

Manawatu Golf Club News

August 2015



I was reading my article I wrote for the August newsletter last year and I noted I made a comment on how dry the winter had been! Well I won't be making the same comment this year! The Golf course has taken a lot of water and even after a few nice days, 5 mls of rain can make the course very wet. The floods in mid-June set the tone for the winter and we haven't had a lot of respite. The addition of the covered range last year has helped this winter with those receiving lessons and wanting to practice. The green staff have done a fantastic job in keeping the course in great condition through these trying times. Not long till spring now!

With spring just around the corner, we will be running our 'Discover Golf clinics' again. The dates will be set in the next few weeks so keep an eye out for these. If you have a family member or friend who has always wanted to get into Golf, this is the perfect way for them to do this.

The club has a great night coming up for the All Blacks v Australia on Saturday August 15. This will be popular so get in quick. See later in the newsletter for more details.

Some of the major competitions for the year are getting down to the business stages. The MacLennan for the men and the mixed Imlay Saunders competitions are up to the quarter finals and semi-final stages. Good luck to all the Golfers who are still in the running for these two prestigious trophies. We also have club champs qualifying in August. The men are qualifying on August 15 and 22, the women on August 4, 8, 25 and 29. The Club Champs cater for all levels of handicap and culminate in a finals day in November.

Club Members Terry Dunstan and Dick Wigley passed away in the past couple of months. The club's condolences go out to their families and friends.

Michael Williams – General Manager

PRESENTATION OF CELEBRATORY PLAQUE BY NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE GOLF

On 2nd July 2015, In recognition of the overwhelming support and great relationship that has been established between the New Zealand Defence Force and Manawatu Golf Club in Palmerston North, the Officer in Charge of Golf for New Zealand Defence Force - Squadron Leader David Wray along with Club Captain of the Airforce Base Ohakea Golf Club - Flight Sergeant Leigh Thomas, presented Manawatu Golf Club with a celebratory plaque.



The plaque is dedicated to Manawatu Golf Club and is presented on behalf of New Zealand Defence Force for the support shown to New Zealand Defence Force Sport specifically New Zealand Defence Force Golf over the past four years. In 2012 Manawatu Golf Club hosted the first Inter Service Competition which culminated in an Australia and New Zealand Defence Force competition. This tournament initiated a four year relationship and memorandum of understanding that the New Zealand Defence Force would reciprocate the hospitality and support by holding the annual Inter Service Competition each year for the following three years at Manawatu Golf Course. Each year the tournament has been a huge success which can be mainly attributed to the team at Manawatu Golf Club – Mike Williams (Manager), Andre White in the pro shop, the brilliant catering team at the Club cafeteria, the ever efficient green keeping team that have provided immaculate course conditions on every occasion and the welcoming and hospitable members of Manawatu Golf Club.

In the first week of December 2015 to celebrate the 100 year ANZAC relationship, the New Zealand Defence Force Sports Council have invited representative golf teams from; the Australian Defence Force, The New Zealand Police Force and The New Zealand Fire Service, to join the New Zealand Defence Force in a commemorative golf tournament that not only celebrates the 100 Year ANZAC anniversary, but also celebrates close to 40 years of trans-Tasman rivalry between the two Nations. Planning is underway for this tournament with competition to be played over a four day period starting with a combined competition against Manawatu Pennants team on Sunday 29th of November. It is with great pleasure that New Zealand Defence Force is able to host the tournament at Manawatu Golf Course again and we are looking forward to another wonderful week in the sunny Manawatu.

I was three over. One over a house, one over a patio,
and one over a swimming pool.

George Brett - Baseballer

FROZEN MEALS NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to confirm we are now selling takeaway frozen meals from the café. These are all freshly prepared by our talented chefs and frozen ready for you to take home and reheat for a quick and easy, delicious homemade meal.

The meals on offer will change regularly so please keep an eye on the website, check the café specials board or ask any of our café staff to find out what's currently on the menu.

