



August 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

Finally we have received some positive news from the Wallace Development next door. WDCL applied for titles on Thursday 9 July and these were issued 23 July. The process, from now, is the prospective lawyers for the section purchasers have all received notice and there is a 10 day period whereby they can review the titles and then make payment. Once all the lawyers are satisfied then the Club will be notified and we will be in a position to then invoice for final payment on the cellphone tower and the balance for the 12th redevelopment. Work had begun in advance of the titles being issued on one house in the sub division and we understand this is permitted.

We can't deliver the same positive news on the Riverland Sale with PNCC. This has dragged on way too long and we understand this delay has been caused by DOC and the way that they operate. We are constantly in contact with the Council trying to push for the settlement. Once this advice is received you will be all informed.

Tuesday 28 July the Committee conducted a further debenture draw of \$80,000. That makes a total of \$130,000 paid out this year which is remarkable considering we have battled our way through Covid-19. All the successful debenture holders have been informed if they have been drawn or not. This will leave a balance of \$792,500.

This has all been made possible by the continued support of the membership since we returned from lockdown, as many of you have witnessed the place has been bursting. This has certainly exceeded all our expectations and as someone said the other day it feels like Christmas but in July. Functions are well and truly on the comeback and the Pro Shop has headed for a record July since the Club took over four years ago. We thank you for your continued support to the Club. If you are intending to book for Friday Night dining or a casual meeting with friends for lunch or a coffee we do suggest you make a booking.

Thanks again to Paul Otway and Rachel for another superb Trivia Night. We estimate possibly around 60% of the 216 present to be non-members. These events sure are a way of showcasing our Club!

Thank you also to the members that submitted their views on the strategic planning review. This subcommittee will now meet again, collate the information returned and then move into the next stage of the process. There is going to be exciting times ahead for the Club and this will assist the decision makers on the way forward.

The course is in great condition at present with some pretty good weather conducive to golf. The men's club champs qualifying is only a few days away so good luck to the men and then onto the Club Champs.

Good Golfing, Brent Cawthray & Warren Collett

JUBILEE EVENTS

Tickets still available!

Friday 18th September

- **GOLF**

Tee sheet open for 9 or 18 holes to be booked at your leisure. No green fees for visitors attending Jubilee functions. Casual golf

- **EVENING**

Friday night dining will be available.

Please book your table with the cafe by calling 06 3578793 or ask the team next time you are at the café.

Saturday 19th September

- **MORNING TEA**

Official morning tea and jubilee cake cutting. Themed as a high tea event with fine bone china and wonderful food. A lovely relaxed morning. \$20 per person. 10:00am start with official cake cutting at 10:45am.

- **GOLF**

9 or 18 hole options

9 Hole shotgun start at 8:30am. 18 Hole shotgun start at 11:30am.

\$10 per person for 9 Holes. \$15 per person for 18 Holes

- **EVENING FUNCTION**

Fantastic dinner function with multiple themed food stations and a great live band. A fun casual party event, like never before seen at the MGC. Bubbles on arrival plus some additional drinks provided. Come along with friends for a entertaining evening of great food and music. \$75 per person

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Book online manawatugolfclub.com

Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all managing to dodge the bad weather and get in plenty of golf. It has been amazing to see how busy the course still is even in midwinter. It's great to see!!

A new school term marks the restart of our junior programme since term 1 because of Covid-19. We have also introduced a new class which puts our total junior classes up to 6 with a total of 60 kids in the junior programme. Tim and Brydie are doing a great job with the junior programme and we are continuing to add new and fun initiatives to keep the programme progressing and also to keep it as one of the most respected junior programmes in the country.



Tip of the month: Chipping & Hitting out of long wet rough!

Sometimes in winter we have placing through the green but most of the time we do not. And at this time of the year it can be extremely hard to hit out of the wet and thick rough. So what are some solutions to this problem?

1. Come see us for a lesson to help you hit more fairways and greens!! 😊😊😊
2. Chipping: use more loft around the greens and make sure you have the right bounce/sole type on your sand wedge or lob wedge so the club works the best as it can for you. If you are unsure if you have the right set-up for you ask us!
3. Loft is key: Sometimes you need to take less club/a more lofted club to hit the ball further from the rough.
4. Swing Aggressively: The grass will slow the club head down. Like driving the car when you hit a large puddle of water in the road the friction of the water slows the car down and you feel it in the car. Make sure you keep swinging hard and fast to get the club moving through the long grass.
5. Inspect the lie: The lie will determine what shot you can play and how far you can advance the ball.



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

Club Captain Report

Men's Club Championship Qualifying and Rounds

Because the World Handicap System (WHS) handicap indexes are recalculated every day, for the purposes of Club Champs qualifying only, indexes will be frozen from 6pm Wednesday 5th August for the qualifying rounds. A list of indexes and the division members are in will be published and posted in the Card room. Your index will continue to change with each card entered, this is just for the purposes of determining the division you are in for Club Champ qualifying.

