures no one moves a ball to give themselves an advantage or put a competitor at a disadvantage.
- Accuracy: It keeps the ball from being moved or replaced in the wrong spot, which would lead to playing from a wrong place and a potential two-stroke penalty.

Pace of Play: Allowing others to mark a ball can speed up the game, especially if a player is far from their ball on the green but it interferes with someone else who is ready to play.

SPONSORS



Avoca has been a long term sponsor of the Northland Golf Club which is greatly appreciated. Not only do they have a sign at the club

but Avoca has supplied truck loads of limestone over many years which has been a tremendous help. With this wet weather you can expect to see more limestone utilised on our course. *Thank you Avoca.*

COURSE RATING AND STROKE INDEX ALLOCATIONS

On 1 Apr 26 Northland Golf Club had the course rated again (four year cycle). As a result of the rating, the stroke index allocations were reviewed and some changes have been made. You will see them on your scorecards very soon.

The two major changes are that the Men's 8th Hole will be a Par 4.

The Women's 9th Hole will be a Par 5.



It is worthwhile understanding that the Rating system is based around the score of a scratch golfer who is expected to get a par on every hole. Other golfers are

given a handicap index that equates to a course handicap when applied to various different courses. The system of course rating used on 1 April is world-wide carrying an integrity proven over thousands of courses. It is with this background that Northland Golf Club has accepted the results of the Course Rating.

RESULTS

9 Holers - Gross F9 & Hidden Hole Stableford

Ladies Gross: P Clemmett

Runner-Up: L Furey

Men's Gross: P Christie

Runner-Up: D Clarke & G Henderson

Hidden Hole: V Grant

Runner-Up: P Walker & W Mitchell

Women's Tuesday Haggie

Winner: K Bourke

Runner-Up: V Christie

Twos: C Leighton & K Perry 6th, J Reed 18th

Women's LGU Round 3

Silver Winner: R Fitzpatrick

Runner Up: C Atchison

Bronze Winner: K Bourke

Runner Up: V Christie

Women's Kaitaia Open

Best Gross: J Peters

Best Net: D Lister

Women's Weekend Pennants

Team: J Peters, T Hancock, D Lister and J Dean won 7-0

Tuesday School - 38 Players

Stableford 39 R Humphrey

38 M Young

37 M Lynds, K Pryor

36 J Gibson, J Hutchinson, T Ward

Twos: M Young, R Humphrey, J Gibson

Thursday School - 39 Players

Gross 76 R Kneebone

Stableford 39 W Plaisted

36 R Humphrey, B Maddren

Twos: N Smith, J Gibson, B Pickering

COMING UP IN THE CLUB

This week's programme - Monday 4 May to Monday 11 May

MON 4 MAY	Open
TUE 5 MAY	Tuesday Mixed Haggie - 9.30am start
WED 6 MAY	9 Hole - Stableford - F9
THU 7 MAY	Thursday Women - 9.00am tee off Thursday Men's School - 9.30am for 10.00am start
FRI 8 MAY	Open
SAT 9 MAY	Saturday Women - Women's Handicap Champs Round One - 8.30am tee off
SUN 10 MAY	Men's 36 Hole Pennants Zone 3 (South) Play-offs - Three groups tee off 8.00am and again at 12.20 pm. Course open Men's Monthly Medal
MON 11 MAY	Open

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE A TEE BOOKING VIA DOT GOLF OR WITH THE SHOP FOR TEE TIMES ON THE WEEKENDS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Events of Significance

SUN 17 MAY	Women's 18 Hole Weekend Pennants - Course Restrictions Junior Haggie 12pm - 1pm
SAT 23 MAY	Queen of the Mountain
SUN 31 MAY	King of the Mountain Round 4
SUN 7 JUN	Steinlager Series Round 4 - Northland Golf Course - Course Closed until 3 pm
MON 8 JUN	9 Hole Pennants
SUN 14 JUN	Club Match Play Championship - Qualifying Round - Course Restrictions to be advised King of the Mountain Round 5
SUN 21 JUN	Steinlager Series FINAL - Northland Golf Course - Course Closed until 3 pm

Readers can also look into the online Northland Golf Club Calendar for other routine and major internal and external events.

PENNANTS



Northland Golf Club will host the playoffs for 36 Hole Pennants on Sun 10 May where the three groups of four will occupy the 1st tee from 8:04 am to 8:30 am and again in the afternoon from 12:20 pm to 1 pm. It is not expected that there will be any major disruptions to those playing Sunday general golf.