



April 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Changes to the Covid-19 Protection Framework

The Government has announced further updates to the Covid-19 Protection Framework, so we think it is important to bring you up to date with the Club's position and policy regarding this.

- The Club will align with the Government's proposed removal of My Vaccine Passes for access to facilities. As a result, from 4 April, you will no longer be required to produce a My Vaccine Pass to access Manawatu Golf Club.
- It is still a requirement to wear a face covering when entering the office, café and bar and the Pro Shop. You may take your mask off when eating or drinking, however, you must put your mask on when you are moving around the café, going to the bathrooms, and paying your bill. We will look to reintroduce ordering at the bar, as soon as the seated and served requirements are modified.
- QR codes and scanning will no longer be a requirement. Please remember that our staff are still required to wear a face covering at all times. Please respect them and wear your face covering when you are in the office, Pro Shop or café and bar.
- On 11.59pm on Friday 25 March limits on outdoor gatherings were removed. In addition, the limit on indoor gatherings increased from 100 to 200. This means the Hokowhitu Bar and Café can cater for up to 200 people. We are available for bigger functions now, so take advantage of the change in guidelines and book in for Friday night dining or bring your work group for a meeting or function.

Impact of Omicron on the golf club

As the spread of Omicron results in more cases in Manawatu, it is inevitable that more and more members and staff test positive. We have several staff cases currently and are managing any staff absences whilst they are isolating. Please continue to support the club and understand it may take a little longer to be served in the café and bar and Pro Shop if staff are away and we have reduced staff levels. We will endeavour to continue to provide high service levels, despite any absence of staff.

President versus Captains Day, 23 March

The President is pleased to report that his team prevailed over the Captain's team in the annual match. Scores were locked at 21+ all, with the President's team winning on a countback. (Well done Rodders!) A great day was had by all, thank you to all those who played in the match and to CC Savs, for organising the day.

Governance proposal

As you know by now, the Committee has formally accepted the Governance committee's report and recommendations. The next stage is to now discuss this with the membership and hear your views and questions on this matters. The first forum will be held on Monday 4 April at 6.00pm in the main lounge, with further forums in May and June if required. We encourage all members to attend the forums to express your views and listen to members of the Governance committee present their recommendations.

This is really important, as, if it proceeds, it will mean a total rewrite of the club constitution.

- Monday 4 April, 6.00pm
- Monday 2 May, 6.00pm
- Monday 14 June, 6.00pm

Golf Course Environmental Sustainability report

The Club has now received the golf course environmental sustainability report, prepared by Will Bowden, New Zealand Turf Management Solutions. This report focuses on six key ecological value factors; 1) Ecology, 2) Landscape and cultural heritage, 3) Energy consumption and waste reduction, 4) Water resource, 5) Climate change, 6) Pollution prevention.

This report will now provide the club with clear direction on management of our planting programme, water ways, trees, and course sustainability. The report will be available to members in the news section of our website.

Greens staff and the Course Committee will be using this as their reference for any future changes to the course, tree plantings, irrigation etc.

Staff

In staff news, Vae has resigned from her front of house role and will finish in mid-April. She wants to be closer to her Whanau. All the very best Vae. Your delightful personality will be missed by all of us.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club over the next month.

Brent Cawthray (President) and Chris Wilson (General Manager)

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GOLF CLUB

Hi everyone,

All of us, I'm sure, have been affected by covid in one way or another by now, so I hope you are all doing well. We are managing it the best we can here in the shop as it throws up plenty of curve balls each day 😊.

Lessons are still in extreme demand and we are booked a month in advance at the moment so I apologise for the long wait. If you are looking at booking in a lesson, please do so as fast as you can so you are not waiting longer than that time frame.

Tim Trainee of the Year: Tim has finished his traineeship off in style by winning the Year 3 Trainee of the Year, as well as the supreme award. (Photo). A very pleased Timmy with his Certificates.



Tip of the month – Driving to Success:

2 simple things for you to give a go to improve your driving game:

1. Make sure you are hitting up on the ball: Here is a simple drill to help hit up on the ball with your driver to improve distance. Step 1: place a head cover, a grip length in front of the ball (see photo). Step 2: your job is to hit the ball and miss the headcover (see photo). If you do this successfully, you are hitting up on the ball. If you hit the headcover as well as the ball you are hitting down on the ball and losing distance with your driver. Please bear in mind that the driver is the only club you want to hit up on the ball with.

