



AUGUST 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With Winter still hanging around the course remains in remarkably great condition. It is really pleasing to receive such positive feedback from the membership as to the current state of the course and particularly the greens. Kiel and his team are doing a fantastic job and sometimes in trying conditions. Be aware of the wet areas on a couple of the fairways which are clearly marked.

One issue that is often raised is that of speed of play and the finger is consistently pointed at the Committee to do something about it. Whilst Brent, Richie or John Garrett often give up their Saturday afternoons which is greatly appreciated to marshall particularly when there is a full field, the onus is really on the individual groups to ensure firstly they get to the starting tee with a few minutes to spare. This is critical as this is where the backlog initially starts and then to keep up with the group in front. The lowest handicapper in the group has the responsibility to control the speed of the group. If a ball is lost you have five minutes to find it and if not, you have to play on. While I believe in many of the traditions of golf, perhaps from time to time groups should consider playing 'ready' golf off the tee rather than waiting for those with the honour to tee off first. Our Saturday afternoon fields are normally full or close to so if everyone makes a concerted effort perhaps the speed of play might improve.

Competition wise the first semi final of the MacLennan was played last Saturday with the combination of Martin Nail and Steven Charles reaching the final and the second semi final is to be played between the combination of Adrian Christie and Maurice Jackson and Peter Stewart and Robert Spencer.

Club champs qualifying for the men will be held on Saturday 11 and 18 August with the best one of two rounds counting towards qualifying. As Brent has already indicated, if you are not going to be available for ALL DATES of this competition, please do not enter in fairness to everybody.

From 30th July to 12th August the Pro Shop are running a special on lessons. \$25 for a half hour lesson with one of the Club Professionals. This is a great deal and perhaps a good opportunity to fine tune your game for the up and coming Club Champs qualifying. While I am mentioning the Pro Shop, just remember it is packed with some great equipment and clothing, run by very knowledgeable staff so please take advantage of all of this and remember that any purchases are supporting the Club.

On September 8th the Club is hosting its annual Wine Match Dinner. It is nearly sold out but there are a few tickets left so if you want to be in, get in.

Enjoy your winter golf! **Peter McRedmond - President**

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

I must make mention of all the sponsors that contribute to the Manawatu Golf Club. Many of the sponsors not only support the Club through their financial sponsorship arrangements but in addition utilise the Club to have meetings or functions entertaining their clients. Sponsors are a vital ingredient in any organisation with the Golf Club being no exception. We appreciate all the support from our sponsors, it is nice to have so many involved. As always if you are thinking about services in the City then please consider your Club's sponsors.

Further on in the newsletter there is a piece on Health & Safety and I can't reiterate enough if you hit an errant golf ball please yell out "FORE". We had an incident a couple of weeks ago whereby a golfer was hit by a ball from the group behind where nobody yelled. Fortunately the member hit was standing in such a way that the ball passed by his head and landed down his thigh. It is not much to ask.

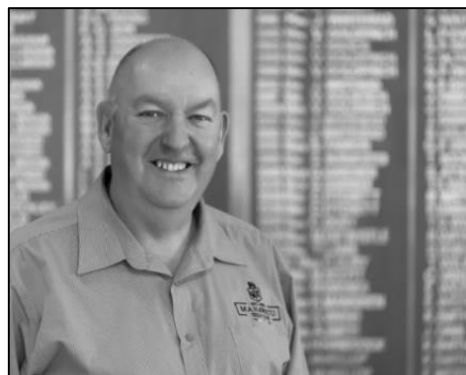
Friday 3 August sees the deadline for appeals regarding the Centennial Park Redevelopment. At time of writing I am unaware of any appeals but will feed this information out to you when Council confirms. If there is an appeal, it could take up to 12 months to be heard in the Environment Court. If there are no appeals then I would think the developer, Wallace Development Company will want to get straight into action.

The Manawatu Golf Club is hosting the NZ Golf Aged Group Championships in early September. The course will be closed on Tuesday 4 September for a practice round with the tournament proper commencing Wednesday 5, 6 and 7 September. There are two rounds on Wednesday and Thursday and one on Friday. Reciprocal rights are available at all clubs within the Manawatu/Wanganui Golf Association region if availability permits.