Due to the introduction of the World Handicap System (WHS), there are some changes to the handicap indexes published in the 2020 Programme book for the four divisions for Club Champs.

As per the tradition, Seniors qualify and play matches off Black tees. All other divisions qualify and play matches off Blue tees. The course handicap and index range for the divisions are as follows:

Seniors: Black tee handicap range +7 to 9 (Index up to 8.6)

Intermediate: Blue tee handicap range 8 to 15 (Index 8.7 to 15.8)

Juniors: Blue tee handicap range 16 to 20 (Index range 15.9 to 20.4)

C grade: Blue tee handicap range 21 to 40 (Index range 20.5 to 38.9)

Qualifying rounds are Saturday 8 and 15th August.

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. **To be fair to both the morning & afternoon qualifiers, for 2020 both Morning and Afternoon fields will be by club draw for both rounds.** To register for the club draws you must fill in an entry at manawatugolfclub.com/members-area. If you do not want to enter Club Champs leave an appropriate comment and you will be drawn with others not wanting to qualify. Requests for playing partners or start tee will not be honoured if you are qualifying! Please don't be offended when requests are denied. 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.

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

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), these are played off the stick.

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 the finals day then please do not enter this year. **Club Champs finals day for 2020 will be on SATURDAY 31st October, not the traditional Sunday.**

A message from the Club Captain Continued...

RETURNING OF SCORE CARDS

There seems to have been some confusion in regard to match play cards with some members believing they aren't required to enter cards for handicapping. This is incorrect.

The handicapping system requires that scores from all forms of competition, including match play, must be entered for handicapping purposes. Following the feedback from the 2014 handicap survey, formats where scorecards are not exempt from handicap purposes and must be returned include: Interclub Pennants using handicaps (e.g. Handicap Pennants, Presidents & Women's Weekend or District Pennants). Groups of three or four that play a best ball competition, this includes the MacLennan Cup matches. To avoid any embarrassment, members playing in the MacLennan Cup, either the Championship or the Consolation must submit a card from their round for handicapping purposes.

In matches if you wish to accept/concede holes resulting in picking up of your ball, then when printing your card chose "No" to entering the Club and Pro Shop competitions. When filling in your card for handicap purposes enter the "The Most Likely Score" when the hole is not played out [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#). We can follow cards issued, versus card entered and into the future golfers with relative high non-returned cards may be asked to explain!

Latest trophy winners

Well done to Paul "Woody" Woodhead who won the July Craigs Investment Partners Tankard with 41 points. Sam Lawrence and Maurice Jackson just missed with 40 points.

Congratulations to Ray Roberts who took out the Covid-19 lock down delayed B&A final. Ray beat David Smith in the final.

Richard Shaw - Club Captain



Ewan with Paul Woodhead



Ray Roberts



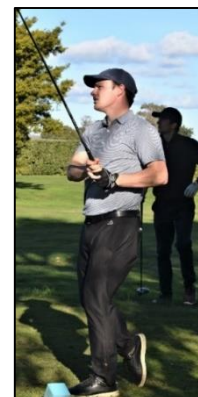
Congratulations to Charles Pan who got a hole in one on the 4th hole on the 12th July!

Manawatu-Wanganui Order-of-merit events – Feilding Open

About a dozen members enjoyed perfect conditions for the Feilding Open 36 hole event on Sunday 26th July. In the Women's event Lisa Herbert (75 & 80) won by 4 shots from Tara Raj (82 & 77) while Lily Griffin came 3rd (78 & 83).

In the Mens event Liam Finlayson (71 & 68) who plays at Feilding and Manawatu was tied first equal with Joshua Bai (71 & 69) from Akarana. Joshua won on the first play-off hole. Ewan Westergaard (73 & 69) came 3rd. Regan McConaghty (76 & 72) came 8th and Angus Findlay (71 & 79) came 9th.

The next event is the 36 hole Challenge Cup being played at Marton GC this year on Sunday 23rd August. Register on-line at http://www.mwga.co.nz/2020_ChallengeCup



NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in June 2020

7 Day Member – Guy Mordaunt, Clifford Pound

5 Day Member – Jason Tatana

Under 30 – Angus Findlay, Mitch Renwick

Under 25 – Preston Tatana

Tertiary – Joseph Tapper

9 Hole – Julie Warren

Restricted Junior – Maddock Leslie, Fletcher Lochhead

During this same period, 20 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 963 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.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

With so many ladies enjoying our beautiful course, and the weather of recent days, it is hard to believe that it was such a short time ago that we were in Lockdown and could only conduct our activities in our bubble. We are indeed very lucky that, as far as playing golf at Manawatu goes, it feels as if things are back to normal.

