



AUGUST 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

The decision has been made to open the new 12th hole on Closing Day in November. This will allow for the over seeding to kick in and by then the area will be on a full maintenance programme. Once the better weather arrives and the ground dries out, the path will be sealed and completed. We all wait in anticipation as to how the hole will play. There will be some modifications but we will wait and see how it all unfolds. The bunker still needs to be cut in and then sand installed. All the work remaining is very minor.

Wallace Development have progressed on their site next door but are now starting to run behind schedule. The production and installation of the boundary fencing will commence in approximately two weeks. The landscaper has been advised so he can schedule his team to commence work on the barking/planting process any time soon after the fence is completed. The infrastructure works will more than likely be on going until the end of September/early October. The latest landscaping masterplan is about to be lodged with PNCC for consent. WDCL, following all the above, will be applying for titles and they are hopeful these will be issued around the end of October/early November. There will be an Official Opening of the subdivision where they will have a “cutting the ribbon” ceremony and this is planned for some time pre-Christmas. In speaking to WDCL, they have set a preliminary time frame for Stage II infrastructure works with possibly a commencement toward the end of this year or early next.

The Committee have received all the necessary advice on the proposed sale of the river land back from PNCC. Clauses in the agreement which the Committee were not happy with have all been sorted and a Special General Meeting will be called for very shortly to put a motion forward to the membership to sell the land. A quorum of 50 is required to be in attendance with a two thirds majority required for the motion to be passed. The Committee has worked tirelessly for eighteen months on the sale so it is now up to the members from here on in.

The Club has a number of events and promotions booked in which is fantastic. With this we have increased number of visitors to the Club which is great! The more people we can expose to this phenomenal Club the better! Whether that be through the Café or a function, or visiting golfers, we collectively need to make all visitors feel welcome and I know many of you do just that, as who knows they may become members.

Wednesday's we seem to attract the largest number of guests to the golf club. When we know these busy days are on, staff do their very best to make sure parking is available. It just shows we all do care.

Good golfing everybody - Warren Collett and Brent Cawthray

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## Pro Shop

We hope you are all well and haven't been hit too much by the winter colds that are going around!! It's been great to have the sun shining over the last two weeks!

On the 19th of July we ran a School Holiday Mini-putt Competition for the kids in our Junior Golf Programme. What a brilliant afternoon spent with 14 keen juniors out of the 50 kids in our coaching & playing programmes. Well done to Clara Holmes who took out the event after going unbeaten through 7 matches and winning in a playoff over O'Shay Booth. It was awesome to see these kids all out there despite the rain. We try to run cool stuff like this for the kids in the holidays to get them down here when our coaching programmes aren't on every week. Well done to Tim & Lily for setting up a fantastic mini putt course!!! Big thanks to McDonalds' Manawatu who sponsor our Junior Golf Programme all year round!



Tim Wilkinson update: It's coming to the end of the Korn Ferry Tour season (previously known as the Web.com tour). Tim is in a strong position to finish in the top 25 in the season points standing which will give him a tour card to the big dance for the 2020 season (The PGA Tour). Tim currently sits at 19th on the standings so fingers crossed he can keep this position before the playoffs start. He can then improve on this to give him some starts in the bigger events next year on the PGA Tour.

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, Lisa, Tim and Guy

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**CLUB FITTING DAY**  
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**MANAWATU GOLF COURSE**  
23RD AUGUST - 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM  
PLEASE MAKE A BOOKING WITH THE PRO SHOP ON 06 357 8793

## A message from the Club Captain

We are entering the business end of the season with the road to finding our Men's Club Champions starting this month, while the MacLennan and its consolation are coming to an end as is the Imlay-Saunders. The overall points champion based on Fedex cup points has tightened up considerably after Adrian Christie held a big lead for much of the season. With about 11 Saturdays left, the current top 5 (at the time of writing) of Mark Smith, Ralph Thomas, Alan Savell, Adrian and yours truly will not be wanting too many poor rounds before the season's end.

See the message further on about the Men's Club Champs this year. Please note that we will be doing Club draws for both the morning and afternoon fields for both rounds this year. The 2 big messages that we repeat every year are (1) organise to play your matches EARLY! (2) If you are away for an extended period or for finals day on Sunday November 3rd then please don't enter this year.

