

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we head into April with the weather cooling off the 2018 season is starting to hot up with winter competitions underway. I make mention of this year's Captains vs Presidents which will be played on Saturday May 12 and is open to all Saturday men. More details to follow but if you are keen to play it would be great if you could keep this date free.

With regard to the Club's submissions on the neighbouring property, some of you may have read an article in the Manawatu Standard, Monday 26 March. The Commissioners have made the call to have an additional hearing and this has been set for 24 April. This article stemmed from reports currently sitting on the Council's website.

Following on from the initial hearing back in late November, all parties were asked to provide information back to the Council by 16 March. Reporter Janine Rankin appears to have written her story from those reports collected. General Manager Warren Collett was reported as stating comments in the paper but at no stage did Janine speak to Warren prior to the article being published which is disappointing.

After the article appeared it was pleasing to see the following text to the editor appearing in the Manawatu Standard last Thursday ...

"Re Manawatu Golf Club and proposed Wallace Development subdivision, it's not surprising the golf club is taking such care in protecting their interests after 123 years on the same site when one poorly planned development has potential to sideswipe use of the course as it is currently played"

The Club is working with our planner, Hamish Wesney and our legal team ensuring the members, future members and playing guests are protected from the Plan Change as much as possible eliminating possible litigation issues in the future.

Following the hearing we will provide you with an update.

On a sadder note during March we lost two members – Scot Crawford and Barry Sutherland. Our thoughts go out to Scot and Barry's families.

I look forward to catching up soon. Enjoy your golf.

Enjoy your golf.

Peter McRedmond - Club President



GENERAL MANAGER

Now the dust has settled following the Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship and prior to any decisions being made whether or not we host the event in 2019, we need to find out from you the member if you support the Club running with the Championship. There will be a very brief survey going out to the members shortly and we do ask that you complete for us so we can determine where to from here. There are several key areas you need support from to run a tournament of this nature and membership is one, without your support we can't hold this. Sponsors and volunteers all help make the tournament roll together.

2018 was to see a biennial ball but the decision has been made to defer the ball and concentrate on the 2020 125th Jubilee. The time is right to put together a Committee to organise and run the Jubilee. If you have any aspirations to be involved then please let us know. We are underway putting together a Committee for the event and would welcome volunteers in what will be a huge occasion for the Club.

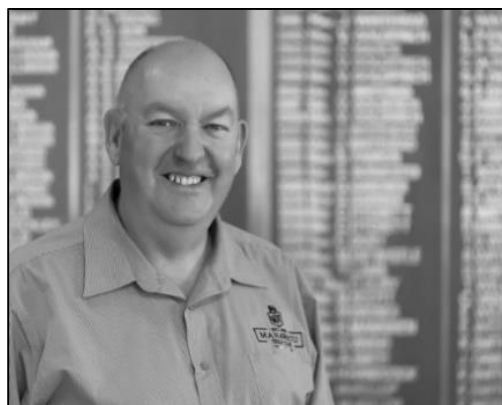
The Club has been successful with grant funding from Pub Charity of \$10,500 and \$10,000 from New Zealand Community Trust to purchase a Toro Multi Spray machine. Some of you would have seen the old blue tractor and aged boom spray on the back chugging throughout the course and that machine has sadly gone way past its lifespan. The Club is very grateful for the support from Pub Charity and NZCT.

Trent Munn who has completed his four year traineeship has now decided to move on from the golf club and concentrate more on his golf. Trent will be missed by the team. Kiel will look for a suitable replacement in the next couple of months. Likewise The Mad Butcher Twilight Series has come to an end and we must make mention of the magnificent contribution Wayne Gerrard from the Mad Butcher provides annually. Also thanks to Brent and Richard for their weekly contributions to Twilight, well done guys for your commitment.

The Club competitions are well into the swing of things for both men and women and best of luck to all those who are competing in these. The pennant season is cracking along and many of our teams are in the hunt for a title so good luck to them all.

Good golfing

Warren Collett - General Manager





2018 Trivia Night

Saturday 5th May

Enter your team now!

