



April 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

We recently announced Chris Wilson has been appointed to replace Warren and will commence on Wednesday 2 June. We ask that you welcome Chris to the Club and please introduce yourself as he works his way into the role. In the interim Warren will continue albeit remotely handling all the Sub Committee reports and capital items the Club has approved. Sometime in June it is expected the Club will receive the funds from the Riverland Sale and there is the WDCL activity next door which can require quick responses as they battle with their compliance issues. The area within the development will be raised by over a metre with the Club having met with the City Engineer to make sure our drainage systems are not interrupted. Dave Forrest has his foot firmly on this as we only have one opportunity to get all this correct.

Many of you will have noticed there were two large machines set alight in the development, please be vigilant at all times if you see something or someone suspicious in and around the golf club.

The Mad Butcher Twilight Series has come to a close and once again we must thank Wayne Gerrand from his Palmerston North shop for his continued support. Wayne has been very generous over the years towards the golf club and we certainly appreciate what he does for us. It was great to see Wayne out here taking time out of his busy schedule participating in the Hospice Golf Day. The twilights don't run on their own so a big thank you to Club Captain Richard Shaw, ably supported by Grayson Joines and the President.

The Club representative competitions are well underway for both men and women. We have several pennant teams firing up and some are in the hunt for higher honours. Thank you to all the members who make themselves available to play in all our teams. In total we have approximately 100 members who make themselves available to represent their Club.

The Committee have commissioned Grant Puddicombe from Grant Puddicombe Golf to look at our golf course. Grant has completed a preliminary review and is now working on a full course report. The majority of the course does not require any major alterations. However the issue of safety in certain parts of the course is under scrutiny. The 8th, 9th and 15th fairways have been highlighted by Grant and in his course report he will look to propose different options and then begin to weigh out the pros and cons of each option.

The Grant Puddicombe report falls under the Clubs Strategic Plan. The Leadership and Governance Sub-Committee has been set and shortly a club survey will be populated and sent to members asking for their input.

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With this being Warren's last newsletter, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the massive contribution he has made for our wonderful club. It has been an absolute pleasure working closely with Warren during his time here. His work ethic is second to none. While at times he has received some pretty average correspondence, and that is putting it very mildly, he has never lost his composure, and has always reacted with his usual professionalism.

The level of organisation Warren has brought in his role, has filtered through all of the club departments. Hugely popular and respected by the staff and members alike, mate, we are all going to miss you.

On behalf of the entire membership, I wish you and Anne all the very best with the next stage in your lives.

Good golfing everybody.

Brent Cawthray and Warren Collett



Thank you and Farewell

As you are all aware, I am heading off with my final day, Wednesday 7 April. I want to thank everyone for welcoming me into the Club when I arrived and the ongoing support throughout my tenure.

Four years ago, I embarked on a journey, unaware of the incredible experience that lay ahead. During my time at the club I have gone from having colleagues, to friends, to eventually gaining an entire Manawatu Golf Club family. A family which will stay with me for the rest of my life.

However all great journeys come to an end.

I have been overwhelmed by the support since it was officially announced I was on the move and thank all those that have worked with me either as a volunteer or as a staff member. The staff here at the Club are nothing short of amazing, I need to make a special mention of them and without naming anyone, they are the best I have ever worked with. I will look back at my time with fond memories. I am certainly proud with some of the achievements we accomplished in my time and no doubt there will be many more to come for the club.

It has been great working with each and every one of you. The Manawatu Golf Club is an exceptional Club and is so unique, you would have to go a long way to find another Club like this in New Zealand.

Thank you for the experience and memories.

Warren

EASTER HOURS

CAFÉ

Good Friday – Closed
Saturday – Normal Hours
Easter Sunday – Normal Hours.
Alcoholic beverages can only be sold when having 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



Tree Removal

For some time we have known the huge old pine trees splitting the 14th & 15th fairways are a “ticking time bomb”. The issue of old trees on the golf course was raised at the Annual General Meeting and subsequently the Committee have addressed this issue and agreed to have these removed commencing on Sunday 4 April (Easter Sunday) weather dependent. The stumps will also be removed and taken off site. The contract states, the work will take approximately 10 days weather dependent, start to finish. This is an opportune time to remove the logs out of the property while we have access through the Wallace Development. WDCL have kindly allowed the contractor to exit these logs out through their property which will save the course in the future with some major repair work.

