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MANAWATU

GOLF CLUB

NOVEMBER 2015

WE'RE MOVING FORWARD.....



Early in 2015 your Committee embarked on a journey to consider a rebrand of the Golf Club and it's affiliate operation the Hokowhitu Cafe and Bar. Whilst each of the operations had it's own brand there was no consistency and from a public perception there was no unity to the brands.

In this day and age it is most important that an operation such as ours is able to market itself in a professional, vibrant and reasonably simplistic way. Look at the most successful brands in the world they are relatively simple in concept and don't vary. McDONALDS, COCA COLA, NIKE and APPLE come to mind.

It was important that we look at many options all the while respecting the history of the Club. We looked at proposals from a number of local companies, on a number of occasions vigorous debate ensued. After some months we were positive that one company was headed in exactly the direction we sought. We then commissioned that company, MIRAGE VISUAL LIMITED of Palmerston North to prepare a concept which was then presented to us.

It would be fair to say we were all extremely excited at the presentation, the new branding achieved consistency with style whilst respecting and honouring the history and tradition of the Club.

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We have retained the distinctive crest, simplified the design and modernised the overall brand presence. The coloured blocks displayed on our various logos represent sub categories which fall under the Manawatu Golf Club umbrella; The Hokowhitu Cafe and Bar, The Academy, Weddings and Function and Events.



What does this mean to you as a member of the Manawatu Golf Club?

You will see a gradual change from October 31 in the graphic images used to promote the various aspects of our operation. You will see the new branding available on golf clothing in the Pro Shop and we will shortly announce a Club uniform with the new branding.

Over a period of time you will notice change but most importantly it will be "golf as usual!"



GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE

Spring has arrived and with it the changeable weather! This has made life difficult for some of our early summer Golf activities but I am sure it will come right.

There is a lot currently happening around the Club and there is plenty more in the lead in to Xmas. Things we have coming up include; The Men's B Grade Championship, The Women's Annual Dinner, The Junior Awards Dinner, Closing Day (now November 14) and Xmas Cheers. Read further through this newsletter to find out about how you can be involved in these events.

We have also recently started the Discover Golf programme again after initiating this two years ago. It has proved just as popular with over 70 Men and Women registered to do this month long coaching programme. We are hoping a number of them will join our Club after this has finished and if you see them around the Club, please make them feel welcome! Andre, Alan, Ben and Karen Manninen are delivering the coaching and they are doing a great job! After the last two year's we have gained around 50 new members, so hopefully we get more this year!

It is an exciting time here at the club with the launch of the new Golf Club branding this month. Thank you to the team that have worked on this behind the scenes and to Mirage Visual Limited who have come up with this fantastic concept.

The Club Draw has started again on Fridays! These nights are fantastic evenings down here at the Club, make sure you book in for Friday Dining, bring the family down and have your chance to win the Club Draw. Don't forget about playing Twilight beforehand and make a night of it.

For now, happy Golfing!

Mike Williams

DISCOVER GOLF LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

With the support of Mainland Foundation we are again running our 'Discover Golf Lessons for Beginners' series. This four week award winning programme aimed at beginner golfers started on a clear but blustery spring day with a mixed group on Wednesday October 21st. Participants came well dressed for the weather and despite strong winds had fun learning the basics of chipping, putting and driving. Unfortunately steady rain all day Thursday 22nd meant we had to cancel the women's session planned for that evening so their first session was held on Thursday 29 October.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday 11th November &
Thursday 19th November
From 5.15pm – 7.15pm

On the last night of the Discover Golf series we require volunteers to help the participants with their first experience out on the course. The night will finish with a complimentary drink and nibbles in the Clubhouse.

If you are available to help please contact Stephanie in the Club office or email events@manawatugolfclub.com



**NEW
DATE!**

**2015 CLOSING DAY
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14**

FOURSOMES PAR

**Grab a partner,
have some fun, and let's
see another great
season off!**

**ENTRY FEE \$20 PER PLAYER
TEAMS OF TWO!**

**Men are encouraged to join a woman partner
as only mixed teams qualify for the
final trophy of the 2015 season -
THE J.R GALLOWAY MEMORIAL TROPHY**

ALL teams, mixed or otherwise, qualify for prizes and cash draws.