Some of the tasty meals on offer of the past couple of weeks have been :

- Thai chicken curry w rice (gluten free) - \$15
- Sausages, mash and gravy - \$14
- Stuffed chicken w veges - \$16.50
- Roast lamb w veges and gravy \$16.50
- Roast ham w veges and gravy \$16.50
- Thai chicken curry with fragrant rice \$15
- Pork, fennel sausage with mustard mash \$14
- Beef bourguignon w mash and veges \$15



TURBO'S GOLF DAY

The Club hosted the Turbo's Golf Day on Friday 24 July. Manawatu Rugby put on this day for their sponsors and they attracted a good field of 120.

The Golf Club is pleased to have been able to host this and wish the Turbo's well for the upcoming season. They had a great year in 2014 and will be looking to build on this for 2015.



The Turbo's games will be shown 'live' in the clubhouse all season if you can't make it to their games. Good luck for the season!





The Academy progresses on for 2015 and we have recently inducted two new members. A big congratulations goes to Mudra Lakhani and Campbell McHugh who now join the team making up seven players. Mudra (16) and Campbell (16) have been junior members here for a number of years. Mudra has a current handicap of 11.5 and Campbell 6.2. Both players have recently been selected to represent Manawatu Wanganui in the annual match with Wellington on August 9. Campbell in the junior team and Mudra in the Women's.

Academy player Josh Munn is continuing his travels playing the top Amateur tournaments overseas. In late June Josh played the British Amateur. The tournament was held over two courses and had 300 players enter. The top 64 were to advance to the match play. The first round was at the Panmure Golf Club and Josh had an even Par 70 to lie 45th. The second round was at the famous Carnoustie and unfortunately Josh did not have one of his better days with a 6 over 78 and miss the top 64 cut. Josh will be playing more events in late July and through August. We will keep you posted with his results.

On the local scene other Academy players have been in action at the Horowhenua Open at the Levin Golf Club. The best performing Academy player was Regan McConaghty who finished 9th with scores of 72 and 77. Greg Shaw finished 17th with 73 and 82. In division 2 Campbell McHugh finished 2nd with rounds of 78 and 78. Jamie Connell was 11th with 82 and 79. Mudra Lakhani was 13th in the women's.

On the same weekend Josh Sedgwick travelled to Hamilton to participate in the Waikato winter stroke play. This is a tier one national amateur event and Josh had an impressive 7th place with rounds of 76, 72, 73 and 66.

The Academy have a sponsors day on August 16 and on September 12 will be holding a fundraiser for the next year of their programme in conjunction with Saturday Golf.



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NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm their acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in June 2015.

Full playing men – Willem De Swardt, Reid Stiven

9 hole men – Zhilong Gu

9 hole women – Boosun Kim

Restricted junior girls – Lucia Kearney, Aria Kearney

Restricted junior boys – Rome Kearney

During this same period, 23 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1012 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.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

The following individuals have applied for membership to the Club and been granted temporary membership status while their applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee.

If accepted, membership will be confirmed once these applications have been ratified by the Main Committee later this month.

Full playing men – Grayson Joines, Shane Hearn, Tony Paterson, Grant McConaghty

Non competition women – Kate Courtney, Toni Melody

9 hole men – Agneesh Brahmhatt

9 hole women – Angela Drake

Full playing junior boys – Daniel Marais

Restricted junior boys – Corben Jaslarz, Hamiora McLean

Social non playing men – Shane Workman

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Wayne Masters
Hole in One – 16th hole



Kevin Davey
July McVerry Crawford Tankard winner



"I want my son to learn the correct way to play golf. So, would you mind if he watches you play, then does the opposite?"

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 6.00PM



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RULES CORNER

This month I will use a recent report from the R&A Rules Newsletter which discusses the procedures to be followed when a ball in play becomes lodged in a tree and describes a recent experience Lydia Ko had in the first round of the Volunteers of America North Texas Shootout.

Lydia hit her third shot on the par-4 14th hole straight into a tree from which it failed to come down. Lydia and her caddie could see a ball in the tree, but they could not identify it from the ground so her caddie Jason Hamilton climbed up the tree to try and retrieve it. **Before** Hamilton shook the branch in an attempt to dislodge the ball, **Lydia** confirmed that she wanted to **declare the ball unplayable**. Despite repeated attempts to shake it free, and then to knock it out of the tree with a club, the ball was firmly lodged in the tree and would not move.