To help celebrate our safe status on July 10th we welcomed 84 ladies from the Manawatu-Wanganui District to play for the Heather Williams Shield. Our club was able to field 6 teams and was fortunate to win the shield. Local knowledge played a part in our performance.

Winning team - Manawatu Team 4

Gloria Campbell, Chrys Cabraal and Robyn Higgins
– 96 stablefords

Second was Manawatu Team 3 (count back)

Deb Archer, Angela Pivac and Jill Clifton
– 85 stablefords

Third was Feilding (count back)

Helen Dickins, Anne Schnell, and Aven Schroeder
– 85 stablefords

Altogether it was a very enjoyable day.

Ladies continue to play their matches in the Edith Cooper fourball cup and the draws are up for the Collinson Cup and the Wills Challenge Bowl.

The draw for the Club Championships has also been done and is up in the Ladies' locker room. Good luck to all those taking part.

Congratulations to Lily Griffin and Lisa Herbert who were selected in the Manawatu Wanganui Rep team to compete against Wellington at Otaki on August 1.

We also wish Lily well in the new exciting phase of her life studying and playing golf at Texas A & E University. She will be leaving NZ in the middle of August. We will miss her. Haere rā Lily.

Happy and Safe Golfing

Jill Clifton
Women's Club Captain



Enjoying lunch at the open day

WOMEN'S GOLF

Saturday Ladies

Last week at lunch we farewelled Lily Griffin with a gift of one of the 125th Anniversary shirts, for her to proudly wear when she is not representing Texas A&M. We've all enjoyed watching Lily develop from a shy young girl starting out in golf, to become a confident young woman and seriously good golfer, who is still more than happy to play a round of golf with her other "mothers", and we all wish her well in her new venture. No doubt many eyes will be watching the college golf when it is broadcast, or searching for results.

The weather has been relatively kind and quite a few matches have now been completed. The next challenge will be Club Champs, so here's to a continuation of the sunshine!

Helen Wilkinson

NINE HOLE NEWS

July has been a busy month Walker/Georgel competition nearing the end and Lavender and Gillespie Cup competitions underway. We are still having large fields and still getting new players joining us, which is great.

Foxton had their Open Day with a field of 85. Well done to Aadeen Caplin who was in the winners circle. The rest made up the numbers

We went to Wairakei for a roadie - a group of 18 players (4 players from Feilding) and 3 non players. We played Little Wairakei Thursday Afternoon and Wairakei International on Friday. A beautiful day and great experience had by all.

Wairakei results: Ladies winner Judy Smith (Feilding), 2nd Judy Crawford and 3rd Barbara Smith. Mens winner Doug Muir with a 92, 2nd Bill Smith (Feilding) and 3rd Murray Crawford. Lots of lost balls, but very enjoyable! Big thank you to Murray & Judy for the organising.

A great turnout of nine holers for the Trivia night congratulations to Rachel & Co for a fantastic night.

Good golfing,

Colleen Fraser, Wayne Revell - Convenors



COURSE REPORT

We are now halfway through 2020, the year is flying by. After covid things are starting to feel like they are getting back to normal on the golf course. Course has been reasonably dry for the time of the year, apart from a week or two where a lot of rain has fallen. Hope that all members & visitors golf is going well while enjoying the conditions. We wish everyone well in any matches you may have ☺, enjoy your golfing month.

Greens are due to be vertidraind, fertilised and sanded as part of the maintenance program. Surface is rolling good for the time of the year, nice and true.

Tees, Surrounds and Fairways will continue to be sliced throughout the winter. Fertiliser will be applied as maintenance plan also. Most surfaces have a great cover.

Please continue to repair pitch-marks and replace your divots. Watch where you drive your carts also please, do not drive on Tees or within 10m of the greens.

No humour this week just a letter from my Volunteers each Tuesday;

“Divots – A Volunteers Perspective

The Members at the Manawatu Golf Course are extremely fortunate to be playing on a well-cared for and groomed course. Course volunteers who are only too happy to assist where required spend approximately 18-man hours each fortnight sanding and reseeding divots.

This involves shifting and carting about 600kg sand in 15 kg buckets around the total course. This can be problematic for aging gentlemen.

It is a known fact that the repair of a divot at the time results in a greater grass survival rate. Divots seed sanded in the winter have a lower germination rate however at least the divot is filled in.

The volunteers are continually dismayed at the size of the divots, some of which can be 250 mm long and 80 mm wide. Often the removed divot is found close by where no attempt has been made to repair.

The volunteers would kindly ask that all members attempt to repair their divot promptly. This repair does not mean just throwing the divot back in the hole and more than often not placing the divot neatly in the hole. It requires a few extra seconds of attention ensuring that the divot is opened prior to placement, grass is to the surface and edges are tapped down. This helps to avoid the mowers catching the divot edge and flicking out the half-repaired divot.