OVER \$2500 IN PRIZES | SIREN START AT 12.15PM

30% OF ALL ENTRIES GUARANTEED A PRIZE!

WIN \$500

**BETWEEN 5.15PM & 5.45PM IN THE
CLUBHOUSE 2 LUCKY FOURSOMES PLAYERS
WILL WIN \$500 EACH IN A LUCKY DRAW.**

All MGC members who participate in the Foursomes will be allocated a number. This number will participate in the draws. **THE MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT IN THE CLUBHOUSE TO CLAIM A DRAW.**

**PLEASE ENTER ON THE START
SHEETS IN THE CARDROOM**

**SOME SINGLES PLAY AVAILABLE IN LIMITED SPACES
ON THE CLOSING DAY STARTSHEET**



**Manawatu
Golf Club**

Manawatu Golf Club

2015 JUNIOR AWARDS DINNER

Sunday 22nd November
Starting at 5.30pm

Come and celebrate the year of Junior Golf

Join our junior golfers and their families for a two course meal and a recap of the past years achievements of our junior club members.

GUEST SPEAKER
CAMPBELL
STEWART

NZ CYCLING

World Junior Gold Medalist



Tickets:

\$20 for Adults

\$14.50 for Under 13's

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phone the office on 357 8793 extn 2



Manawatu
Golf Club

19 Centennial Drive, Palmerston

MORTGAGE LINK MANAWATU OPEN

The Mortgage Link Manawatu Open was played Sunday 18 October at the Manawatu Golf Club in very wet, spring conditions. Consistent overnight rain softened the course and with the rain continuing throughout the morning, the end result was a few of the greens starting to flood. But with a number of volunteers on 'squeegee' duty, play was able to continue with the rain easing into the afternoon. Considering the amount of rain the course was in magnificent condition.

Marion Golf Club member and defending champion Lachie McDonald got off to a slow start with a three over par 75 in the tough windy, wet conditions. That was still only two shots off the pace with surprise leader Manawatu Golf Club's Regan McConaghty opening with a 73. Manawatu's Rhys Watkins was only one off the pace with a 74 as was Taranaki visitor Zach Lewis.

In the afternoon conditions became no easier with the wind intensifying. Joseph Doyle from Taranaki backed up his morning round of 75 with another 75 to post a two round total of 150. Watkins slipped off the pace with an afternoon 78 and so did Lewis who blew out with an 82. McDonald could only manage a second round 78 and would eventually finish tied for sixth. But it was going to be McConaghty's day who ground out a four over par 76 to post a winning score of five over par 149. This was the first major tournament win for the Manawatu Golf Club Academy member.



Men's division winner Regan McConaghty



Women's division winner Maraea Durie

In the Women's Open, it was a one horse race with Manawatu member Maraea Durie shooting back to back 74's to win the women's section by 19 shots. Durie who is recently back from completing four years on a Golf scholarship in the US was too classy for her rivals. Her even par total over the two rounds was very impressive considering the conditions.

Second place went to young Katherine Paskins from Palmerston North Golf Club who had rounds of 84 and 83. Third was Manawatu's Emma Clayton who was making a comeback to tournament Golf after a quiet year.

Over all 88 Golfers took to the fairways over 36 holes in the last event on the Manawatu-Wanganui Order of Merit.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
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LIMITED EDITION GOLF CLUB CALENDAR!

Available 6 November

Mark Alexander, golf photographer.....

Brought up in St Andrews, it seemed inevitable that Mark would work in the golf industry. But after studying at Aberdeen and St Andrews universities, his first steps in journalism took him into the busy streets of London. Sometime later, a return to Fife, Scotland provided him with a opportunity to enter the world of freelancing from which he's never looked back.

His work has appeared in various magazines (including Golf International, Today's Golfer, and Golf Course Architecture) not to mention a host of websites and corporate marketing literature. He balances his photographic work with writing and occasionally has time for a round of golf – with a camera never too far away.

