

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

The Mad Butcher Twilight Series has come to a close and once again we must thank Wayne Gerrand from the Palmerston North Shop for his continued support. Wayne is very generous and we certainly appreciate what he does for the Golf Club. The Twilights don't run on their own so a big thank you to Richard and Lou and Rodney for their commitment week in and week out.

The Club competitions are well underway for both men and the women. We have several pennant teams firing up and some are in the hunt for high honours. Thank you to all the members who make themselves available to play in all our teams. There is a large proportion of our members who play for the Club Representative Teams.

All the preliminary work with Wallace Development is moving past us with the 12th realignment work ready to kick start on April 1 or thereabouts. Plans are on display in the card room to view and we now wait for this work to be completed. As previously stated That Lawn Company will be doing the construction work. It is our intention to send emails out regarding any work that will possibly affect the playing of the existing hole. There are a couple of large trees that need to be felled and trimming of others, health & safety will be paramount while this work is done. Work is also commencing with the replanting of the 12th boundary and in behind the 14th green. Total Landscape Supplies along with WDCL and the Golf Club have had discussions on the landscaping and how the boundary will look in years to come. Once we have more detail and illustrations to show, we will put these on display.

The development has been well supported by potential purchasers with eleven sections under contract.

We have had further meetings with PNCC on the possible sale of the river land with very little to report since last month. The Council are working with surveyors to provide the exact size of the title boundaries and once this is confirmed our negotiations will continue and plan which is the best way forward.

On Monday 1 April we change the software the administration team use on a daily basis. Hopefully we won't experience any bumps on the way but if we do, we ask that you please cut us some slack while we get the transition up and running and fully operational.

Subscription invoicing will look new and as we roll out different parts of software. We will keep you informed.

Good golfing everybody.

Warren Collett and Brent Cawthray



Pro Shop

Hope your golf has got off to a good start for 2019 and you have been able to make the most of the great weather we have had of late!

With the Masters fast approaching it really feels like the golf season is kicking off. And what a Masters this year could be! You have Tiger playing well with a real chance of winning and getting one closer to Jack's record. There is also Rory who is arguably the best and most consistent player on the planet right now and he has a chance of making history by becoming only the 6th male player in the modern era to win all four Majors and become a great of the game. He would join Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus & Tiger Woods.

Then you have so many other guys like Dustin, JT, Phil, Jordan and the list goes on... all have a great chance. Andre will be there again so I hope it rains the whole week for him!!! I actually don't... I'm just super jealous 😊

2019 US MASTERS SWEEPSTAKE ON AGAIN!!!

Masters week is fast approaching! Enter the sweepstake in the Shop to win a \$250 credit on your account. Simply pick 3 players you think will finish well at this year's 2019 Masters Tournament. \$5 per entry. Enter your guesses and pay in the Proshop.

The winner will be the person whose 3 players combine for the lowest gross score. Visit the shop to find out more.

What's happening in the shop for April:

Ben & Tim: In the second week of April the boys are off to the Annual NZPGA Trainee Champs at Boulcotts Farm GC. There are around 40 men & women doing their traineeship around NZ who will be attending the tournament and week. They play 72 holes over Monday-Wednesday and then Thursday-Friday they will spend inside on the books. Best of luck to the lads for the week.

Lisa: On Friday 5th of April Lisa will be teeing off at the 2019 NZ Women's Masters. She is again playing #1 for the women's Manawatu/Wanganui Masters team.

Best of luck for the week Lisa & team.

Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game please don't hesitate to ask us, we are here to help!

Your Proshop team - Alan, Andre, Ben, Lisa and Tim

A message from the Club Captain

For the men, Saturday and Wednesday Club Competitions are now well underway. Well done to George Allen who won the March Craigs Investment Tankard with 43 points. Thanks to Ewan Westergaard for the great sponsorship of the monthly Tankards.