### Interclub versus Palmerston North

A small team of our men travelled over to Palmerston for our annual interclub. In what turned out to be a nice, if not windy, day the Men fell over a second time this year going down on average stableford scores 31.89 to 33.12. Well done to John Clapperton (37 pts) and Josh Hartwell (36) who were our top scorers. Thanks to all of those who participated. Thankfully the Women prevailed again winning 29 to 26 at home.



Palmerston North's President Ian Douglas receiving the interclub trophy from Club captain Richard Shaw.

### Saturday competition winners

Winner of the July Craig Investment Partners Tankard was Reid Stiven who won his first ever Tankard by count back from Danny Gainford with 43 points.

### Looking for golfers interested in playing in next year's Mens Pennant competitions

In 2020 the Manawatu-Wanganui Men's pennants format will change to 3 divisions of 6 teams. Following discussions with the current A and B team selectors it has been decided that we will field 3 pennant teams in next year's competition. The Handicap pennants will also change with at least two divisions involving a maximum of 6 teams each. However, each round will most likely be only 18 holes instead of the previous 2 x 18-hole rounds. **We are keen to know of members who would be interested in being available for selection in both off the stick and handicap teams.** You do not need to be a 7-day member. If enough interest is shown for the Handicap competition, we may enter two teams in 2020. We will also be looking for 1-2 people to manage the new teams.



Reid Stiven

Richard Shaw

# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

The wet weather in July has caused some angst among the lady golfers. Despite the early starts in July we have had no frosts, but who knows what may come weather-wise. Despite the difficulty of playing in the muddy conditions, many ladies have continued to play and they have enjoyed the added benefits of having higher handicaps. We all know that things will change in the summer.

## Club Championships

We have completed the qualifying rounds and look forward to playing the matches. There are low numbers participating, mostly because players are unable to ensure that they will be available for the finals. It shows what a busy and often well travelled lot we are.

The first round is to be completed by September 1st, the second round by October 6th, the Semi finals by Oct 28th and the Finals take place on November 3rd.

## Pennants

The final round of Silver Pennants took place on July 6th at Marton. Manawatu was well beaten by the eventual winners, Rangatira Pink. Rangatira Blue were placed second. Manawatu were in 4th place on points but ended up 6th on a countback. Well done all the pennant players.

## Manawatu/Palmerston North Interclub

This year Manawatu reclaimed the Joan Proutt Salver with a convincing score of 29 to 26. We were blessed with good weather and everyone enjoyed themselves.

## August

6th Par & Twos

13th LGU & Putting

20th Stableford

27th LGU & Putting

Thursdays Raffle winners: 27th June - Di Betts  
25th July - Robyn Higgins

Thursday Club

8th August

15th August

On Tuesday July 2nd, Viv Gillespie played in an Edith Cooper 4 Ball match with 3 left handers. An unusual occurrence. A shout out to all the lefties.

Congratulations to Lisa Herbert, Lily Griffin, Mudra Lakhani on being selected for the Man-Wang Women's Rep team to play against Wellington at Levin on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Happy golfing everyone. I hope you have taken advantage of the lovely fine spell we have had. It is soon to change.

Happy Golfing - Jill Clifton, Women's Captain



Sue Fletcher, Edna Short,  
Young Sun Choi

# WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED...

## Saturday Women

July has been an enjoyable month with the main event being the interclub competition between Palmerston North Women and ourselves.

The weather played fair on the day and saw some close scoring but Manawatu prevailed and the top stableford score went to Jill Cliton-38.

We had a successful raffle- Thanks to all the contributors for your generous prizes.

Club champs qualifying is completed. Good luck to all who qualify.

Some of our Saturday women are still competing with their partners in the Imlay Saunders competition. Good luck as well.

Sue Spiers - Saturday Committee



Jill receiving the salver for the Palmerston North Interclub

## NINE HOLE NEWS

Several players travelled to Foxtons Open Day. There was a good number in the field, it was a great day. In the winners circle were Murray Crawford, Sonja Revell and Yeng Sam.

There are still matches being played. Good luck to all those still in.

We had a "Roadie" to Boulcott Farm where some players went for the day and others stayed over and played the next day at Manor Park. Two very enjoyable courses. We were lucky enough to find a break in the weather for Manor Park. Thanks to Murray and Judy for their great organising.