Please remember it is the obligation of you the member to make arrangements for play by contacting the Club Manager or Professional of the host Club, prior to your arrival. Players must possess and present a membership card for the purposes of identification.

Good golfing

Warren Collett – General Manager



Photos from July

Left: Beautiful rainbow captured by Linda Hill on the 8th Green

Right: Our bees have been busy! Honey from our hives is put to good use in the kitchen



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Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

Hope the winter is treating you all well. July is our quietest month here in the shop so it was a great opportunity to do something that we don't normally have enough time for, like on Sunday 29th of July Ben and I (Alan) took our top junior golfers on a trip to Cape Kidnappers.



The trip was all about giving our top junior golfers an experience at a completely different type of course and a type of setup that you will often find on the major tours around the world. Tara, Lily, Sam, Tim, Ethan & Kaleb had an awesome day even if there were a few golf balls lost. The sun was shining but the wind was blowing hard!!!! Thanks heaps to everyone at Cape Kidnappers for making it an awesome day.

GETTING FITTED

If you have ever wondered what the benefits are of getting your clubs fitted correctly for you, this is a great article to read. Even though this article is done by Mizuno, which we stock, we also fit every other brand that we carry as well, Callaway, Ping, Cobra, Titleist & TaylorMade.

Please click the link below for the article: <https://golf.mizuno-europe.com/custom-fit/why-are-some-regular-golfers-still-not-being-fitted-for-the-right-irons/>

Junior End of Term Tournament

At the end of each school term we run a golf tournament for our juniors. And had some trophies to award.

Tim Wilkinson trophy (For 18 hole handicap junior members Only, to be eligible to win this you had to be a junior member of the club with an 18 hole handicap) The winner of the Tim Wilkinson trophy had the best two counting stableford rounds of the junior golf term.

The Manawatu Pro shop Trophy (For 9 hole handicap junior members only, to be eligible to win this you had to be a junior member of the club with a 9 hole handicap) The winner of the Pro shop trophy had the best two counting stableford rounds of the junior golf term.

Beginners 3 hole Trophy (For junior golfers who are not members of the club yet or do not hold a 9 hole or 18 hole handicap) To be eligible to win the beginners trophy you had to be in our junior golf programme and the winner had the best two counting modified gross rounds for 3 holes over the junior golf term.

For all of the trophies they could play as many rounds as they wanted over the term on stipulated days but the best two rounds counted towards the trophy.

Congratulations to the winners!



Hunter Bretherton Term 2
 McDonalds Manawatu Drive,
 Chip and Putt Winner
 Thursday class



Drive Chip and Putt Winner for term
 2 Wednesday Class (Centre Bam
 Thipcharoen) Ezibuy 3 Hole
 Beginner Term 2 winner (Left Clara
 Holmes) Proshop Trophy 9 hole



Kaleb Fagan. Tim Wilkinson Trophy
 18 hole winner and McDonalds
 Manawatu Drive, Chip and Putt
 winner Friday Class

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 Guy

MEN'S GOLF

Men's Club Captain's Report

July kicked off with the highly sought after Craigs Investment Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by Ewan Westergaard, being won for the first time by the very popular Warren Williams. Warren had 41pts, and was absolutely rapt to finally win a tankard.

We hosted the annual men's interclub with Palmerston North the following week, and received a good old fashioned hiding. 42.5 vs 30.5. The format was handicap matchplay plus a 4 ball.



Warren Williams winner of the Craigs Tankard



A very successful day, with Palmerston bringing 50 players. The turnout really does confirm how important these interclub fixtures are. There is a really good relationship between the two clubs, and a real rivalry now with their pennant team being the top dogs. It was great to see the camaraderie in the club house afterwards. This is what sport is all about.

One would hope we can reciprocate with similar numbers next year.

Good luck to all who are trying to qualify for the club champs. Qualifying dates are 11th and 18th August.

I have been absent for the past two weeks, and will be away for 5 of the next 7 weeks, so good golfing everybody. - BC

Mens' Club Champs 2018

The two rounds of qualifying for Men's Club Champs are on Saturday August 11th and 18th. These are stroke rounds so there are **no gimmes**, i.e. The rules of golf must be observed please.