The Men's pennant season is progressing quickly with 3 rounds in March. The A's continue to be unbeaten with solid wins so far over Taihape (8.5 to 0.5), Levin (7 to 2) and Hawkestone (7 to 2). Upcoming is Wanganui at Wanganui (March 31st) then Foxton at Taihape (April 14th).

The B's are also going well with wins over Rangitikei (5 to 4), Palmerston North (5.5 to 3.5) and a half against Feilding. Their final match before the semis is against Buckley at Linton Camp on Sunday 31st of March then they have a Bye.

The Handicap pennant team started the season slowly with loses to Castlecliff, Foxton and Feilding, however the team rallied in the Foxton round beating Waimarino 8.5 to 0.5 and Marton 6.5 to 2.5. They have 3 more rounds to go and probably need to win out against Palmerston North, Levin & Wanganui.

The Presidents are looking good too with wins over Levin and Marton and a loss to Linton. They have a bye for the last round before the quarter finals.

Well done to Lily Griffin winning the Wanganui Open by a shot from Brydie Hodge. While Wanganui's weather was great the greens were a real challenge and a completely different kettle of fish compared to ours. Great efforts by Angus Findlay, Matt Francis and Reid Perry who were all tied in 6th place in the Men's event 10 shots behind Liam Finlayson from Feilding although he is also a member here.

Richard Shaw - Club Captain

2019 Wanganui Open - Gross Scores

Pos	Men	R1	R2	Total
1	Liam Finlayson	68	73	141
2	Rick Harding	70	73	143
3	Stuart Gillespie	74	74	148
6=	Angus Findlay	76	75	151
6=	Matt Francis	73	78	151
6=	Reid Perry	72	79	151
12=	Regan McConaghty	72	83	155
39=	Richard Shaw	83	92	175



George Allen winner of the Craigs Tankard



Liam Finlayson and Lily Griffin

Pos	Women	R1	R2	Total
1	Lily Griffin	78	81	159
2	Brydie Hodge	79	81	160
3	Caroline Scott	77	86	163
9	Rebecca Hopper	97	90	187

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Although officially it is autumn, we are continuing to enjoy summer conditions and this has helped us cope with the slope on the white tees dropping from 125 to 117. Warren has explained why the slope has changed so much. Apparently there is less wind on average, slower greens on average and the landing zones on the fairways are wider. So it should be a lot easier for us!

The **National Teams** competition was held on Sat March 2 and Tues March 5. We raised \$69 for the District Association.

The players with the four best nett scores are:

Maxine Whittfield, Janine Healy, Deb Archer and Gloria Campbell. They will represent Manawatu in the District Final to be held on May 3 at Marton. Congratulations ladies.

The **Nancy McCormack** took place on March 7. Again only 8 pairs competed (the same as last year) including 3 players from the Saturday group. So thanks to all for entering and completing the 36 holes. The nett winners were Sun Choi and Christine Rose. Congratulations.

This year only 3 teams from Manawatu entered the **District Day** held at Palmerston North on March 15. Congratulations to Eketahuna on winning the Heather Williams Shield.

Results of **Pennants** held on March 18 at Pahiatua were a mixed bag. The Silver team lost 2-4 to the big hitting Rangatira Blue team and the District team won 5-0 against Wanganui. Well done ladies.

Manawatu are hosting Silver and District Pennants on Monday April 5.

On March 20 we were very happy to celebrate the birthday of Glyn Robinson who is now 80 years young. After golf we were able to enjoy a glass of wine, a piece of birthday cake and offer a rendition of happy birthday to an esteemed member who has given so much to the club and who continues to play 18 holes twice a week. She is an inspiration to us all. Happy Birthday Glyn

April Golf:

Tuesday 2nd - LGU & Putting

Tuesday 9th - Par

Tuesday 16th - Committee choice - Irish stableford 1 month late (you may wear orange or green or both!)

Tuesday 23rd - Committee choice - Russian Stableford. Draw is mixed.