In December 2014 our club had the opportunity to engage Mark's photographic expertise in creating a portfolio of outstanding photographs of our course.

A selection of these have been incorporated into a Limited Edition Golf Club calendar. This will be available for purchase on the 6th of November for \$25.00 per calendar.

A great gift idea for Christmas, in fact its not too late to send one of these outstanding calendars overseas to family and friends.

RULES CORNER

There has been considerable discussion recently within the Club as to what is permissible and not permissible in a bunker.

This month we will look at some situations that commonly cause confusion regarding play from a bunker.



1. John is playing a stroke round and on the 18th and hits his third shot into the large bunker on the left of the green. His ball has finished close to the greenside edge of the bunker and to save time, he picks up the rake and takes it close to where his ball is and places it in the bunker before making his stroke from the bunker. From this stroke, the ball lands on the green and from there he 2 putts to complete the hole. What is John's true score for that hole?
a) 6 b) 7 c) 8
2. Harry is playing in a stroke event and on the 14th hole, hits his 3rd shot into the bunker guarding the front left of the green – his ball has come to rest near the greenside lip and his entry point is from the mid left margin of the bunker. After picking up the rake and prior to entering the bunker Harry notices an area in the bunker near his entry point that has clearly been disturbed by a dog. He enters the bunker and repairs this area with the rake before proceeding to his ball to play his next stroke, which he successfully plays to within 1 metre from the hole, and 1 putts to complete the hole. What is Harry's true score for this hole?
a) 5 b) 6 c) 7
3. Paul is playing in a stroke event and hits his second shot on the 3rd hole into the front right greenside bunker. He is undecided which of his three wedges he needs to play his next stroke – so takes the three wedges with him into the bunker, decides to play his lob wedge and places the other 2 wedges in the sand near his ball. He successfully plays his next stroke onto the green and 2 putts to complete the hole. What is Paul's true score for the hole?
a) 5 b) 6 c) 7
4. William playing in a stroke event hits his 2nd shot on hole 9 into the loose sand on the face of the greenside bunker. He finds a ball almost completely "buried" and as the identification marks on his ball are not visible, he is unable to identify the ball as his. He carefully scrapes away some sand covering the ball which allows him to identify the ball as his, but in this process his ball moves about 1cm from its original position. Before playing his next shot, he replaces the ball, re-creates the original lie and covers the ball with sand leaving a small portion of the ball visible. Has William incurred any penalty?
a) Yes – 1 stroke b) Yes – 2 strokes c) No
5. Mary is playing a stroke round in the autumn. She hits her tee shot on hole 8 into the front right bunker. When she reaches the bunker, there is no sign of her ball but there is a large pile of leaves in one part of the bunker. Mary reasonably assumes her ball is somewhere in the leaves in the bunker. In the process of searching among the leaves, Mary finds and causes her ball to move 2cm from its original position. She replaces the ball, covers the ball with leaves leaving a small portion of the ball visible, then plays her next stroke on to the green. What is Mary's true score after her bunker shot?
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4

WOMENS GOLF

It seems that all year my first comment has been the weather. This time the wind. It seems to start as soon as the Discover Golf Series begins. We still need Volunteers for the November the 11th and 12th. If you can spare two hours on either of these nights please let Steph in the office know.

Most of the Club Champs rounds have been now completed. Finals Day is November 8th. Silver and Bronze I play 36 holes and Bronze II play 18 holes. Bronze II flight also play 18 holes. Good Luck to all the finalists.

We were lucky with the weather for our Charity Foursomes. We had Twenty-Nine pairs in the field and raised \$1230.00 for the Stroke Support Club. A big thank you to our members who donated all the prizes and the committee who presented them so well.

Margaret Morris representing the Stroke Support Club spoke about the activities their club offers to people who have had a stroke. She also thanked the club for the donation as being a little known charity they do not get the exposure or so much help from the community. The day was won by Jenny Wilson and Pat Davey with 49 Stablefords.