You will qualify based on your best gross round over these two Saturdays. Morning players can enter as per the normal start sheet however if play is cancelled due to frosts, bad luck.

There are club draws for those who wish to play in the afternoons, entry as per "Event Registration" page on the Manawatu Golf Club's webpage

When getting your card you must press the "Qualifying" button on the touch screen.

Seniors (up to 8.5 handicap index) play off the Black tees, all other grades play off Blue tees.

For the club draws we will do our best to match players of similar handicap index. We will not honour any requests for playing partners or tee preference.

Mens' Club Champs Cont..

We will try to alternate start tees over the 2 rounds, e.g. seniors off 1st tee in round 1 and 10th tee in round 2.

If you are planning that long overdue holiday in September/October then please don't enter as no dispensations will be given during the rounds.

The top 16 in each grade qualify for the Main draw (matches played off the stick), and the next 16 qualify for the Handicap draw (shots given based on handicap). First round losers in the Main draws enter Flights (left hand side of draw sheets in Card room).

We suggest you organise and try and play your matches early. Qualifying scores for the top 16 in 2017 were Seniors 92, Intermediate 89, Juniors 99 and C-grade 109.

Round 1 matches to be played by 16 September, round 2 and round 1 flights by 13 October. Semi-finals and semi-final flights to be played by 27 October. All finals to be played on Sunday 4th November at times provided by the match committee.

This year major finals (Senior (<9 handicap), Intermediate (9 to 15 handicap), Junior (16 to 20 handicap) and C-grade finals (21 to 40 handicap) are all to be played over 36 holes with the other matches played over 18 holes.

Best of luck! – Richard Shaw

Unacceptable behaviours on the course

Some of the cornerstone Etiquette actions on the course are repairing your divots and pitch marks and raking the bunkers. The following are examples found recently on the course where these practices have been blatantly ignored.

This deep divot was found on the 14th fairway with the removed turf just a few metres just in front of it. Please make an effort to replace divots!



How many divot marks can you see Below? This was found ~60 metres in front of the 12th green. There are at least 7 divot marks in this small area that appear to have been made at the same time. Please only 1-2 practice swings and play no more than 2 balls on the course outside of competition play. Please replace any turf that is removed.



There are a few people not raking their foot marks in bunkers. In fact, they are walking randomly across bunkers apparently to play 2 or more shots then forgetting to rake their trails. Please try to follow the same path in and out of bunkers and carefully rake where you have been.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

This is the time of the year our numbers start to reduce because of weather and trips away and school holidays. Many of our Grandmothers get involved with School Holidays, but we still manage to get fairly good numbers.



And it's not that cold. The ball isn't travelling very far these days and our handicaps are being adjusted accordingly. But by the time we get in and warm ourselves up with Kath's yummy food and her friendly staff looking after us, everyone is very happy. Kiel and his green staff are doing a great job of looking after our course. We are so lucky to have such dedicated green staff.



We have now had 2 Qualifying rounds with the 3rd one coming up this month. If you haven't been able to play in one of these rounds or you want to improve on your last score the final round is on the 14th and 18th August. You can see all the dates that each round has to be played by, in your programme book on page 41.

Finals must be played on the Finals Day. Finals Day is on the 4th November and the Champion of Champions the following week, 11th Nov at the Belmont Course.

It is very pleasing to see that our Discover Golf programme is working so well, as now the club have allocated a starting time on a Sunday morning (10am) for these players as there is not enough slots for them on a Saturday morning. And a big thank you to Wayne Revell and his team for all the help they give to our new members.

Pennants

The latest pennant results are always on the web site for you to see. The District Team of Megan Waugh, Gloria Campbell, Kate Courtney and Helen Weber played at Castlecliff on Monday 23rd July and managed a half against Wanganui in very difficult weather conditions. Well done to these women. The Team now stands in 3rd position.

The Silver team didn't have to play that day but both teams will be playing at Feilding on Monday 6th August. Let's hope for better weather and a good result.