Holes 14 & 15 will be out of action with players having played the 13th hole out will then walk to the 16th tee and all this is because of health & safety reasons. As far as scoring goes, please take (2 points) for each of the two holes you haven't played. This is not permanent but a simple solution to the problem. If progress is smooth and ahead of time within the 10 day period then we will look to open up these holes but more than likely there will be roped off areas.

Thank you for your understanding of this matter.



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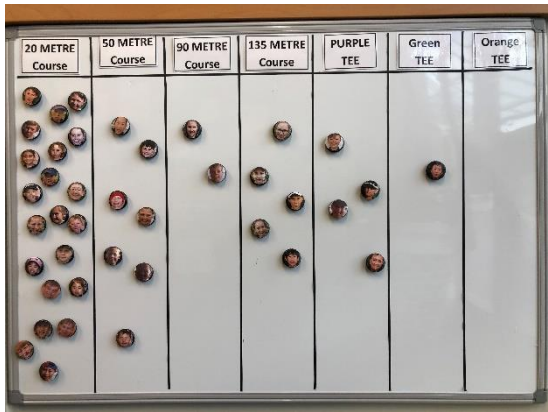
MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

Pro Shop

Hi everyone, I would like to start by thanking Warren Collett for his support and leadership over the last 4 years. From my point he has been an incredible leader and has always supported me and the team here in the shop. Selfishly, we are very sad to see Warren leave, but we are also excited for Warren and his future.

News from the shop:

On the 26th of February Andre took another group of members on a golf trip to the stunning Tara Iti. The feedback from all on the trip was that they had an amazing time, even though there were some anxious times trying to get home with Auckland going into level 3. If you are interested in golf trips that we have to offer here at the Manawatu Golf Shop please come in and talk to us about what are planning next or email Andre at golf@manawatugolfclub.com. (Photo is of Stu with his caddy Matt, rumour has it that Matt is actually holding Stu up in this photo as he was struggling to stand after seeing all that sand!!!! 😊)



Junior Golf Update:

Over the last few months, many of you may have noticed the whiteboard in the cardroom with kid's faces all over them. This whiteboard represents the progress of all the juniors in our coaching programmes – with their face positioned in the zone which reflects their current tee position. In order to progress through the tee colours, the kids must shoot par or better, over either 3, 9 or 18 holes. We call it “The Project Break Par” challenge.

Every week we have had 20+ kids attempting to beat their current level, with at least 1 player advancing every week so far. We are extremely proud of all of our juniors and are excited to see their continued success over the coming years.

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, André, Lisa, Tim & Brydie.

A message from the Club Captain

Congratulations to Jim Rogers who won the March 2021 Craigs Investment Partners Tankard with 42 points. He tells me he has waited 50 years to win one of these, while Mrs Rogers mentioned that she has had to move her hole-in-trophies to make room for it!



Jim Rogers



Martyn Nail



Barry Griffin

Congratulations to Martyn Nail who won the Nolan Rosebowl for the Summer Singles competition. In the final Martyn beat Dave Boswell 4 and 2.

Winner of the Memorial Day Trophy, The John "Chopper" Christie Trophy was Barry Griffin with 42 points.

Winners of the Summer four-ball competition and the Isaac's trophy were Steve Aburn and Danny Gainford who beat Craig Purdy and Craig Nash 2 up.



Steve Aburn and Danny Gainford

Pennants

Three rounds of the Manawatu-Wanganui Interclub Competition have been completed and the majority of our teams are trucking along nicely. The Women's Championship team have had 3 wins over Feilding, Pahiatua and Palmerston North. The Women's Weekend pennants had a bye, and wins over Rangitikei and Palmerston North 1. The mid-week ladies have had Covid issues affecting rounds but both teams have had first up wins.