Tuesday 30th - LGU National Home Links. This is the Coronation Medal (Silver), Aotearoa Cup (all handicaps) and the Veteran Cup (over 70 @1st March). This is a Srixon Ball Tee off.



Sun Choi & Christine Rose



Glyn Robinson's 80th

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED...

Thursday Club:

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 2nd May

We are also holding a \$2 raffle each Thursday club and the winner can choose one of the Café's frozen meals. Profits will go towards the shootout.

District Open Days

Thursday 4th April at Pahiatua.

Friday 12th April at Levin. We have booked the van and trailer to take a group down for a fun day. First in first served.

So it looks like a very busy month of golf in April

Happy Golfing

Jill Clifton, Women's Captain



Saturday Women's Report

Currently we are enjoying a beautiful Autumn with fine and dry conditions.

Our numbers remain steady and competitions are up to date with some exciting matches. There has been some good golf played with Stableford numbers reaching into the 40's.

On the social front we had a great event on Sunday where we reunited with three Saturday women who have changed to 5 day membership. Elizabeth Leong, Pauline Fugle and Anne Eggers hosted us in a match play Stableford competition devised by Eva Heinrich, our Saturday convenor.

12 women had an enjoyable competition and great catch-up with winners being Helen Wilkinson, Evelyn Trass and Rosie Mcevoy. Everybody agreed that we need to repeat the occasion later in the year.

Several members and partners enjoyed an outing to the movies to view Daffodils.

We wish Vicki Worker a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the fairways soon in renewed form.

Sue Spiers

Saturday women's committee



NINE HOLE NEWS

Our Walker/Georgel Cup competition is well underway. Well done to those couples still in. Good Luck for the rest of the games.

We had our Man/Wang Round Robin on the 18th March. Great attendance (76 players) on a perfect day, but for some unknown reason scores were not flash but it was still enjoyed by visiting players. Thanks to our players for their help on the day. Many hands make light work.

Sue Bunt Round One has been played with some very good scores. Keep it up for the next two rounds.

Many players played in the Rangitira Open Day last Monday and some did very well, Barbara Smith 1st Div 1, Colleen Fraser 4th Div 1 and Marie O'Brien 2nd Div 2. Plus a two Ray Abbott 4th.

Our Easter Raffle of 2 baskets have been drawn - winners were Maureen MacDonald and Judy Henderson Fldg.

Last week we had our first roadie to Wairarapa playing at Riversdale 1st 9 a fun game. 2nd 9 normal golf. Great hospitality by their ladies and a really fun course made up of four par 4's and the rest par 3's. Friday we played at Lansdowne Masterton. Winners were Barbara Smith and Alva Joe

As from next week Wednesday 9 Holers will be booking online

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 February 2019

7 Day Member – Tim Cranshaw, Shirley Cuthbert, Russel Down

Under 25–Andrew Jackson, Jonathan Kapene, Daniel Liddington, Luke McConaghty

Tertiary – Stafford Horman

9 Hole – David Ponse

During this same period, 7 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 966 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.

2019 Club Championships

Recently the course has gone through the four year rating cycle and this has had an impact on the divisions for the Club Championships as stipulated on page 37 of the annual programme booklet. The new men's divisions will be as follows:

Black Tees

Seniors: up to 8.5 (course handicap 9) handicap index

Blue Tees

Intermediate: 8.6 (course handicap 9) to 14.1 (course handicap 15) handicap index

Juniors: 14.2 (course handicap 16) to 18.6 (course handicap 20) handicap index

C Grade: 18.7 (Course handicap 21) to 36.9 (course handicap 40) handicap index

Women's divisions remain the same

MATCH POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to set out details of the activities and actions of the Match Sub-committee to ensure it follows the Club's Rules & Vision.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view or see the policy on the Members Access news page

HOLE IN ONE!

Congrats to the four Holes in Ones we have had in March!