The Manawatu Wanganui Women's Rep Team to play against Wellington on the Sunday 5th August at Otaki has now been selected. The Manawatu Club have 3 players in the team, Lisa Herbert, Lily Griffin and Mudra Lakhani. Congratulations to these players and good luck to the team. The full team is:

Tara Raj	Brydie Hodge	Lisa Herbert	Lily Griffin
Casey Chettleburgh	Mudra Lakhani	Jill Hall	Von Walker

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Our Interclub with Palmerston North was an enjoyable day, especially the weather, but alas we didn't manage to win the Joan Prout Salver. We will look forward to another challenge next year.

We have busy times ahead with The Championships and our big Open Day on Thursday 25th October. This is being held after the Manawatu Open Championship the previous weekend, so the course will be at its best. Perhaps you could invite your friends from afar and tell them about this great tournament. This is our only Open Day for the year and players do like to play our great course.

Good Golfing

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain.

Saturday Convener Report

This month we've had two Par events as well as an LGU Day. Lisa Herbert and Christine Rose were joint winners of the putting, both with 32 putts and Evelyn Trass took away the lucky wine bottle prize.

The main event was our annual interclub competition with Palmerston North for the Joan Prout Salver. This year we played at Palmerston North, where we had a good turnout of 20 players enjoying a rare sunny and calm day. The final result was very close, with Palmerston North retaining the salver by the slimmest of margins - 30.1 average stablefords to our 29.4. Best individual contributions came from Christine Rose with 39 and Vicki Worker 35.



The closest Eva Heinrich got to the Joan Prout Salver, much to the delight of our Palmerston North friends!

Mamma Mia, yes we went again, my my, yes we did enjoy it

The mostly keenly anticipated social event of the year finally arrived! It was a very excited group of 14 (including a couple of "significant others") that turned out to see Mamma Mia 2 at Event Cinemas. We weren't disappointed - 2 hours of happily singing along to the music of our teen years went by in a flash, not to mention a few tears being shed at the end. A great night out was finished off with a shared meal at Chada Thai, where the discussion turned to talk of going again. As there were several who hadn't been able to attend on the night we put it out there that a second trip might be happening. A week later and a group of 7 turned out to see it all over again...

Linda Hill – Saturday Women's Committee

NINE HOLE NEWS

During July we have just about needed web feet but luckily we have still been able to play on our club days, due to the great work from our greenkeepers.

We had a good group attend Foxtons Open Day, Barbara Smith Ladies Best Net, Doug Muir and Alan McClean prizes in mens' divisions. Good day had by all - well done Foxton.

Gillespie, Lavender and Saturday competitions are up to finals good luck to those still playing.

Saturday golf slots are extremely full and now Sunday time slots are organised. Some of these players may prefer Sundays with less pressure (especially for 45+ handicappers).

Sunday is available for any nine holers ideal for matches to be played with no pressure

Bookings can be made on line. (COFFEE is a must after play)

Coaching lessons on Sat afternoon and Sunday mornings are extremely popular thanks to Ben, don't forget these !!

Our Roadie is next week playing at Waimarino (hopefully it wont be snowing) and Wairakei courses.

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 June 2018

7 Day Member – Karen Craine, Greg Hutt,
Richie Lockwood

Tertiary Member - Joshua Pepperell

Restricted Junior – Tom Nguyen, Zhuoyi Hu,
Justin Lau

During this same period, 8 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 947 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

I have recently been asked for rulings on a ball lost in the rough when playing under “placing through the green”. As we continue to experience quite wet areas on the course, the allowance for placing through the green has been well received and appreciated by members. However some members are confusing the status of the rough under these conditions with the status of abnormal ground conditions (marked GUR, casual water). If a ball is lost through the green and has clearly not entered an area of abnormal ground condition (marked GUR or casual water), the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 (standard stroke and distance penalty). Under the local rule of placing through the green, there is no penalty free relief for a ball lost in the rough.

Rule 25-1c describes the procedure if a ball in an abnormal ground condition (eg GUR, casual water) is not found. However there are very strict requirements that apply to allow a player to proceed under Rule 25-1c. There must be convincing evidence (certainty) that a ball struck towards an abnormal ground condition has in fact entered and is in the abnormal ground condition. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 (lost ball and stroke and distance penalty).