The Men's A grade team (The Hawks) have had big wins over Hawkestone 8.5 to 0.5, Levin 7 to 2 and Feilding 7 to 2 and sit clear at the top.

Unfortunately, the Men's B grade team (The Falcons) have struggled to get six regular team members playing together and have had 3 losses, Marton 3.5 to 5.5, Feilding 6.5 to 5.5 and then a strong Wanganui team on their own track 0 to 9.

A message from the Club Captain Continued

The Men's C team (The Eagles) have had a half against Rangitikei then wins over Linton Camp 5 to 4 and Waimarino 6 to 3 and currently sit in first place.

The Men's Handicap team (possibly called the Tui's) have had a bye, win over Levin 7.5 to 1.5 and a loss to Feilding 6.5 to 2.5.

The Presidents have had an away loss to Rangitikei 6.5 to 5.5, and an away half against Waimarino 6.0 to 6.0. They are still to play Taihape and Wanganui, thankfully both at our course.

Pictured right is the Men's C grade team during their win against Waimarino.

The MacLennan Cup Fourball Draw

The draw for the MacLennan is up in the Card room. Please look to organise your matches early! If matches are not recorded on the Card room draw by the play by date both teams will be defaulted.



Congratulations to Yurgen Shaffer for his hole in one, on the 4th hole, on Sunday 28th March



Congratulations to Paul O'Connor who won the DB brewery fishing prize pack

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

In the recent beautiful weather many ladies have been able to enjoy our lovely course and benefit from the great run we are getting on the fairways. One of the highlights of the month was the occasion when we were able to farewell our General Manager Warren Collett. Warren and Vice-President Grayson Joines were invited to join the ladies for a game on Tuesday March 16th, followed by lunch, speeches and a small memento from the ladies to say thanks for his service to the club and to the ladies in particular. It was an enjoyable day.



PENNANTS

After pennants was cancelled in February, the programme was amended so that Silver and District pennants did not play at the same venue in case there was another lockdown and the smaller clubs could not cope with a large group. So, on Monday March 15th the Silver team of Deb Archer, Julie Meiring, Jill Clifton and Edna Short travelled to Pahiatua where they had a win over Rangatira Pink 5 ½ - ½ and the District team team of Elizabeth Lander, Kate Courtney and Claire Davis went to Eketahuna where they also had a good win over Eketahuna 3 ½ - 1 ½.

On March 14th the Championship team of Lisa Herbert and Rebecca Hopper had another good win beating Pahiatua 5-0 at Pahiatua and the Weekend team of Eva Heinrich and Janine Healey beat Rangitikei 4-1, also at Pahiatua.

On March 28th the Championship team, again comprised of Lisa and Rebecca, played Palmerston North at Rangitikei. Manawatu won 4-1 and the Weekend team of Eva and Julie Meiring played Palmerston North 1 and had a good win of 5-0.

Well done ladies.

We would also like to congratulate Lisa Herbert for her selection in the Manawatu Wanganui Women's Masters team. She is playing at number one and has been selected as Captain. We wish her all the best.

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED

NATIONAL TEAMS

The National Teams Day was held on March 9th. As a result the teams to represent Manawatu on April 30th at Feilding are Kate Courtney and Julie Meiring together with Helen Wilkinson and Gloria Campbell. Good luck ladies.

Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes

Once again only 8 pairs of ladies were brave enough to go out and do battle for 36 holes which has been the case for the past 3 years. They had to be hardy enough to start the day in inclement weather. Fortunately, the weather improved and everyone finished the two rounds. There was a three way tie on a combined nett of 152 for first place. They were

Deb Archer and Edna Short, Kate Courtney and Alicia Boag and Julie Meiring and Jill Clifton. Well done ladies.

April Golf

6 th	Committee Choice
13 th	Par
20 th	LGU National Home Links, Coronation Medal, Aotearoa Cup, Best Gross & Veterans Cup.
27 th	Stableford

Thursday Club

1st April
29th April

The numbers of ladies playing on Tuesday morning has increased as a result of no-one going on overseas trips. We have enjoyed seeing so many of you turning up to play on Tuesday.