2. Use foot spray or Impact tape: This is a great way to learn to hit the middle of the club face or to build awareness of where you are striking the ball on the club face. It also can be an easy way to improve your driving game. Get some foot spray or impact tape and apply it to your club face (see photo) when you hit the ball it will leave an impression of where the ball struck the club face. Now you have instant feedback!



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, Tim and Brydie

A message from the Club Captain

It was great to see golfers out in full force without the worry of bad weather. Plenty of players making full use of all facilities, but this also brought some concerns for the organizers and green staff. The raking of bunkers has observed to be abysmal at times so more thought must be given to bunker users that they are not the only one's playing on the course. More consideration must be given to the following players and far more care needs to be done when entering and leaving the bunkers.

The Match Committee has signed off the Match Policy Document and copy of this is in the card room. I suggest you all familiarize yourselves with it to avoid any confusion around the playing of matches etc.

A change this year means no time extensions will be given except for course closures. If both parties cannot reach an agreement on playing date, the playing date will be set by the Match Committee. The default position (for Saturday played matches) is that the match will be played in the earliest available time slot in the afternoon field on the last Saturday prior to the "play by date." The winner is to enter the match result in the Card Room draw. Failure to do so will attract the same penalty as for an un-played match.

The March Craigs Investment Partners Tankard

This was contested on Saturday 5th March and was one by an ecstatic Richard Royds with 41 points. Richard narrowly beat Doug Jones and Hamish Pryde on a countback.

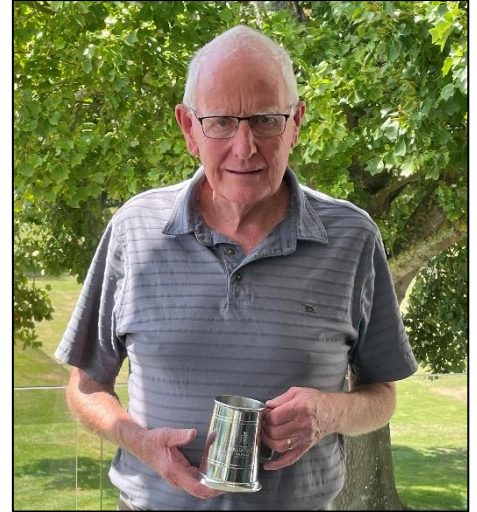
Congratulations to Richard.

Men's Summer Singles

Well done to Ant Gear who won the Nolan Rosebowl for Men's Summer Singles. Ant beat Bert Chang in a great battle on the 18th hole to win the trophy.

Memorial Day Trophy

Congratulations to Ash Gurney who won the Annual Memorial Day John "Chopper" Christie Trophy with a fantastic 43 Stableford points. Second on 42 points was David Pick and 3rd Anthony Dahlkamp & Robert Small with 40 points.



A message from the Club Captain Continued

Captains versus Presidents Trophy

The annual Presidents versus Captains competition was played on March 26th which was won on countback by the Presidents Team lead by Brent Cawthray over The Captains team lead by Alan Savell. The format was combined Par. The top 10 scores by each team totalled +21 to each team.

Men's Interclub Results:-

13th March: The Presidents bounced back from last week's defeat to beat Levin 10-2 playing at home.

The Men's D-Grade Team of Steven Charles, Bevan Clarke, Bradley Morgan, Richard Shaw, Bert Chang & Leigh Thomas halved 3-3 against Palmerston North also at Pahiatua. Thanks to Leigh who stepped in at the last minute. Well done Bradley as our only team member with 2 wins.

20th March: The Men's A Grade beat Palmerston Nth 6-2 and D-Grade Men beat Marton 4-2 . The B Grade Men shared the result with Castlecliff.

27th March: A bad day for our teams. The Men's A-Grade team got well beaten by Feilding 2-7. There is now a 3-way tie for 1st place between Manawatu, Palmerston North & Feilding.

The Men's B-grade team lost 4-5 to Waimarino. At Rangitikei, the Men's D-grade team halved again (3rd time this season) this time to Levin. The Presidents team had a match to forget at home against Feilding losing 4-8

Good golfing to all members

ALAN SAVELL - CLUB CAPTAIN



Congratulations to Rodney Thomas who got a hole in one on the 8th Hole on 25th February!