If it is determined that the ball is lost in the abnormal ground condition, the player may take penalty free relief under Rule 25-1c in the following manner:

- a) Determine the spot where the ball last crossed the outermost margin of the abnormal ground condition – the ball is then deemed to be at this spot
- b) Determine the nearest point of relief from the spot determined in (a) above which is not in a hazard and not on a putting green
- c) Drop a ball within 1 club length and not nearer the hole of this point of relief.

Members are encouraged to read Rules 25 (abnormal ground conditions) and Rule 27 (ball lost or out of bounds) to reinforce their understanding of these procedures.

I was also recently involved in a decision during play of the 13th hole. A player struck his drive towards the Out of Bounds area and opted to play a provisional ball. His original ball was found in bound by a few centimetres and close to one of the white stakes defining the Out of Bounds. Before playing his next stroke, the player removed the white stake as it clearly interfered with his ability to make the stroke in the direction he desired. By removing the stake the player was immediately subject to a 2 stroke penalty under Rule 13-2 (improving lie, area of intended swing or line of play) and this penalty could not be revoked even if the player replaced the stake before playing his next stroke. **Stakes defining Out of Bounds are not obstructions** and are deemed to be fixed and have the same status as walls and fences that define OB.

Stakes defining GUR (blue) or water hazards (red or yellow) are deemed to be movable obstructions and these may be removed if they interfere with a player's stance or swing or intervene on the player's line of play. Review definitions of Out of Bounds and Obstructions and Rules 13-2, 24 and 27 to reinforce your understanding of this decision.



Health and Safety Corner



In the event that you do hit a ball off line towards anybody – Please remember to call out FORE!

This is essential to warn others that a ball may be heading their way

When using the range please be aware of surroundings and others on the course.

Please do all you can to avoid hitting balls that cross over onto the 9th tee block and fairway and the 18th fairway



36% of our H&S accidents are from slips, trips and falls. Remember the proshop can help you out with new spikes or appropriate shoes for the wet and frosty weather

New 2IC – James

Last month we welcomed a new 2IC in our greens keepers team – James Hart.

James has spent the last 5 ½ years in Hamilton Island and before there he was at Levin GC where he also completed his apprenticeship.

As a local to Levin he has returned home with his partner.

James enjoys getting out to play golf when he can and also enjoys getting out for a hunt.

Welcome to the team James!



COURSE REPORT

We are now over half way through the year. We have had plenty of rainfall up until now, course is holding well. I bet we all are looking forward to the warmer months.

Greens have got plenty of leaf, firm for the time of the year with wetter conditions. Rolling smooth and consistent. Will Top Dress when possible, due for solid tining also. Fertiliser to be applied also.

Tees have been fertilised and cored. Great coverage, hard wearing time of year has thinned areas out with minimal regrowth. Par 3s are getting a lot of wear. Surrounds have good cover, fertiliser has been applied. Coring has yet to be completed on them. Fairways have great cover, good length also. Few areas throughout are wet and mushy, we are working through these. Few areas have been drained and are working well.

Winter is the time golf is meant to be played. The games I played I have enjoyed. Please be aware of places you walk and drive your carts. This to me is important for 2 reasons, your fellow members, the quality of the turf.

Greenkeepers wish you all well both Members and Visitors, in your coming month with Club Champs Qualifying, also ongoing Matches.

NOTE!! Please continue to replace Divots and repair all Pitch marks, even if there is a pitch mark beside your one grab that one to 😊. Keep up the good work 😊.

HUMOUR:

From the shed, a lot of people say take a spare pair of socks to golf, people then ask why? Obviously just in case you get a hole in 1 😊.

Reason I said this old joke, Campbell went out on a date the other night, he stated that the women he was going on the date with was slightly taller than him..... He then went on to say he wore 2 pairs of socks to make himself taller!..

Campbell's tip for the month: if you are feeling short, put on 2 pairs of socks 😊

Shed couldn't stop laughing, enjoy your month - Kiel Stechman



Sam Smith and Ian Wilce recently attended the NZ Sports Turf Institute contact course. The contact course was part of the NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Sports Turf) Level 3

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