Keep it up and happy golfing.

Jill Clifton
Ladies Club Captain



ANZAC DAY HOURS

Sunday 25th April

Café - OPEN After 1:00PM

ProShop – OPEN After 1:00PM

Office - CLOSED



Fledgling Golf

at the Manawatu Golf Club

For the past eight years, the annual Discover Golf programme has been a great way to introduce those new-to-golf to both the game, and the Manawatu Golf Club. With up to 36 participants each year, over 30 Discover Golfers have gone on to join the club since 2020 across a variety of membership categories.

The introductory programme is specifically designed to teach the basics of the short game – putting, chipping, pitching - in a friendly and relaxed environment, all the while building confidence to get participants out on the course and having fun.

Series 1 officially ended last Sunday with a 9-hole Ambrose competition and participants of the 2020 COVID-interrupted programme were also invited to join in the fun. The Discover Golf Series #2 programme begins in May concentrating on full swing with mid-irons and drivers, and bunkers!

Many thanks to the Pro-Shop, Rachel, Warren and the team of volunteers for running another successful programme.

Following on from the Discover Golf, it's a good idea to pop down to the course for practice or to play during the quieter times. These are typically late afternoon on weekdays, after 4pm on Saturdays and most of Sunday. Remember to check online to see if tees are available.

Sunday mornings between 10-10:30am have been reserved for beginner golfers and, in May, a few seasoned golfers have volunteered their time to expand on the DG programme and provide a little more guidance on course etiquette, how to fill in scorecards or answer any other questions you might have. The wonderful Pro Shop team are always willing to help in any way, and the more you play, the more you will want to learn which is a perfect time to get individual lessons from Allan, Andre or Tim.

To ensure a more enjoyable golf experience, the club has developed a few guidelines to assist our beginner golf members:

- Start closer to the green and use the coloured tee blocks as your reference point
- Tee up whenever you want (except for the greens)
- Drop out of bunkers onto the grass
- If you have reached 8 shots before the green, pick up and place your ball on the green and putt
- Always remember: Your place is behind the people in front, not in front of the people behind.

Finally, learning anything new can be a little daunting so don't think you need to know it all at once. Remember that your game will improve over time and, with the encouragement and support of the club and members, you'll have a whole lot of fun along the way!

NINE HOLE NEWS

We have a really busy program at the moment with round robins and open days. Clubs requested their tournaments to be in the beginning or end of year to hopefully make the most of the reasonable weather. We would like to welcome some new members; Peter and Frances Clark and Phil Monk who have already joined us playing at other clubs. Our Walker and Georgel competitions are well underway congratulations to those who have made it through the 1st round. We went on a "roadie" to Pahiatua kindly organised by Murray Crawford and we had some Feilding members join us. After playing we had lunch at Mangatainoka Tui Brewery. A great day had by all. A good muster played at Palmerston North GC where our members took most prizes.

Rangitira GC also was well attended as it is a great course, with 5 members in the winning circle. Then on to Marton GC last Monday, again 5 winners with Barbara Smith and Anne Flipp both winning their divisions and having longest drives. Well done to you all. Next away event is Levin Foursomes. Good luck to those participating. Also well done to those nine holers for doing well in the Arohanui Hospice Higgins tournament. May the weather not deteriorate too much after losing daylight saving.

Colleen Fraser



NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in February 2021

7 Day – Michael Morris-Jenkins, Ben Nausbaum, Jonathan Stevenson

Tertiary - Michael Birchall

Under 25 – Jordan MacRae

Country – Grant Higgins, Melinda Wheeler

9 Hole – Amelia Jenkinson, Sun OK Kim, Cindy Lei, Armel Mendoza, Jesse Ornberg, Matt Smout, Amelia Steer, Jane Sullivan

Restricted Junior – Sophie Freyberg, Megan Lv, Matthew Lyu, Liam Smith

Social - Maged Barzak

During this same period, 22 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1040 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.