Sundays are still going well. Remember you new members this is an ideal time for you to play.

Bring on more good weather

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser & Wayne Revell

Nine Hole Convenors

Kay Georgel, Yeng Sam and Barbara Smith enjoying the afghans



## GOLF CLUB MACHINERY

There is often strong debate as to whether you should own, or lease machinery and comments were raised about our lease commitments at the Annual General Meeting. The main reason why a Club like yours elects to lease, is mainly around cashflow, the need for a modern fleet and the inability to have excess funds available for expensive machinery. This was the direction the Club took back in the 2012 – 2013 financial year.

Initially through an operating lease back in 2012-2013 there were only 5 machines, but this has steadily grown as the demand for better surfaces and a premier course have seen the machinery base expand. Obviously so have the costs, additional leased machines mean more payments and more costs to run annually. All the new leased machines come with a 2-year warranty but there are costs outside of warranties the club needs to take care of.

We have extended out to 11 machines in total that are either in an operating lease or a hire purchase. The three hire purchases (we own the equipment) are the Toro Spray Unit (pictured below left), the new Jacobsen Tees & Surrounds Mower (pictured below right) and a new range cart shortly to arrive. We have been extremely fortunate to have received funding from Pub Charity and NZ Community Trust which is the reason we now have these three pieces of equipment.

The Golf Club owns 12 machines outright that are either petrol or diesel powered used on the course. Many of these are old and to replace on rotation would put the Club's cashflow under severe pressure.

Back in 2013 when the Club commenced leasing vehicles, the lease costs were \$64,437 per annum for 5 machines and now with 11 machines the annual cost will be close to \$82,500 this year, down from \$90,500 in 2018. Repairs and maintenance back in 2013 stood at \$12,602 and this year we are forecasting repairs and maintenance for the current year at \$24,000, slightly down on 2018.



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## COURSE REPORT

As we go into the last month of winter, there has been lower rainfall than usual as well as warmer temperatures. There have been no real drying days allowing the course to dry out, so a few areas remain damp. Placing through the green I'm sure has been welcomed. Hopefully visitors and members are playing well and enjoying the warmer winter.

Greens were solid tined, top dressed as well as fertilised as part of maintenance. They have been running true with a little bobble with the holes not fully closed. This will help the plant and soil profile. Tees have been fertilised and are holding up well. Surrounds have good cover and are due to be cored on the 26th of August. This will help with aeration and thatch layers. Fairways have good cover, there are a few wet areas which move every year.

We will be doing a bit of maintenance around the course when weather allows; paths, bunkers, irrigation etc. Please continue to fix pitch marks, replace divots and watch where you are driving your carts. We are trying to keep carts available as much as possible so please abide by these rules.

Good luck to James Hart and Campbell Devaney in their McClennan Match. Also, good luck to those entering in the Club Champs qualifying.

Enjoy your golfing month

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



## Health and Safety Corner

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 9<sup>th</sup> tee block and fairway and the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway





## Rules Corner

This month we will look at a recent ruling I was asked to make on a situation that arose during a four-ball match. Players I and E were playing J and N. On the third hole, players I and N (opposing sides) were getting a stroke from player E. Players I, N and J hit their second shots into the first right hand bunker adjacent to the putting green. All three players successfully played from the bunker onto the putting green and all 2 putted to complete the hole in 5 strokes. Player E also completed the hole in 5 strokes. The hole was assumed to be tied (halved) by players I and N with nett 4s.

On the next tee, players I and E had the honour and played to the 4th green, player J also played to the 4th green. When player N was about to play, he became aware that the ball he was about to hit was not his ball and then realised that he had holed out on the third hole with a wrong ball. Both players N and I were playing the same brand of ball but with different numbers. After much discussion it was determined that player I and player N had exchanged balls when playing from the bunker on hole 3 – there was general agreement that both had played their second shot on hole 3 with the ball they had hit from the tee. The question then arose as to who incurred a penalty and what effect this would have on the result for hole 3. As player I had played first from the bunker it was clear that he had accidentally played player N's ball. Player N then accidentally played player I's ball. As this incident occurred in a four-ball match, both player I and player N incurred the general penalty (loss of hole) leaving the result of the hole to be determined between player E and player J - (tied with 5s).