Alan Barker
– Hole in one



Hugh Glendinning
– Hole in one

Allan Bailey – 2nd March on the 16th Hole
Alan Barker – 9th March on the 16th Hole
Aiqian Ye – 23rd March on the 4th Hole
Hugh Glendinning – 27th March on the 16th Hole

Rules Corner

How well do you know the new Rules of Golf ?

As we are now well into the 2019 golfing year it is timely for us to check on how well we have adapted to the new Rules of Golf and get some idea of our level of understanding of these new rules. The following questions look at some of the changes to the Rules.

1. Starting play of the first hole in a stroke play event, James tees the ball in the teeing area about 1 club length behind the tee markers. As he is making his downward stroke, the ball falls off the tee and James barely tips the ball as it is falling, with the ball coming to rest about 50cm in front of where it was initially teed. James re-tees the ball and plays again from the teeing area. What is the ruling?
 - a) James gets the general penalty (2 strokes) and lies 4 where his ball finished from his re-teeed stroke
 - b) James gets no penalty, and lies 2 after his re-teeed stroke
 - c) James' first stroke does not count, and after his re-teeed stroke lies 1
2. After his stroke from the teeing area, James' ball is embedded in the rough. What is the correct procedure for James ?
 - a) As the ball is not embedded on a closely mown area, James must either play the ball as it lies or declare the ball unplayable and take penalty relief under Rule 16.3
 - b) James is entitled to penalty free relief and must drop the ball as close as possible, not nearer the hole, to the spot where the ball was embedded
 - c) James is entitled to penalty free relief and must drop the ball in a relief area (reference point immediately behind the spot the ball is embedded, and within 1 club length of this reference point)
3. Mary hits her approach shot on hole 8 into a bunker. Close to where her ball lies in the bunker there is a pile of leaves which will affect her backswing in making her next stroke. Mary carefully removes these leaves before making her stroke. What is the ruling ?
 - a) Mary is penalised 2 strokes under Rule 8.1 for improving her line for the next stroke
 - b) Mary is penalised 1 stroke for touching loose impediments in a bunker
 - c) Mary is not penalised
4. Ian finds his ball on the 17th fairway close to a sprinkler head which interferes with his stance for his second stroke. He opts to take relief under Rule 16.1 and correctly establishes the relief area that he must drop the ball into. Ian drops the ball from shoulder height, it lands and comes to rest in the relief area. He plays the ball from the relief area and completes the hole in 5 strokes. What is Ian's correct score for that hole
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7



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5. Helen playing the first hole strays on to the 13th fairway and her second stroke comes to rest on the fringe of the 13th green. To play her next stroke her stance would be on the 13th green. What is the ruling?
- Helen must play the ball as it lies
 - Helen may take relief under Rule 13.1 (wrong green) or play the ball as it lies
 - Helen must take relief under Rule 13.1

Rules Corner Answers

- (b) Under Rule 6.2, a ball that is to be played from the teeing area at any time may be played from anywhere in the teeing area and may be re-teed. James first stroke counted with his second stroke the one from the re-teed ball.
- (c) The new rule 16.3 provides for penalty free relief for an embedded ball anywhere in the general area (formerly “through the green”). Under the old rules, penalty free relief for an embedded ball was restricted to a ball embedded in a closely mown area unless a local rule provided for relief “through the green”. The new relief procedure requires players to establish a relief area as described in Rule 16.3 into which the ball must be dropped.
- (c) Under the new rule 12.1, players may now remove loose impediments in a bunker (including small stones) without penalty. However, players should exercise caution in doing so, as if the ball moves in the process of removing loose impediments, the player is penalised 1 stroke and the ball must be replaced.
- (b) Ian is penalised 1 stroke for dropping the ball in a wrong way – as he played from the correct relief area he incurs no further penalty. Had he re-dropped the ball in the correct way (from knee height) before he played the next stroke Ian could have avoided any penalty
- (c) Under the new Rule 13.1f, players must now take complete relief from a wrong green – this includes when the wrong green only causes interference to the player’s stance

Health and Safety Corner

When hitting balls on the range and you see a golfer searching for their ball off the 9th & 18th fairway do not hit.