COURSE REPORT

Happy Easter to all members and visitors. To all those who are travelling away, we wish you safe travels. March was a great golfing month with the weather and course in great condition. Once again I hope you all reached your golfing goals.

In the coming month of April, a lot is happening around the course. Pine trees between the 14th & 15th fairways to be dropped, fairways to be dethatched/tumble cored & drainage work to be continued. Work on the tees & surrounds to be done, coring/slicing & dethatching.

On a sad note, Warren Collett is on the move as everyone is aware by now. He will be sadly missed, we wish him well in his future endeavours in Te Awamutu. Warren, I am sure, will always be close by. On another note, the greenkeeping team is building stronger with another member to be added, Eugene Wilson from Linton Golf Club. The team now consists of Jordan, Ian, Phil, Steve, Eugene, John & myself. Matthew from the café has been doing a few hours here & there also. Things are looking positive moving forward with the architect & new staff members.

We wish all those playing in competitions or just their normal golfing rounds well in the coming month. Play well! As the weather starts to change to the wet months, please make sure that you watch where you walk & drive your carts. Please replace divots and repair your pitchmarks, we really appreciate your co-operation.

Monthly humour:
"remember to watch where you are driving"

Kiel Stechman



MCDONALD'S MANAWATU JUNIOR MASTERS 2021 SUNDAY 18th APRIL

ENTRY FEE ONLY \$25 AND INCLUDES:
MCDONALDS LUNCH AND DRINK
TROPHIES IN EACH DIVISION
9 HOLE AND 18 HOLE STABLEFORD DIVISIONS
18 HOLE GROSS DIVISION
6 HOLE NON-HANDICAP DIVISION WITH MODIFIED TEES

Entries to
manawatugolfclub.com/tournaments/
Entries close on Wednesday 14th April

Rules Corner

This month we will review the options available when confronted with an unplayable ball. Rule 19 allows a player to choose from options as to how to proceed with an unplayable ball – normally with each option costing one penalty stroke. There are two important general conditions that cover the unplayable ball relief procedures.

1. A player may decide to take unplayable ball relief anywhere on the course except when the ball lies in a penalty area.
2. The player is the only person who can decide to treat his or her ball as unplayable by taking penalty relief under Rule 19.2 or 19.3.

Relief for unplayable ball in the general area

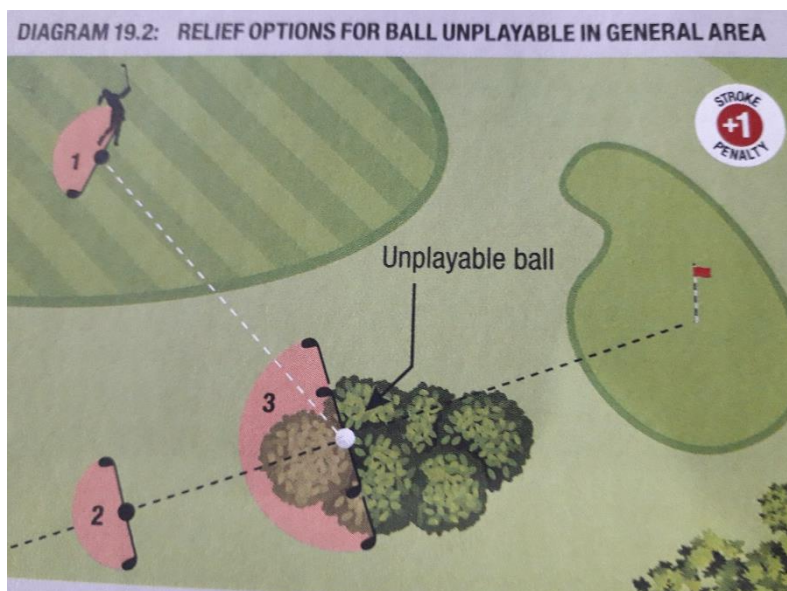


Diagram 19.2 (taken from the Rules of Golf booklet) illustrates the three options available for a ball declared unplayable in the general area – all of these options incur a 1 stroke penalty

Option 1 is to take stroke and distance, ie play the next stroke from where the previous stroke was played. If played from the general area, the spot must be identified or estimated and a ball dropped in the relief area 1 (shaded pink). The reference point for this 1 club length area is the spot (actual or estimated) from where the previous stroke was played. The ball when dropped, must land in and come to rest in this relief area. If the previous stroke was played from the teeing area, the ball may be teed up and played from anywhere in the teeing area.