Congratulations to Jack Leenards who got a hole in one on the 16th Hole on 22nd February!

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Well March has passed us by and we are now into April and autumn!!

During March we held the Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes. 36 holes, luckily of alternate shots, on a hot Tuesday. The winners in the morning and afternoon were Pam Lamberton and Robyn Higgins. They played 8 under par so a very good days work, congratulations.

We have also played our National teams competition and the four best net scores were Sue Spiers, Chrys Cabraal, Julie Meiring and Shirlee Jenkinson. They will represent Manawatu at the district National Teams at Levin 29th April, all the best.

As you will have seen most of the women's pennants are going along pretty well. Our Weekend team are top of the table one point ahead of Wanganui. With two rounds to play they are up against the third placed team Castlecliff in the final round at Rangatira.

The Championship Pennants is proving an interesting competition with the White team of Casey and Steph unbeaten at the top and the Red team of Lisa and Leander 2nd equal with Wanganui and Feilding. Anything can happen in the last round at Wanganui. This final round determines the top two teams who will play off at Rangatira to win the Pennant.

Unfortunately our Monday team is struggling with the new format and have yet to secure a win. With only two rounds to go I am sure the mission is to win against the fellow bottom dwellers Castlecliff in the next round.

All the best to all our players, you look great in the team shirts.

Cup matches are getting started so check the notice boards for the draws and please make sure you get these played by the due dates. There is plenty of warning ahead of time so make contact with your opponent and set a date.

The April golf programme has a few changes due to the tree felling so make sure you check that out.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report Continued

For 18 hole members:

APRIL:

2nd /5th LGU National Home Links.

9th /12th Stableford with the Tuesday players playing holes 5 then 8 and scoring 2 points for holes 6 & 7 that were missed, bonus!!

16th /19th Par

23rd /26th Pro Shop stableford

9 Hole members

12th /13th & 16th stableford, same play as above avoiding the 6th & 7th holes if needed.

26th /27th & 30th LGU Sue Bunt.

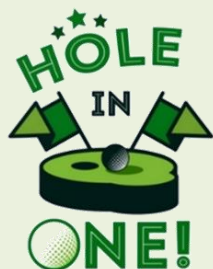
We have our Women's Autumn Mixer this Sunday. Thanks for adding your name to the mix and I'm sure the weather will behave for us to have a great day. Look out for that report next month.

Enjoy your April and hopefully you have some fun Easter golf!

Deb Archer – Women's Club Captain



Congratulations to Evelyn Trass who got a hole in one on the 4th Hole on 19th February!



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Pick up - Thursday 14th April (Orders must be placed by midday Tuesday 12th)

NINE HOLE NEWS

Wednesday Group news

What a great number of players we have at the moment 62 on Wednesday 30th March! A really full field.

We hosted the Round Robin on 14th March which was very successful. We had around 80 players which was exceptional as some clubs are not hosting Round Robins or Open Days at all. Thanks to the cafe staff for delivering lunch to the tables enabling us to be as safe as we could.

Marton hosted their Open Day very successfully with Manawatu players doing very well in a full field. Nice to have some of our players attending for the first time. Hope they enjoyed themselves and will attend others, as it is good playing at different courses. This makes us feel lucky to have a course like ours

We had a roadie to Pahiatua for the Col/Ray tournament. Sadly a few pulled out as the weather forecast was not favourable. But we arrived to a morning tea made by the Pahiatua Ladies. The rain passed and it ended up being very pleasant even though the course was quite wet under foot. We carried on to lunch at Mangatainoka Brewery for lunch. Great day had by all. MacDonald Trophy won by Colleen Fraser.

The Walker/George's matches are well under way. A few matches going to an extra hole. Good luck to those still to play.

Our 9 hole ladies are playing with the 18 hole ladies on Sunday having over 70 entries playing 18 holes should be a fun day

Colleen Fraser and John Drake - 9 Hole Convenors



Saturday Group news

With a growing number of 9-hole members, Saturday mornings have also been particularly full. People who joined during last year's Discover Golf programme have now started playing competition golf and are relishing the added pressure that it brings. Good course conditions have led to some exceptional stableford points being scored with Andrew Manderson, Shaun McDowell, Karen Heald and Sherryl Bethwaite each scoring 23 in games during March. The course and good weather have also benefited many other players who are watching their handicaps going down just in time for their matches in the Walker Geogel and Odd Couples competition. Ladies also participated in the first round of the LGU and Sue Bunt Salver series which continues in May (rescheduled due to the planned course works).