A reminder that we are again having a Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 3rd Nov. All members are welcome. Morning Tea at 11.00 with a Midday Start. See the flyer later in the newsletter for all the details. Remember this is also open to the men members.

The end of year dinner and prize giving is now on Wednesday the 18th November.

Keep this date free!

Marlene Judd - Women's Club Captain



Marlene Judd presents Margaret Morris from the Stroke Club with the \$1230 donation



Charity Foursomes winners Pat Davey & Jenny Wilson



Runners Up



Third Place Monica Wong & Glyn Robinson





GUY
FAWKES
DINNER
5 NOVEMBER 2015
THURSDAY

Delicious dining menu
available. Dinner bookings
from 6pm – 7.30pm.
Fireworks display 9pm

If the display is cancelled
due to bad weather the
evening moves to the
next night.

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JOIN US FOR DINNER
AT THE GOLF CLUB
& ENJOY FIREWORKS
OVER THE RIVER
FROM THE PERFECT
VIEWING SPOT!
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

NATHAN HOPCROFT– *serves on Full Committee, Executive Committee and as Club Treasurer*

Golf is one of my many sporting interests, and I have been a member of MGC on and off for over 20 years.

I really enjoy my role as treasurer, as we have a vibrant, progressive club that is full of great people.

My golf is more occasional than regular these days following a new addition to the family, so if you see someone carrying clubs and pushing a pram this summer then that will probably be me!



MANAWATU MONDAY CLUB

Not the best golfing weather, cold and windy which made fast, downhill greens even faster, but we had a reasonable turnout, and welcomed two new members, Ray Bensemman and Ray Barnett.

The eight stableford prizes were won by Ray Barnett (41 points). Alan Doddridge (39), Bruce Simson and Jim Rodgers (both 38), and Ian Bevin, John Symon, Alan Barker and Peter Ritchie also won prizes.

Robyn Rodgers (again, our only lady,) and Bruce Symon had two's and Jim Rodgers, not to be outdone by his wife's two, had an incredible eagle, a three on Avenue, the 415m 5th hole. He put it down to muscles.

Raffle winners were Ian Bevin, Ray Bensemman and Alan Doddridge.

The next meeting is on Monday 23 November (notice the changed date) playing off the blue tees.

Croz Walsh

PAR 3 CHALLENGE

The Par 3 Challenge will be back again on Sunday December 6. This has been a great day the last few years!

This unique format will see the Golf course set up as 18 par 3's for the day.

Entry will be \$40.00 and once again there will be great prizes and refreshments provided. It will be a 12.30pm shotgun start.

We will be opening entries on our website in early November so keep an eye out for this.



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2015 MANAWATU B GRADE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

27 HOLE STABLEFORD

ENTRY FEE \$40 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

HANDICAP INDEX 8.8 - 22.5

LIMITED TO 72 ENTRIES

OVER \$2500 IN PRIZES

1st prize Round of golf for 4 (incl. 2 carts)
at Cape Kidnappers
2nd & 3rd prizes Round of golf for 2 (incl. cart) at
either Cape Kidnappers or Kinloch

30% of all paid entries guaranteed a prize!



Stuart Robbie
2014 Champion

Please enter at www.manawatugolfclub.com
or email office@manawatugolfclub.com
Payment required upon entry

Entries close 5pm Tuesday 17th November



**Manawatu
Golf Club**
PALMERSTON NORTH

COURSE REPORT

As another month passes by with a blink of an eye and Christmas is near. October has been a windy month, which has helped dry out the course.

In the month of October preparation for having the drone take video flyovers of each hole began. Some early footage that has been viewed looks amazing.

Gum trees on Centennial Drive were removed.

The Manawatu Open was held on the 18th of October. Congratulations to Regan McConaghty for winning this on his home course. The conditions on the day were very trying, wet & windy.

Greens have been fertilised as part of the maintenance programme. Greens are regularly aerated, they are smooth and have great roll and consistency.

Tees and surrounds are in good overall condition with a great coverage of turf.

Fairways have been fertilised and also have good cover of turf.

Please remember to fix pitchmarks and replace divots 😊

I hope you all enjoy your up and coming golfing month.