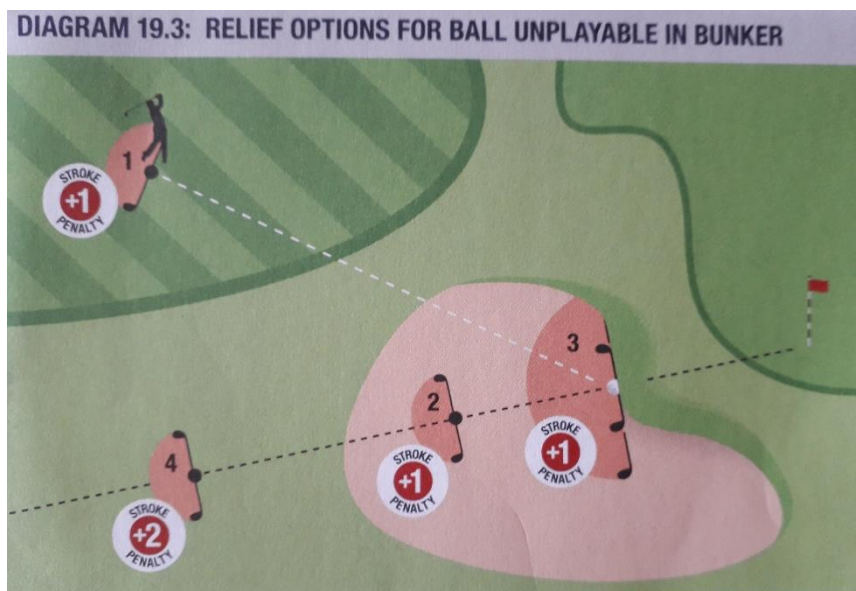
Option 2 shows how a player may take “back on the line” relief using a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball in its unplayable position. There is no limit as to how far back the player may go on this line. The reference point for determining the relief area 2 (1 club length arc) should be marked with a tee to assist the player ensuring the ball is dropped in and comes to rest in this defined relief area.

Option 3 provides for the player to take “lateral” relief as shown by the shaded pink area 3. The reference point for this relief area (2 club lengths arc) is the spot of the original ball in its unplayable position.

Rules Corner Continued

These options ensure a player always has a means of continuing play. In many cases not all three options will be available to choose from – eg consider a ball unplayable near a boundary fence (which clearly eliminates the “back on the line” option). It is also not uncommon for lateral relief to not provide any relief (say when ball is unplayable in a large spreading bush). Fortunately, the stroke and distance option is always available as a last resort.

Relief for an unplayable ball in a bunker



This diagram illustrates the options available for a ball declared unplayable in a bunker. In this case the player has four options.

Option 1. For 1 penalty stroke, the player may take stroke and distance relief with the same requirements as for relief from the general area with regard to the relief area to play from (shaded pink area 1)

Option 2. For 1 penalty stroke, the player may take back on the line relief in the bunker (shaded pink area 2)

Option 3. For 1 penalty stroke, the player may take lateral relief in the bunker (shaded pink area 3)

Option 4. For a total of 2 penalty strokes, the player may take back on the line relief outside the bunker based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball.

The most common confusion I see among our members when confronted with an unplayable option is the notion that a player may drop a ball back on a line from the spot of the unplayable ball to the spot where the previous stroke was played.

What's on in April...

Please note some changes

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.

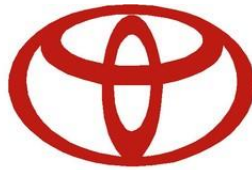
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April

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



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