This past Saturday saw players competing for the Saturday 9-hole Best Putter's Cup which was won by Margaret Birchall (13 putts) and Karen Beckett (21 putts) receiving the Most Enthusiatic Putter medal (pictured).

Congratulations to all.

Natasha and Dave - Saturday 9 hole Convenors



COURSE REPORT

As we now go into the shorter days with daylight savings ending, we hope the weather stays reasonably dry. Now the mandates are lifting, we hope the country gets back as close as it can to normal. The course has been playing well recently, with plenty of run off the tee and great conditions for golf. I hope everyone is enjoying their golf at the moment and long may it continue.

As a club we are continuing to work towards sustainability. We already have a good starting base and it is exciting to move forward. If you see little contraptions at the base of trees around the course, these are traps to eliminate some pests. Please do not touch these. There will be 60 in total around the course. These traps were purchased from Goodnature, the company who created these. All traps have bluetooth and can be monitored remotely.

Just a note, we try to do what we can when we have rain over a period. We work Monday to Friday and one person is rostered on in the weekends to attend to the greens. Due to this, depending on when the rain occurs, occasionally some course areas are left longer or untidy for the weekend. We do our best with what is in front of us 😊.

There are a few things on the course planned over the next month. Tumble coring and dethatching fairways, April 4th is the Back 9, April 11th is the Front 9. On April 11th we are also removing the Pine Trees on the 6th Tee. Due to this, the Front 9 will be closed on the Monday April 11th due to felling, Tuesday to Friday 6th & 7th holes will be closed for play to allow the clean-up. Surrounds are due to be dethatched also.

Carts are always a talking point around clubs, not only Manawatu Golf Club. We want as many people to play the game of golf as possible. There are rules that I would say are forgotten that do frustrate us, due to the wear and tear that carts and machines cause. I ask that all members please take notice of these rules, they are there for a reason. As a course manager who gets questioned why turf gets thin or mushy it gets frustrating when part of the reason is the use of carts.

Please continue to repair your pitch-marks & replace your divots 😊 We all appreciate you doing so. We are adding more rakes to the bunkers to help players with raking the bunkers by entering at the shallow sides of the bunkers. When teeing off from the 10th Tee, please use the path around the chipping and back of the 9th green, that is what it is for. By going over the surround on the 9th, you are adding a lot more wear to the area. Think about your fellow golfers.

We wish you all well in your month ahead of golfing goals 😊, may the weather hold.

Kiel Stechman



RULES CORNER

This month we will look at a number of Rules queries I have been approached on over the past week or so.

1. Stakes when playing golf

No, this is not about any potential prize money or the amount associated with the weekly hagggle but looks at the status of various stakes (usually wooden) encountered on a golf course during a round. Stakes are often used to identify or define the boundaries of, and various areas within the golf course. White stakes are reserved for course boundaries, blue stakes are for areas of ground under repair and red stakes for penalty areas within the course. These stakes may also have accompanying similar coloured lines on the ground. In the absence of coloured lines, a direct line between the course side of adjacent stakes at ground level define the out of bounds, ground under repair or penalty area. If a coloured line is also present, the line defines the boundary of each area with the stakes there to identify the status of each area but have no other meaning.

What can I do if a stake interferes with my stance or swing?

White stakes identifying or defining out of bounds are boundary objects – they are **not movable or immovable obstructions (see definitions of OB)**. If a **white stake interferes** with the stance or area of swing for play of a ball in bounds, there is **no penalty free relief**. If a player removes a white stake to play a ball in bounds and then makes a stroke at the ball with the stake removed, the player incurs the general penalty (2 stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play). However under the new Rules, if a player becomes aware that removal of a white stake could incur a penalty, the player can now replace the stake before playing the next stroke and avoid the general penalty.

Blue and red stakes are movable obstructions and can be temporarily removed if they cause interference with a player's stance or swing or intervene on the player's line of play. It is the player's responsibility to replace any moved stakes.

2. Ball up a tree

What can a player do if his/her ball is possibly lodged in a tree or bush?