Manawatu Golf Club Trivia night Saturday 5th May

**Teams made up of 4 - 6 people
Prizes available for top trivia teams plus lots of spot prizes
throughout the night!**

**Come along for a great evening including a two course meal
\$40 per person**

6:00pm - Doors open - Happy Hour from 6pm - 7pm

6.30pm - Seated for dinner and Trivia briefing

6:45pm - Dinner served - Two course meal

7:30pm - Trivia begins

**Teams sell out fast so get in quick with your team. To enter
head to the website at [manawatugolfclub.com/
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Pro Shop

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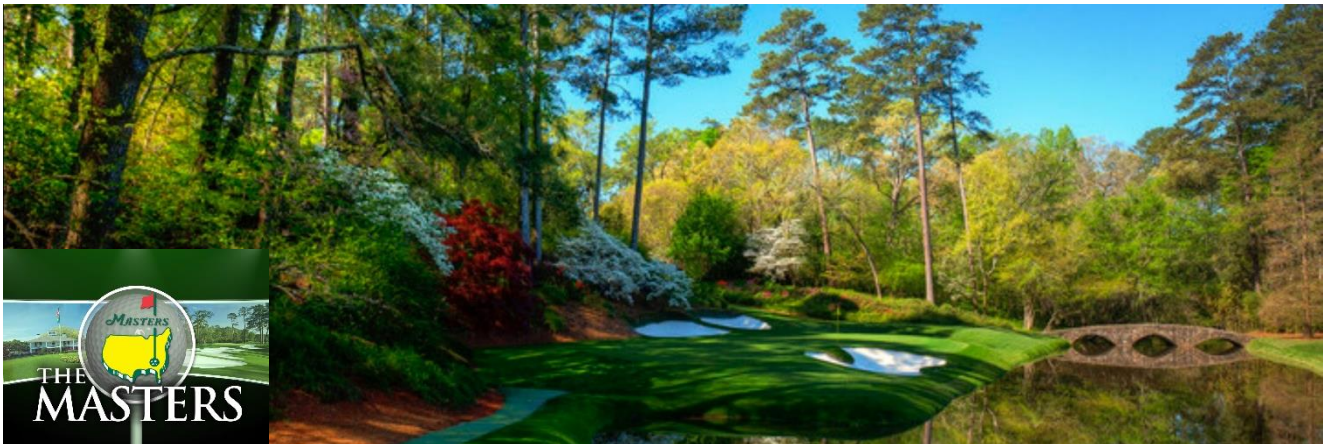
Hope you all have had a great March and the golf is going well!

If you are wondering where Andre has gone over the next few weeks, well, he has gone to the US Masters again.....and he has told me every day for last month (by the way, I'm not Jealous 😊). I am still getting used to sleepless nights and Ben will find out what it's all about in May when he and his wife Eshla welcome their first. Hope you all have had a chance to met Lisa in the shop as well. Lisa has been a great addition to our team and hopefully she doesn't get sick of putting up with us boys.

March has been a pretty busy month for us. We have had heaps of new arrivals regarding stock, such as the new TaylorMade M3 & M4 range, the new Titleist SM7 wedges, new Callaway Rogue Products and also all sorts of new clothing. So make sure the next time you are in the shop have a good look around and if there is anything we don't have we can get it in!

Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game please don't hesitate to ask us. Your Proshop team

Alan, Andre, Ben and Lisa



2018 US MASTERS SWEEPSTAKE

Masters week is fast approaching!

Enter the sweepstake in the Shop to win a \$250 credit on your account.

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The winner will be the person whose 3 players combine for the lowest gross score.

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2018 Titleist SM7 Vokey Wedges

Full range of demo wedges for you to try in store now!

MEN'S GOLF

Men's Club Captain's Report

Congratulations to Dave Dewe on winning the March Craigs Investment Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by Ewan Westergaard. Dave had an absolute ripper of a round, coming in with 47 pts.

Well done to "daylight" for being second!

Congratulations also to Glenda Petre who aced the 3rd at Royal Wellington on the 2nd March. Glenda was playing in the Mercedes Benz Tournament. Glenda finished up a highly creditable 3rd.

The MacLennan Cup for the Saturday men is now underway, with more than 80 entries. Good luck everybody, and please try and play your matches early.