This case raises several important issues that need to be considered in deciding on the correct ruling.

Firstly, does a player incur a penalty when playing a wrong ball from a bunker ? There seems to be some confusion among members that believe there is no penalty for playing a wrong ball from a bunker. This no doubt stems from the rules that applied some time ago (certainly not current since at least 2016) when no penalty was applied if a wrong ball was played from a bunker. The current rules clearly allow players to do all things reasonable to find and identify his/her ball including moving sand and water (see Rule 7.1). Rule 6.3 also clearly states that a player must not make a stroke at a wrong ball. There should be no doubt now that playing a wrong ball from a bunker draws the general penalty.

Secondly, should the player that infringed first (player I) be the only player penalised and the second player (player N) not be penalised as the actions of player I had "caused" him to play the wrong ball ? As this process would have altered the result of the hole (player N would have won with his nett 4), clearly his side were hoping for this decision. However, the player is at all times responsible for finding and identifying his ball before making a stroke at it irrespective of any prior actions of an opponent (or other player). In a four-ball match, both players hitting a wrong ball incur the general penalty. Had this been a singles match between players I and N, Player I would have lost the hole as he was first to play a wrong ball.

Thirdly, is it too late to adjust the assumed result of a hole if the exchange of balls is only discovered after completion of the hole and players in the group have played from the next tee ? The answer in match play is NO - if players discover during play of the next hole that they must have exchanged balls on the previous hole, in four-ball match play, the general penalty is applied to both players for the previous hole. In singles match play, the player that first played the wrong ball gets the general penalty (loss of hole).

## Rules Corner

Finally, it is timely to review the penalties that are applied in stroke play (and modified forms of stroke play such as stableford) if players hit a wrong ball. Using the example of the case just described, in a stroke round, players I and N would both be liable for the general penalty (2 strokes) and to avoid possible disqualification, are required to correct their mistake by continuing play with their original ball from where it was before mistakenly hit by the other player. The stroke made with the wrong ball and any more strokes before the mistake is corrected do not count. If the player does not correct the mistake before making a stroke to begin another hole, the player is disqualified!! In the case above, player I, having made a stroke to begin hole 4, would be disqualified. Player N, to avoid disqualification, is required to return to the bunker on hole 3 and play from the position that player I had played his ball – as player N's original ball had already been hit by player I on hole 4, player N is entitled to substitute another ball in correcting the mistake. If player N played from the bunker with the substituted ball and 2 putted, his score for the hole would be 7.

If the players were simultaneously competing in the club stableford competition, player I would automatically get zero points on hole 3, player N theoretically could score 2 points if he was able to hole out from the bunker with a substituted ball in correcting the mistake or score 1 point if able to play from the bunker and 1 putt. See Rules 21.1c(2) and 6.3c.

### Temporary Local Rule - Holes 11 and 12

The temporary orange netting fence erected between the section development work and the course to the left of hole 11 and to the right of hole 12 is now the temporary out of bounds fence. White stakes **identify** this as the temporary out of bounds with the **fence actually defining** the out of bounds. This **fence** has the same status as other boundary fences in defining out of bounds and thus is **not an immovable obstruction**. **Players are not entitled to penalty free relief from this fence** under Rule 16.1

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in June 2019

7 Day Member – Cameron Hoskins, Vinnie Jamieson

5 Day Member – Kingi Gray, Sangyun Kim

Under 30 – Sean Clague

Restricted junior – Ryan Fong, Austin Hyatt, Beomju Kim, Taeju Kim, Thomas Westwood

During this same period, 21 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 973 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 August...

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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## August

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		5						
		6 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: LGU	13 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: LGU	20 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	27 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stableford			
		7 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships	14 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par, Final Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed	21 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championships	28 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford			
	1	8 Thursday Club	15 Thursday Club	22 Nuview Wealth Solutions Business House	29			
	2	9	16	23	30			
	3 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	10 Stroke Round 1 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	17 Stroke Round 2 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford	24 Par MacLennan Final to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championships 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	31 Stroke 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Stableford			
	4 MacLennan Round 3 Consolation to be completed Imlay Saunders Consolation 2nd round to be completed	11 Semi-final MacLennan to be completed Imlay Saunders semi- final to be completed.	18	25 MacLennan Round 4 Consolation to be completed				



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