- a) If within the 3minute time allowed for search, the ball is not found on the ground or identified as lodged in a tree, the ball is lost under the Rules and the player must proceed under the penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 18.1).
- b) If a ball is seen lodged in a tree and the player can identify it (may use binoculars or distance measuring device to help) the player can declare the ball unplayable and proceed under any of the one stroke penalty options in Rule 19.2a (stroke and distance relief), 19.2b (back on the line relief), or 19.2c (lateral relief). The reference point for options 19.2b and c is the point on the ground immediately below where the ball is lodged in the tree. There is no requirement for the player to actually retrieve the original ball from its position in the tree.
- c) If a ball is sighted in a tree but it is not possible to positively identify it, the player cannot assume it is his/hers and the player must proceed under the lost ball penalty of stroke and distance

RULES CORNER CONTINUED

d) If the player, partner or fellow competitor in searching shakes branches of a tree and a ball emerges which turns out to be the player's, there is no penalty for moving a ball in searching but the ball must be replaced and if the exact position cannot be identified it must be estimated. The player can then proceed as in (b) above

3. Playing a wrong ball

If a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball (ie any ball other than the one the player hit from the teeing area of the hole being played) the player incurs the general penalty.

a) In match play if the player and opponent play each other's ball during the play of a hole, the first to make a stroke at the wrong ball gets the general penalty (loss of hole). If it is not known which wrong ball was played first, there is no penalty and the hole must be played out with the balls exchanged.

b) In stroke play, the player gets the general penalty (2 strokes) and must correct the mistake by continuing play with the original ball. See Rule 6.3c

CAFÉ

Good Friday – Closed

Saturday – Normal Hours

Easter Sunday – Normal Hours.

Alcoholic beverages can only be sold when having a meal

Easter Monday – Closed

Easter Tuesday - Closed

EASTER HOURS

PROSHOP

Good Friday – Closed

Saturday – Normal Hours

Easter Sunday – Closed

Easter Monday - Closed

OFFICE

Good Friday - Easter Monday - Closed



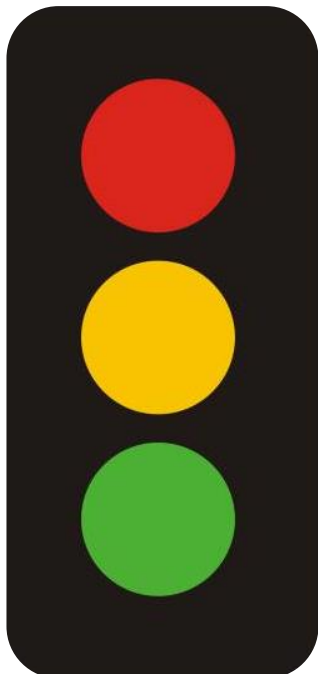
ANZAC DAY HOURS

Monday 25th April

Café - CLOSED

ProShop – CLOSED

Office - CLOSED



Rules at RED:

PROSHOP: Must wear a mask while inside.

CAFÉ AND BAR: Must wear a mask until seated. Everyone is seated and orders taken at the table. 200 person capacity.

COURSE: Golf is open

CLUBHOUSE: Must wear a mask while inside including hallways, bathrooms and office

Rules at ORANGE:

PROSHOP/COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE: Same as RED

CAFÉ AND BAR: No Capacity limits

Please be patient with staff – everyone is doing their best!

Welcome

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in February 2022

6 Day Member: Liam Badger

Under 30: Alex Campbell

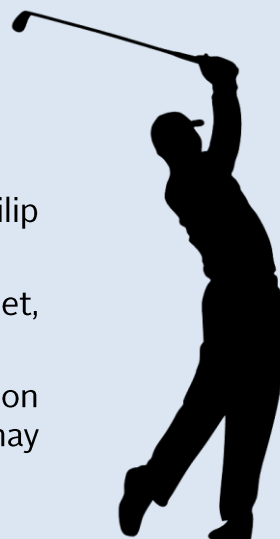
Under 25: Steen Hemmingsen

5 Day Member: Amelia Jenkinson, Jiao Jian, Brent Mitchell, Philip Robins

9 Hole: David Fryer, Steve Johnson, Jill Nash, Michael Roset, Edwin Wanoa

Restricted Junior: John Blackwell, Oshay Booth, Bryson Clement, Selena Clement, Alex King, Constance Lin, Avishay Naidu, Archie Webby

Social: Olly Carrodus



During this same period, 16 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1093 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.

What's on in April...

Please note some changes below

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.

■ MEN
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April

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



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