With no markings visible, that left the issue of how to identify the ball. When LPGA Rules Official Brad Alexander arrived at the scene, he discovered from the spectators that several of them had witnessed the ball coming to rest in the tree at the specific point where a ball was now visible. Decision 27/12 clarifies that **if a spectator is able to give information which allows a player to positively identify a ball, the ball should not be deemed lost**. Alexander was therefore satisfied that the eye witness accounts were sufficient to be able to consider the ball identified as Lydia's.

Had it not been possible to identify the ball, Lydia's only option would be to declare her ball "lost" and play again under stroke and distance from where she played her previous stroke. However, as the ball was identified as hers, Lydia then had a reference point which gave her the additional options of either dropping back on a line, keeping the point where the ball lay in the tree between her and the hole (Rule 28b), or dropping within two club lengths of the point directly under where the ball lay in the tree (Rule 28c). Note - Decision 28/11 clarifies that if a ball lies above the ground (e.g. in a tree), then the reference point from dropping under the final option is the point on the ground immediately below the place where the ball lay in the tree.

Lydia elected to take the third option and dropped another ball within two club lengths of the point directly under the point where the ball lay in the tree, no nearer the hole, under penalty of one stroke. She went on to triple bogey the hole and finished her round four-over-par but she recovered with a second round of three-under-par to make her 51st consecutive cut in a professional event.

The main lessons from this interesting case are as follows. If your ball is lodged in a tree, you have a number of options. **Which option** you may take **depends** on whether or not **you can absolutely identify the ball as yours**. In Lydia's case, she was able to use information available from spectators to confirm that the ball up the tree was hers – a situation most of us will not be in during routine club play! Merely seeing a ball up a tree is not sufficient evidence to assume it is your ball – you must be able to clearly identify it as yours. If you **can identify the ball as yours**, you **may declare it unplayable**, and proceed under one of the three options available when a ball is declared unplayable – namely:

1. Play a ball from the spot the previous shot was played, adding 1 stroke (stroke and distance penalty).
2. Play a ball within 2 club lengths from the spot on the ground immediately below where the ball is lodged in the tree, adding 1 stroke penalty.
3. Play a ball from a position not nearer the hole, on a line keeping the position where the ball is in the tree and the flagstick in line – with no limit as to how far back one may drop the ball on this line. Add a 1 stroke penalty.

If you **cannot positively identify the ball as yours**, you **must declare the ball lost** and proceed as for a lost ball - ie stroke and distance.

NEW PRACTICE RANGE TARGET GREEN

Over the past few weeks the greenkeepers have been busy developing a new target green on the practice range. This has recently been hydro seeded which has given it a very noticeable light green tinge.

As this will take a number of months to grow in we ask members to please be patient for a bit longer and avoid hitting balls to this area while the grass is getting established as this will not help its growth!



This will be a great addition to the range when it is finished and we will let you know as soon as this area is open for use.

COURSE REPORT

As we near the end of July I hope members and visitors have enjoyed their golf. The weather in the last month has been wet and cold and there have been many days in which the course start times have been delayed due to frosts.

Greens have been fertilised as per maintenance, and have also been solid tined near the end of July. Greens are smooth and running well with consistent speed.

Tees are holding up well and have also been fertilised.

Surrounds have been fertilised and are looking in good condition with good cover.

Fairways are in good condition with good cover. Placing this time of year is also helping.

Overall for this time of year the course is holding up well. There are still a few areas around the course which are wet, please avoid these if possible.

Bunker on right of 6th green has been reshaped and looks good. Steps on 17th Mens tee have been completed also looks great. Paths are being edged and is ongoing.

We wish all members and visitors well on the up and coming months, all the best for those qualifying and entering club champs this year.

Please remember to fix all pitch marks and repair all divots. Also make sure you rake footprints in bunkers as well as your shot.