Entries have now closed for the Imlay Saunders Plate. Please remember that this is a Sunday competition, NOT a Saturday competition.

This Saturday, 7 April is Memorial Day, where the Saturday men play for the John "Chopper" Christie Memorial. This is also the day when we remember those members who have passed away over the past 12 months. It is Craigs Investment Partners Tankard day as well.

To Kiel and your team, the course is in fantastic condition and a great credit to you all

BC

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight Golf - every Friday night during summer

Twilight is finished for the summer season

Congratulations to Lachlan Hook who took out the main prize!

Lachlan played over 8 times which got him into the lucky draw. He is off on a trip to Taupo including golf and accommodation for two at Wairakei

We look forward to seeing you all again for the 2018/19 Twilight season!



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

This month we have played the District Day in Foxton, played the National Teams competition and yesterday our National Nancy MacCormick foursomes.

We were well represented at the District Day with 5 teams and in fact the most teams of any other club. Two teams won prizes and it was very pleasing to see 2 teams from the Saturday women taking part in this event, so a big thank you to those players giving up their working day.

The National Team will be 4 players who had the lowest net on their competition day. I will be going down the list to see who is available to play on Friday 4th May at Rangatira. Entry has to be in by 23rd April. Thank you for your \$3 donation towards NZ Golf and your District Committee. We raised \$114.

Nancy MacCormick Foursomes.

We had a field of 8 pairs with two players from the Saturday women. It seems some of us are not up to playing 36 holes so the committee might want to look into playing this event over 2 days rather than 1 day next year. After a very hot day with a temperature of 26 degrees the winners were Maxine Whittfield and Toni Melody with a net 72 am round and a 76 pm round. These scores will be sent to the District. We wish them luck.

Tuesday 13th March we gathered after golf to wish Rachel Hogan all the best for her upcoming wedding. We now welcome Rachel Huxtable to the office. Thank you to all those who kindly donated towards the Voucher and thanks to Melody's New World for the basket of goodies. The Wedding Cake ceremony was very entertaining and the cake was yummy.

March 25th We hosted the Championship and Weekend Pennants. Another beautiful day and many thanks to Rosie Honeyfield and Sharen Port for giving up their Sunday to help me on the day.



The Easter Raffle has been drawn and the winner of the main prize was Robyn Higgins. 2nd Prize was Jill Dixon, followed by Julie Verry, Pat Garrat and Jenny Wilson. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this raffle especially Gloria Campbell for the box of fresh produce and Karen Russell for her yummy chocolates.

WOMEN'S GOLF – Club Captain's Report Continued...

Month of April.

April 3rd is a Par rnd

April 5th is a Thursday Club. \$25 entry to be paid to S. Burmeister.

April 9th we are hosting the Silver and District Pennants.

April 19th is Business House so there is no Thursday Club on this day.

April 24th is a Stb rnd not a Pro Shop Stb.

A very Happy Easter to you all

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

Saturday Convener Report

Good fields have been turning out in March, with the balmy autumn weather giving rise to some impressive scores. The first round of putting was won by Linda Hill with 25, Christine Rose took out the second round with 30 and Sue Spiers won the par round 6 up. Lucky card draw wine prizes have gone to Pauline Fugle and Joy Judd.

Our Saturday women have been busy on weekdays as well, with two teams playing in the District Day event at Foxton and one in the Michael Higgins Memorial fundraiser event for Arohanui Hospice.

Highlight for the month was lunch and catch-up with mum-in-waiting Tania Hook, where Convenor Ann-Marie Jackson presented her with a gorgeous card made by Rebecca Hopper and a baby bath of gifts.

Linda Hill – Saturday Women's Committee



Rachel got Married!

On 17th March in my uncles Tree Church in Ohaupo I married my now husband Floyd!

Some of you have noticed my email and name change, so if you receive anything from Rachel Huxtable its just me!

Thank you to everyone who has offered their well wishes and the lovely gifts, we had the best day!

Rachel

NINE HOLE NEWS

The social golf schedule is well under way, with Manawatu hosting the Round Robin on 19th March. Good weather, as well as a course in such great condition, contributed to the enjoyment of the approximately 70 entries. We also appreciate, and thank, the catering by the Café staff who continue to ensure tasty offerings.