Attention to the above would considerably assist in the continued great presentation of our course.

A course that belongs to all of us and that we can be proud of.

Thanks, from the Volunteers.”

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent

Rules Corner

As a follow up to the very successful trivia night, it is timely for a mini golf rules trivia quiz. Here are some true/false questions to test your understanding of the current Rules of Golf.

1. If a player's ball lies just off a wrong green, the player may stand on the wrong green to play the ball as it lies. T/F
2. In the general area, a player is entitled to relief from an abnormal course condition if it interferes with the player's lie, stance, area of intended swing or line of play. T/F
3. When taking relief from temporary water in a bunker, a player may place or drop the ball in the relief area. T/F
4. If a player accidentally strikes the ball while making a practice swing in the general area, the player has made a stroke and must play the ball from its new position. T/F
5. A player is not required to give his/her opponent, marker or fellow competitor the opportunity to observe him/her marking, lifting, identifying and replacing his/her ball. T/F
6. There is a penalty under Rule 10.2 (advice) if a player (playing second) lifts the rain cover of the first playing fellow competitor's bag to see what club the fellow competitor used on a par 3 hole. T/F
7. Stakes identifying out of bounds are movable obstructions T/F
8. If a ball dropped in a relief area hits the ground, rolls and comes to rest against the player's shoe (in the relief area), it must be re-dropped. T/F
9. A player is entitled to penalty free relief for an embedded ball anywhere in the general area. T/F
10. When playing the 9th hole, the practice fairway is an abnormal course condition (GUR). T/F

Rules Corner Answers

1. False - see Rule 13.1f. Under the new rules, relief must be taken if there is interference by a wrong green for the player's stance, lie or area of intended swing.
2. False - see Rule 16.1a. There is no relief in the general area for interference by an abnormal course condition to a player's line of play. On the putting green, relief is available if an abnormal course condition intervenes on the line of play.
3. False- see Rule 16.1c. The ball must always be dropped when taking relief anywhere, except on the putting green.
4. False - see Definition of a stroke and Rule 9.4. The practice swing does not count as a stroke, however the player incurs a 1 stroke penalty and the ball must be replaced.

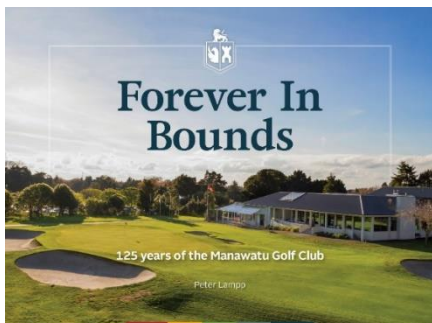
Rules Corner

Rules Corner Answers Continued

5. True - as a means of helping pace of play – the new rules place the responsibility solely on the player to play within the rules and act with integrity.
6. True - see Rule 10.2a. This rule prohibits a player from touching another player's equipment to learn information that would be advice if given or asked of the other player.
7. False - see definition of immovable obstruction and means of marking out of bounds.
8. False - see Rule 14.3c. There is no penalty to the player if a ball dropped in the relief area touches any person, equipment or outside influence before coming to rest. If the ball is at rest against the player's shoe in the relief area, and moves after the foot is moved, the ball must be replaced again without penalty.
9. False - a tricky one here – see Rule 16.3 which provides for relief from an embedded ball in the general area EXCEPT if embedded in sand.
10. False – the MGC local rule covering this clearly describes the status of the practice fairway and the penalty free relief available for a ball recovered from the practice fairway.

Trivia Night 2020

Another sold out evening for the annual Trivia Night with 208 people taking part. Congratulations to “The team I am picking to win” for taking out first place!



Now available!

125th Jubilee Book “Forever In Bounds” written by Peter Lampo is now available for purchase from the office.

A beautiful book - \$45 each

What's on in August...

Please note 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.

EVENT

MIXED

WOMEN

MEN

August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31					1 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	2 Imlay Saunders Consolation 2nd round to be completed
3	4 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: LGU	5 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships	6 Thursday Club	7	8 Stroke Round 1 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	9 MacLennan Round 2 Consolation to be completed Imlay Saunders semi-final to be completed. Round 4 MacLennan to be completed
10	11 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: LGU	12 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par, Final Lavender/Gillespie Cups	13 Thursday Club	14	15 Stroke Round 2 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford	16 Semi-final MacLennan to be completed Imlay Saunders plate semi-final to be completed
17 9 Hole Tri Series	18 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	19 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championships	20 Yorb Business House	21	22 Par MacLennan Final to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championships 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	23 MacLennan Round 3 Consolation to be completed
24	25 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stableford	26 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	27	28	29 Stroke 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Stableford	30 Imlay Saunders to be completed Man/Wang Women's Inter Association 16 players 36 holes 8 & 12.30



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