Golf humour:

Ian - "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course"
Malcolm - "Try heaven. You've already moved most of the earth".

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPS 2015

August sees the two rounds of qualifying on Saturday August 15th and 22nd for the Men's club champs. These are stroke rounds, so there are **no gimmies!** You will qualify based on your best 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 is a club draw for those who wish to play in the afternoons, enter via the Event Registration area under the Member Access heading on the Manawatu Golf Club's webpage.

When getting your card you must press the **Club Champs Qualifying – 'Yes' or 'No'** button on the touch screen. Seniors (up to 8.3 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 accept any requests for playing partners or tee preference. 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 can enter flights. We suggest you try and play your matches early.

Round 1 matches to be played by 20 September

Round 2 and Round 1 flights to be played by 4 October

Semi-finals and semi-final flights to be played by 1 November

All finals to be played on Sunday 8 November at times provided by the match committee.

Senior, Intermediate and Junior finals are played over 36 holes with the C-grade final played over 18 holes.

Best of luck!



"A hole in one! This is my lucky day!"



PRIOR GREENKEEPERS RETURN

Many of you will remember Sinclair Hogan and Brendon O'Hara who were greenkeepers here through the 1990's to 2004. They both had a round of golf at our course recently and couldn't believe the changes to the course and how well the course looked.

Sinclair is now the head greenkeeper at the Wairakei Resort in Taupo and Brendon is head greenkeeper at the Nelson Golf Club.

Both wished to say hello to everyone.

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 WOMEN MIXED EVENT

August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31					1 McVerry Crawford Tankard Club Draw 9 Hole: Stableford Pro Shop Cup Stableford	2 McLennan Rnd 3 Consolation to be completed
3	4 LGU - 1st Rnd Club Champs Qual	5 Wade Cup Stableford Mixed 9 Hole: LGU & Strokeplay 9 Hole: LGU & Strokeplay, 1st Rd Club Champs Qualifying	6 Thursday Club	7	8 Par. 9 Hole: LGU & Strokeplay, 1st Round Club Champs Qualifying LGU 1st Round Club Champs Qual	9 Semi-Final McLennan to be completed
10	11 Par	12 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	13 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House (pm)	14	15 Stroke. Round 1 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Par Par	16 Imlay Saunders Final to be completed.
17 55 Plus. 11.00am start	18 Stableford	19 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	20 Thursday Club	21	22 Stroke. Round 2 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Stableford Stableford	23 McLennan Round 4 Consolation to be completed
24	25 LGU - 2nd Rnd Club Champs Qual	26 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Strokeplay, 2nd Rnd Club Champs, Gillespie/Lavender Cup finals to be completed.	27 Thursday Club	28	29 Par 9 Hole: Strokeplay/2nd Round Club Champs LGU 2nd Round Club Champs Qualifying	30 Final: McLennan to be completed

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

Note there are a couple of changes to the published September programme – please update your book with correct details as below

- Sat 12 Sep: Academy Fundraising Tournament
- Sun 13 Sep: McDonalds PGA Championship
- Mon 14 Sep: Mixed 55+
- Thu 17 Sep: NuView Wealth Solutions business house
- Thu 24 Sep: Devils Own – practice day
- Fri 25 – Sun 27 Sep: **COURSE CLOSED** for Devils Own Tournament (course reopens Mon 28th)

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- Sat 15 Aug: All Blacks vs Australia
- Sun 6 Sep: Fathers Day Sunday Roast
- Sat 10 Oct: Wine Match dinner

If you are available to help organise Club events, or have suggestions for other events you'd like us to arrange, please let us know.

Manawatu Golf Club

2015 MENS *Club Champs*

QUALIFYING ROUNDS SATURDAY 15TH AND 22ND AUGUST

Best round to count toward qualifying.

FOUR DIVISIONS

SENIOR <small>(PLAYED OFF BLACK TEES)</small>	UP TO 8.3
INTERMEDIATE	8.4 – 13.6
JUNIOR	13.7 – 18
C GRADE	18.1 – 36.4

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FINALS DAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

See club handbook for dates
rounds must be played.