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

Mulch & Firewood

Following the removal of trees recently, there is a fair bit of mulch and firewood available for sale.

- Mulch - \$20 per trailer load
- Firewood - \$120 per trailer load

Please pay at the Club office then take your receipt to the green staff who will help load your trailers.



9 HOLE MIXED GOLF

October started with a Round Robin tournament at Palmerston North followed by an Open Day at Kapiti Golf Club on 12th October.

Our own 9-Hole Mixed Open Day was held on Monday 19th October with clubs from as far away as Pauatahanui and Martinborough, as well as the usual Wanganui/ Manawatu 9 Hole clubs. We had a field of 91 and there were many favourable comments about our course. Thanks to the sterling work by both grounds staff and volunteers we unquestionably enjoy the best course in the region.

At the Open Day Murray Crawford won the Manawatu Men's Open 9-Hole Cup for Best Gross, and Margaret Birchall won the Judy Robson Cup for the woman's 9-Hole Best gross.

Ray Abbott

NEW MEMBERS

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

9 hole women – Grace Ying, Sarah Daubney

9 hole senior women – Molly Armitage

Full playing men – Jason Silk, Andrew Daubney

Non Competition men – Tim Hignett

Restricted junior boys – Harrison Lu, Mukumd Bhide, John Chin Shong

Under 25 women – Maraea Durie

Under 30 men – Aaron Viles, Robert James, Jason Westwood

During this same period, 14 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1004 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.

Under 25 men – Ken Boothroyd, Dane Cleaver, Benjamin Pollock, Wilson O'Fee

Non-Competition women – Carla Na Nagara

Tertiary women – Charmelda Precious

Full playing men – Huu Truong Son, Liam O'Leary, Andrew McCreedy

Restricted Junior Boys – TJ Waudby-Johnson, Thomas Buckley, Whetu Na Nagara, Floyd Na Nagara

CONGRATULATIONS!!



David Bateman and Ghee Tan
MacLennan Consolation winners



Allan Bailey
Hole in One – 4th Hole

“When in trouble, play the shot you know you can play, not the shot you hope you can play.”

Jack Burke Jr.

THIS MONTH IN THE CAFÉ

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 3 November

The 2015 Melbourne Cup will be run on Tuesday 3rd November and all members are invited to come and make a day of it. Grab your hat, button hole or racing gear and dress for the occasion.

Meet in the Clubrooms from 11am for morning tea then head out to play either 9 or 18 holes from 12 noon onwards. There will be prizes on offer for best outfits with sweepstakes and raffles available.

Stay on to watch the race live on the big screen - bar snacks and platters available.

Guy Fawkes Dinner & Fireworks Display - Thursday 5 November

The Fireworks Over the River display starts at 9pm so book your table for café style dining between 6pm and 7.30pm then head outside and enjoy the show.

Dinner bookings are essential - phone the café on 06 3578793 extn 3.

Friday dining

Friday dining continues each week with a café style menu that changes weekly. With and Twilight Golf underway again for the summer and the Christmas season coming up fast, these nights will be busier than ever so make sure you get in early to book your table!

New Café menu

Check out the new Café menu next time you are in – a few of the old favourites have returned, along with some delicious new meals to try.

New Faces

You may notice a few new faces working in the café and bar – we recently welcomed Liam Olson to the team and anticipate there will be some additional casual staff joining us during the Christmas season. Please welcome them and be patient while they get familiar with our systems.

Frozen Meals

These continue to be popular and options change regularly – have a look at the blackboard in the café or ask any of our staff to find out what options are currently available.

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.

