I know, I know, it's been a while since the last newsletter !!

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The course is open again after coring. Tonights rain will do us a world of good by washing in the sand and fertiliser plus it should top up the water tanks. The greens will be a little slow initially but in a couple of weeks they will be as good as new. In the meantime take a moment to admire the new flags.

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Speaking of Coring – in case you wondering what happens, here it is
We buy a truckload of sand.

This machine pulls plugs (about the size of your finger) out of the greens.

This machine collects them.

Then they spread sand over the greens

And then we use a drag mat to spread the sand around and sweep it into the holes.

After all that, Eden then spends all week manually spreading fertiliser on the greens, moving sand to where it is needed and watering the greens.
Be nice to him – it's a long week

And since they couldn't play golf:
The Midweek men came out on Monday and repainted tee markers, OOB pegs and hazard pegs.
The Midweek women came out on Tuesday and gave the clubrooms a huge scrub up.

Thankyou very much to both groups.

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I noticed an article on the Golf Digest website today. The Wentworth Golf Course, in England, has recently been sold. The new owners are going to charge the existing members £100,000 to remain a member. New members will have to come up with £125,000 to join. On top of that, the annual fee increases from £8,000 to £16,000.
I wonder if they'd consider a reciprocal agreement with our Ohariu International Golf & Country Club.

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In the mail you will shortly receive your Annual Report and accounts for the club along with an invite to our Murray Halberg Funfdraiser Day, Committee Nomination form and other information. I can tell you that financially, this year is much better than last year.

I can't resist passing this one on.

World Rugby (the IRB) has announced that there is now a playoff for 5th place at the World Cup – It will be called The 6 Nations