The weather was also good for the Open Day at Rangatira, always a most enjoyable course to play, where Barbara Macdonald got a second prize, and Doug Muir and Murray Crawford also did very well.

The April schedule includes Castlecliff, Levin and Foxton.

The matches for the Walker-Georgel cup have begun - a good opportunity for mixed pairs to enjoy the match play format.

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter eggs raffles. The baskets were won by David Bolton and Robin Dickins.

Colleen Fraser - Nine hole Convenor

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in January 2018

7 Day Member – Rendo Larkins

5 Day Member – Amy Zhou

Country – Bruce Tinsley

9 Hole – Sonja Revell

9 Hole Senior – Lakshmanan Veerappan

Full Playing Junior – Tyler Wood, Yuki Hada

Restricted Junior – Lachlan Tinsley

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 968 members. We wish our resigned members all the best and welcome our new members, we are sure you will enjoy your time at the Club.

Rules Corner

As anticipated, there is currently considerable media coverage on the proposed changes to the Rules of Golf due to be introduced January 1, 2019. Some of the proposed changes will change markedly how we play the game and will require all players to familiarise themselves with these new Rules. To stress again, these new rules are scheduled to become operative in 2019 and we still have the major part of this year left during which the current Rules of Golf apply. All our club competitions in 2018 will be played in accordance with the current Rules. Thus, I am resisting the temptation to discuss these changes at any length at this stage of the golfing year. The obvious danger of unnecessary emphasis on the new rules at this stage of the year is that players will prematurely apply these new rules and potentially leave themselves open to relevant penalties. The new Rules will be fully covered in later Newsletters and in a series of practical Golf Rules sessions I am keen to hold during this year.

This month I plan to set some questions which cover some common situations arising during play at the MGC.

Question 1. In a stroke event, John, playing the 5th hole hits his third shot into the large bunker front right of the green. There are 2-3 small loose stones immediately behind his ball which he will almost certainly hit with his stroke from the bunker. John removes these stones before he plays his next stroke. What is the correct decision?

- a) John incurs no penalty
- b) John incurs a 1 stroke penalty
- c) John incurs a 2 stroke penalty

Question 2. James is playing in a recent stroke event. On the 13th hole he pulls his tee shot left towards the Out of Bounds (OB) area. After rightfully playing a provisional ball, he goes forward to search for his original ball. He finds his ball inside a white line that was used to define OB in the recent PGA professional tournament. The line is not a direct straight line between the 2 adjacent white pegs but tends to follow the edges of the planted shrubbery in that area. If James ignores the white line and checks the position of his ball relative to the 2 white stakes, his ball is in fact OB. What is the correct procedure for James?

- a) James declares his original ball in bounds and play his second stroke from that position
- b) James must declare the ball OB and proceed to play his 4th stroke with his provisional ball



Rules Corner Continued...

Question 3. In a match Fred is playing Harry. Fred wins the first 2 holes. During play of the third hole, Fred discovers he has 15 clubs in his bag and advises Harry of this. Fred also wins the third hole. What is the state of the match after hole 3 is completed?

- a) Fred is 1 up
- b) Fred is 1 down
- c) Fred is 2 down
- d) Fred is 3 down
- e) The match is all square

Rules Corner Answers

Question 1. (c) Under Rule 23, loose stones in a bunker are designated as loose impediments, thus John was not entitled to touch or remove these prior to making his stroke from the bunker. The Committee may post a Local Rule designating loose stones in a bunker to be treated as movable obstructions – which would allow players to remove these prior to playing from a bunker. At this time, The MGC does not include this Local Rule.

Question 2. (b) This question raises the issue of the Conditions of Play for each competition. These Conditions are set by the Committee in charge of the various competitions played on our course. For the PGA tournament, the Local Rules used were set by the Australasian PGA Committee and were quite different to those set and posted on the Notice Board and score cards by the MGC Committee - the Local Rules we play under each time we enter a competition at the MGC.