November

EVENT

MIXED

WOMEN

MEN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31					1 Shootout. Semi Finals Club Champs & flights to be completed
2	3 Melbourne Cup Day	4 Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	5 Sponsors Day	6 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	7 McVerry Crawford Tankard Club Draw 9 Hole: Stableford Starters Choice Professionals Day	8 Men & Women Club Championships Finals Day
9 55 Plus. 11.00am start	10 Christmas Cheer	11 Stableford 9 Hole: Christmas Cheer	12 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House (pm)	13 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	14 Stroke & Trophy Presentation Day. 9 Hole Christmas Cheer/ Closing Day Closing Day & Trophy Presentation.	15 Shamrock Club Tournament
16 Bidvest Tournament	17 Closing Day & Trophy Presentations	18 Stableford Annual Dinner and Combined Trophy Presentations	19 Mercedes Benz Golf Day, Junior Awards Dinner	20 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	21 Closing Day (Galloway Cup Mixed Foursomes)	22 B Grade Championship
23	24	25 Christmas Cheer	26	27 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	28 Club Christmas Cheer Siren Start	29 9 Hole Fun Day/ Prizegiving Dinner

LATE CALENDAR CHANGES

55 Plus / Manawatu Monday Club – now 23 Nov (not 9 Nov)

Junior Awards Dinner – now 22 Nov (not 19 Nov)

Mixed Closing Day – now 14 Nov (not 21 Nov)

Pros Day – 7 Nov – all other events cancelled on this day due to the Pros Day format

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

Fridays: Twilight tee off from 3.00-5.30pm

Sat 5 Dec: Captains vs Presidents

Sun 6 Dec: Par 3 Challenge

Mon 7 Dec: Monday Club 11.30am start

Thu 17 Dec: NuView Wealth Business House

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Tue 3 Nov: Melbourne Cup

Thu 5 Nov: Guy Fawkes dinner

Sun 22 Nov: Junior Awards dinner

See posters throughout the newsletter for details on these events.

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.



The Manawatu Golf Club Academy has been very active over the past month playing rep and tournament Golf. There have been two main highlights for the Academy.

The first being Josh Munn competing in the first stage of web.com tour school in America. Although Josh was unable to qualify for the second stage, this experience should hold him in good stead for the future.

The other main highlight was Regan McConaghty winning the Mortgage Link Manawatu Open here at the club. Competing against a strong field from all around the district and lower North Island, Regan shot two great rounds of 73 and 76 in very difficult conditions to win by one shot. Congratulations to him.

A number of Academy members have been selected for rep teams leading up the Christmas. We wish them well while representing the district.



Regan McConaghty with the Manawatu Open Trophy

RULES CORNER ANSWERS	
1. (a)	4. (c)
2. (a)	5. (b)
3. (a)	

ACADEMY SUPPORTERS & SPONSORS



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Painting**





MANAWATU GOLF CLUB'S
**MELBOURNE
— CUP DAY —**

3 NOVEMBER 2015

**MIXED DAY.
ALL WELCOME.**

TEE OFF 12PM. BE HERE AT 11.30AM
DRESS YOUR BEST. PRIZE FOR BEST MENS/WOMEN'S OUTFIT.
MELBOURNE CUP RACES ON THE BIG SCREEN FROM 3PM
BAR SNACKS AND PLATTERS AVAILABLE.
SWEEPSTAKE \$2. HAPPY HOUR 4PM – 5PM.

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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Congratulations to David Bateman and Ghee Tan on being this years "Hooters" Champions. They prevailed over the plucky Tim Mordaunt and Richard Garland in the final of the MacLennan Consolation. An outstanding net 65 by David proved the difference.

The Match Committee has decided that from 2016 onwards, the final of the Men's C Grade Championship will be played over 36 holes. This will bring it into line with the 3 other grades.

Please note, that groups of 5 are not allowed on the course. One such group played on Saturday morning, and held up the ladies field. Unacceptable.

Club Champs finals day is on Sunday November 8. Make a note in your diaries to come down and watch/support all of the finalists. The players really appreciate it.

Also, on Sunday 1 November sees the Men's shootout. Pop down in the afternoon and watch the tension mount as the stakes get higher. One of the best days on the calendar.

33 people braved the cold windy conditions on Friday 16 October for opening night of the twilight season. Helen Otway revelled in the weather with 25 pts. Great stuff from one of our 9 holers. Congratulations to Tony Trass, who's number came out in the club draw that night. Tony won \$100.