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9 HOLE MIXED GOLF

Thank goodness the weather is on the improve allowing players to take a few less shots, and allowing our fair weather golfers to return to the game.

The Gillespie and Lavender Cup matches are getting down to the serious end now. Some really close matches and well done to those new players taking part in these competitions.

Congratulations from us all to Marg Birchall on her hole in one on the 4th.

We have been to a round robin at Levin where our players did well and an open day at Foxton where Manawatu were well represented and did well.

Our thoughts are with Sally Darby for the loss of her husband Roy, and with Lyn Cammock on the loss of her brother Terry.

Good luck to all those still in the Gillespie and Lavender comps. Next we will have club champ qualifying rounds, roll on the good weather.

Colleen Fraser - 9 Hole Convenor

WOMENS GOLF

Another month has gone by and the green staff have had to cope with a wide range of weather conditions.

We hosted Palmerston North at our course for the annual Joan Prout Salver inter club competition. The weather conditions deteriorated during the morning with play being called off when the greens became water logged. Manawatu were the winners thanks to Lily Griffin having 38 stablefords followed by Jill Dixon and Margie Bodell. Thank you to Jules Honore and her team for organising the day.

Congratulations to Karen Manninen, Rebecca Hopper and Mudra Lakhani on their selection for the Manawatu-Wanganui Rep Teams. Their first game is at Levin on the 9th August.

Club Champs Qualifying is in August. There are two rounds to play and your best gross will determine your ranking. We would like to see as many players as possible putting their names forward.

The handicap divisions for the Club Champs are:

Silver	(0-18.4)
Bronze 1	(18.5-26.4)
Bronze 11	(26.5-40.4)

Enjoy your golf.

Marlene Judd - Women's Club Captain

OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

If your workplace is looking for something a bit different this year why not consider bringing them to the Club for some fun golf activities followed by a meal.

No golf experience is necessary as we will tailor packages to suit each group, so whether just a short time on the range or putting green, or an ambrose tournament we'll make sure it's fun for everyone. The following flyer is available on the Club and Café websites so please share this around.



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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

A pretty low key month, with the weather finally playing its part.

Competitions are progressing satisfactorily, with things getting interesting as we get to the sharp end of the MacLennan and the Imlay Saunders.

Interclub with Palmerston North went well with both the men (away) and women (home) winning. The men by 0.1 points!

At the first district order of merit event, the Horowhenua Open, club members made up nearly 25% of the field. Well done to Karen Manninen who came 3rd in the Women's competition, 8 behind the winner Brydie Hodge. Stu Smith came third amongst the men with two par rounds and was 5 behind the winner Hayden Ring. Others to do well were Rhys Watkins (5th) and Regan McConaghty (9th). Matt Francis and new academy entrant Campbell McHugh did well to be 1st and 2nd in Men's division 2.

The Zones team play Pahiatua this Sunday at Linton. A win would have us in the semi-finals.

Men's Club Champs qualifying commences Saturday 15 August, with the second round the following Saturday. Play one or both, the best round of 2 will count. The afternoons will be a club draw based on handicaps where possible. Registration will open Friday of the week prior so register on the website to enter.

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain

MIXED 55+ UPDATE

It was cold but sunny on the 20th July and the delayed broadcast of the British Open may have boosted attendance. A pleasant day with almost no roll resulted in only average stableford scores. Alva Jo (37) came first, followed by Keith Towers. Third equal were Terry Win, Ian Bevins and Lyall Schroder. Other prize winners were Keith Bell and Allan Gillingham. Raffle winners were Harry Wiggins, Chris Duffy and John Sullivan.

An informal, round table discussion on the results of the recent club on-line survey of older players considered a possible name change (the Monday Club was one suggestion), nine-hole participation, and opening up membership to non-club members and younger players.

The Eric White Trophy competition would be reserved for older players. All club members playing or intending to play in the 55+ competition (or possibly all club members other than juniors) will be asked to vote on the final recommendations once we have heard the views of the Match Committee.

Croz Walsh



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