One of the major differences was the use in the PGA tournament of white stakes and white lines to define some OB. In that tournament the white stakes identified OB and the white line defined the actual OB. Had James been playing in the PGA, his original ball would have been in bounds. Under the MGC Local Rules, OB is determined by all boundary fences and white stakes with no reference to white lines! Thus James was bound to declare his ball OB and proceed with his provisional ball. One can understand the confusion the persistence of these white lines creates for play immediately after the PGA event (similarly, GUR areas with enclosed white lines used in the PGA) however for fairness of competition within the club events, there must be standard Conditions of Play for all – and for MGC competitions, we are all obliged to apply MGC Local Rules and Conditions of Play at all times.

Question 3. (a) Read Rule 4-4 which explains the penalty for having more than 14 clubs. In match play, if the breach is discovered during the play of a hole, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round, 2 holes.

Thus the state of Fred's match with Harry is adjusted by deducting 2 of Fred's wins which after the 3rd hole would make the match Fred 1 up.

COURSE REPORT

March has flown by, the weather has been warm still. The weather has been good for drying things out leading into winter with heavy dews in the mornings. The drain has been done on the number 1 fairway. A couple of areas have sunk and will be fixed.

Greens have good cover & they are rolling smoothly. We have had the use of a greens roller that has been left here over the last couple of weeks. Greens have been solid tined to aerate and release compaction. They have been fertilised and top dressed.

Tees have been sprayed with herbicide. Solid fertiliser has been applied to improve turf cover. Tees are due for renovation in April which will coincide with Dethatching the fairways.

Surrounds have good cover and are due to be renovated also. The renovation will be done after the tees as time allows. They have been foliar fertilised also.

Fairways have been solid fertilised to help with turf cover and recovery. They are due to be dethatched on April 16th and 17th. Back 9 will be closed on Monday 16th, Front 9 Closed on the 17th they are also due to have weeds sprayed out.

Rough is growing fast and is long in places, heights have been lowered to accommodate for this. All rough is due to be sprayed to control weeds.

Course in general is in great condition coming out of the summer we have had. There are a few areas to be worked on in regards to drainage.

Please continue to repair your pitch marks and replace your divots. When you are driving your cart please be courteous of where you drive, there are too many people circling all over the course looking for golf balls, also driving over tee blocks and too close to greens.

We also see too many people hitting more than 2 golf balls on each hole, this slows us up on occasions and can also be frustrating for your fellow members. I believe this is etiquette.

Greenkeepers wish all members and visitors well over the coming month with their golfing. Happy Easter and holidays, hope everyone has safe travels that are going away.

Happy Golfing

Kiel Stechman

Golf Humour





ANZAC day
Tuesday 25th April

Café - OPEN After 1:00PM

ProShop - CLOSED

Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar....



New Staff Profile

Lia Toatua

This face may look familiar as Lia has worked casually for the club a few times... She is also Dana's little sister!

Lia keeps very busy as a mum of two little ones and also does beauty therapy

Welcome to the team Lia!

What's on in April...

Please note some small changes to the program

Please note this programme is subject to change. Please remember to always check and book via the tee sheets on the Club website or at the card room kiosk for available tee times.

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April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30						1 Imlay Saunders Entries Close
2 Easter Monday	3 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stroke	4 Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke	5 Thursday Club	6 Women's Refuge Golf Tournament	7 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stroke 18 Hole: Par	8 A & B Grade Pennants
9 Silver & District Pennants 72 Players	10 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	11 Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	12	13	14 Stroke 9 Hole: Stableford Pro Shop Stableford	15 PNBHS Old Boys Tournament Bye Round MacLennan to be completed
16	17 18 Hole: LGU & Putting Nat Home Links, Coronation Medal, Aotearoa Cup, Best Gross & Vet Cup 9 Hole: LGU R2 S. Bunt & Putting	18 Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 2	19 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House	20 Asteron Golf Day	21 Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 2 18 Hole Nat Home Links, Coronation Medal, Aotearoa Cup, Best Gross & Vet Cup	22 McDonalds Junior Masters
23	24 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	25 ANZAC Day Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Par. Entries open for Lavender/Gillespie Cups	26 Thursday Club	27	28 Par 9 Hole: Par Stableford	29 Round 3 B&A and Watson Cups



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