Also be aware of players on the front 9th tee.



COURSE REPORT

March has been a great month weather wise with temperatures in the mid 25's, however, the irrigation pump broke down while I was on holiday. It is a credit to my team for the condition the course is in. James stepped up - comforting to know the course is in good hands. Thank you, James Hart.

Greens are dense, rolling smooth and consistent. Fertilizer, verti cutting as well as top dressed with sand, will continue as per maintenance.

Tees and surrounds to be renovated all going well, weather being the issue. 7th blue tee to be re constructed and levelled to coincide with levelling on the 12th hole tees re alignment.

Fairways have recovered well from dethatching, with the recent pump breakdown meaning areas dried up a little more than we wanted. Will benefit stronger species of grass in the future.

Rough will be sprayed for weeds when possible.

Please continue to repair pitch marks and replace divots, it is a pleasure to see people doing this.

I wish everyone well in upcoming matches in the next month. Hope that all members and visitors enjoy their time at Manawatu Golf Club. Have a great Easter break away, where ever you may be travelling, be safe.

NOTE: The 12th hole reconstruction begins this month, please steer clear when possible.

We have been fortunate to gain a grant of \$20,000 from Pub Charity. This now gives us the option to purchase a piece of new machinery in May. We have decided on a Jacobsen TR320. Picture to right:



- Kiel Stechman



ANZAC DAY HOURS

Thursday 25th April

Café - OPEN After 1:00PM

ProShop – OPEN After 1:00PM

Office - CLOSED

EASTER HOURS

CAFÉ

Good Friday – Closed
Saturday – Normal Hours
Easter Sunday – Normal Hours.
Alcoholic beverages can only be sold when dining for a meal
Easter Monday - Closed

PROSHOP

Good Friday – Closed
Saturday – Normal Hours
Easter Sunday – Closed
Easter Monday - Normal Hours

OFFICE

Good Friday - Easter Monday - Closed



Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar.....



New Staff Profile

Tom Fisher has just joined the team after moving up from Levin with his girlfriend.

Tom has a trusty companion in his boarder collie Tui.

He is interested in food and nutrition and one day would like to study this further.

Welcome to the team Tom!

What's on in April...

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.

April

■ MEN
 ■ WOMEN
 ■ MIXED
 ■ EVENT

MONDAY	1	8 Silver & District Pennants 80 Players, multi tee start	15	22 Easter Monday	29
TUESDAY	2 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stroke	9 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	16 18 Hole: Committee Choice 9 Hole: LGU, R2 S Bunt & Putting	23 18 Hole: Committee choice 9 Hole: Par	30 18 Hole: LGU, National Home Links, Coronation Medal, Aotearoa Cup, Best Gross & Vet Cup 9 Hole: Stableford
WEDNESDAY	3 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke	10 Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford, alternate tees	17 Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 2	24 Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Par, Entries open for Lavender/Gillespie Cups	
THURSDAY	4	11 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House	18 Thursday Club	25 Anzac Day	
FRIDAY	5	12	19 Good Friday	26	
SATURDAY	6 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stroke 18 Hole: Par	13 Stroke 9 Hole: Stableford, alternate tees 18 Hole: Committee choice	20 Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 2 18 Hole: Committee choice	27 Par 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: LGU, National Home Links, Coronation Medal, Aotearoa Cup, Best Gross & Vet Cup	
SUNDAY	7 Round 2 B&A and Watson Cups	14 PNBHS Old Boys Tournament Bye Round MacLennan to be completed A & B Grade Pennants	21	28 Round 3 B&A and Watson Cups Championship & Weekend Pennants at Manawatu A & B Grade Pennants	



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