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain

FRIDAY TWILIGHT GOLF & CLUB DRAW

Twilight Golf has started for another Summer. This is a great way to end the week with 9 holes and the perfect time to bring down friends or family who don't play that often and introduce them to the club. Cost is only \$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for affiliated members and \$15.00 for non-members. No need to book, just turn up and register between 3.00-5.30pm.



The Mad Butcher is back on board as a sponsor for another Summer which means we will have plenty of prizes to give out again. The very popular "Club Draw" will again be held in the clubhouse each Friday night Twilight is on, as well as fantastic meals at the Clubhouse so don't forget to book your table for dinner.



To participate in the Club Draw, you must be a paid up member, and be present in the café/bar between 7.30pm and 8.30pm on Friday Twilight nights. Each week a cash prize is up for grabs (minimum \$100). A member is drawn at random on the evening and if you're here, you win!! If the member drawn is not here, the cash jackpots to the following Twilight Friday. When the pot reaches \$500, it must go so we keep drawing numbers until we have a winner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

KAREN MANNINEN – *serves on Full Committee, Membership Committee, Volunteer Coach, Club Handicapper and Primary School Golf Programme Coordinator*



My background is in teaching, including, early childhood, primary, secondary and adults. I have also been in retail where I owned and operated, with my husband, Christies Jewellery in the Plaza for over ten years. I am now kept busy with dispatching orders to international customers of our Lord of the Rings jewellery products.

Representing the MGC and the Manawatu/Wanganui Region as a Toro Inter-Provincial player as well as a Masters player has driven me to encourage others in the game of golf. However part way through this year the aches and pains and niggling injuries encouraged me to retire from the Toro Inter-Provincial squad. I will still trial for the women's Masters to be held in April 2016. I will now have more time for my family as I have three grown up children and three small grandchildren who all live in Palmerston North. I spend time with them each week and thoroughly enjoy being "Nana".

I have been on the MGC main committee since 2010 with one year off in 2011. My background in retail has given me business skills that are useful in a committee situation. I enjoy the collegiality of being on the committee and am proud to have served on a committee, which has helped the club to maintain the success it enjoys as a golf club and business.

Simultaneously I have been on the Manawatu/Wanganui Women's committee for a number of years. The last two and a half have been as Chairman. This has also involved being on the MWGA Board. In this role I have been responsible for encouraging women's golf throughout the district through the Pennant Programme and the many other organized golf events we have provided. I will stand down as Chairman at the end of 2015.

I believe in the multi-tee system as a way to recruit and encourage new and younger players to golf. Our committee thinks outside the square and the Speedee Golf is another example of having the courage to try something new.

Finally I also spend time introducing both juniors and adults to the game of golf. I began a Girl's Clinic the first term of this year and will be expanding it in the last term this year to include a Boy's Clinic as well. Also throughout the winter I lead the teenage girl members in a practice session each Wednesday afternoon. I really enjoy helping others to learn the game of golf and working with children keeps me young at heart.

KIDS GOLF

At the beginning of the year many of you will have seen the junior golfers on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. We are starting again on the 5th of November with places for 20 girls at 3.30pm and 20 boys at 4.15pm.

The clinics will run for six weeks and then start up again in term one of 2016. The cost is only twenty dollars per child and includes 6 months membership. If you know of any children or you have children or grandchildren who may be interested take a look on the Tournaments and Events page of our club website www.manawatugolfclub.com

Hopefully you will enjoy seeing these youngsters around the club.

Please note this for new kids to Golf and cannot have been a member of the club or in a pro shop coaching clinic previously.

We would be grateful for any contribution of used golf balls please. These can be dropped in at the office.

Karen Manninen - Primary School Golf

WOMENS SHOOTOUT

On Thursday October 29 the mid week women held their annual shootout played over 12 holes. 13 women qualified with one person dropping out after each hole. Lorna Willis and Julie Verry acted as the 'sheriffs' on the day who refereed the shootout. At the end of the 12 holes it was Pat Davey who came out on top with Lorraine Stachurski second. Congratulations!



Left: Pat Davey with the shootout trophy



Above: The 13 women who started the shootout

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