

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As President of a truly wonderful Golf Club, with an extremely hard working Committee, a totally committed team of employees and members that appreciate the magnificent facilities they enjoy it is time to acknowledge those that make it happen.

The Committee is a group of like minded people whose sole aim is to continue to improve the Club. As a team we make no secret of the fact that we'd like to see the Club continue to be acknowledged as one of the finest in the Country. Sincere thanks to the team! Peter McRedmond, Brent Cawthray, Nathan Hopcroft, Marlene Judd, Richard Shaw, Vicki Worker, Larry Carne, Karen Manninen and Charlotte Catley. To be candidly honest, very few of us truly understand the time and effort you all put in.

Our team of employees, headed by our General Manager, Michael Williams are an outstanding group of individuals.

Melanie Phillips, Stephanie Dench and Christine Rose keep the day to day operation flowing.

Malcolm Wells, Kiel Stechman and the greenkeeping team put in the "hard yards" to make our course something quite special.

Kath Slack, Anna Coogan and the team in the Cafe/Bar have established a reputation that we are all very proud of.

Andre White, Alan Hyatt and the Pro Shop team create the very professional "front door" that is the Manawatu Golf Club.

To each and everyone one of you, along with all of those who volunteer during the year, thank you for your efforts during 2015.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all, and all of the members of this great club a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Take care, travel safely during the holiday period and we look forward to seeing you for another superb golfing year in 2016.

John Garrett – Club President

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of items in the Lost Property bin that **will be donated to charity on Monday 7th December** so if you've lost something recently, come in and have a look before it's too late!!

GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE

What a busy time it is with the Golfing season wrapping up for yet another year! Congratulations to all who have won a Club trophy in the past month or two. Many of these are very old and prestigious and you have added your name to the long history of the Manawatu Golf Club.

Planning is under way for 2016 and it is set to be another busy one. The programme will be finalised in the next couple of weeks but make sure you put Opening Day in your diary which is Saturday 30 January. The Pro-am during the Lawnmaster will be Tuesday March 15 and the Golf Club Ball is set for Saturday 21 May.

This week the Club is hosting an inter-services tournament between NZ Police, NZ Fire, NZ Defence force and the Australian Defence Force. On Sunday 29 November the Manawatu Golf Club played a match against a combined team of the top ten players attending this tournament. The Manawatu Golf Club came out on top in this encountered played in fantastic conditions, five and half to four and half. Wins went to Ewan Westergaard, Michael Williams, Billy Burnley, Brent Jaslarz, Rhys Watkins and a halve to Stu Smith. The Manawatu Golf Club team was a combination of the top two pennant sides. Well done to this team.



We have just wrapped up another successful 'Discover Golf' clinic. Our pro shop did a fantastic job and we are currently signing up new members on a daily basis from this programme. Thanks to all the volunteers who made these nights a success. I truly believe coaching is the best way to encourage new people in to the game and we are fortunate to have great coaches such as Andre and Alan at our disposal. Also Karen Manninen who volunteered her time to help coach.

I would like to thank all the staff for the hard work they have put into the Club this year. A special thanks to Melanie, Stephanie and Christine in the office. Malcolm and his team for their hours and hours of hard work out on the course. Kath and Anna for their dedication to the Café and Bar.

Thank you to our committee who dedicate hours to the club in a volunteer capacity.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Xmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2016!

Michael Williams – General Manager

CAPTION THIS WINNER....



"Where's Edna when you need her?"

Congratulations Gerard Gillespie, \$25 has been added to your café account

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Another highly enjoyable year, and crikey, has it gone by quickly!

A stellar year on the Pennants front with three championship winning teams, and the Presidents making the play offs.

Our Mens Club Champions could not repeat their Chamberlain Shield win of 2014, having to settle for third this time. Josh Sedgwick excelled in terrible conditions to comfortably be the top Senior on the day however, an outstanding result.

The Match Committee have had few issues to deal with, apart from some lousy weather which caused course closures – unavoidable unfortunately. Thanks to the members who still managed to play all matches in time, even with there being significant scheduling changes.

It would be remiss of me not to thank my Match Committee. We have a really good team which hopefully will be together again in 2016, apart from Marlene who has called it a day after two years. You have been an absolute pleasure to work with Marlene and we will all miss you, however we are fortunate in having someone of Angela's ilk to replace you.

To Pete, Rich, Michael and Andre', you guys are great, and I can't thank you enough.

To Warren Williams, 13 years running the shootout, and Warren and Barry Goodwin, 8 years doing the raffles, what can one say. Every club needs people like you two, marvellous.

To Alan Vonk and Rodney Smith, we really appreciate your stepping in to take over the raffles in 2016.

Special thanks to Wayne Revell who has stepped aside from selecting/mentoring/managing the A Grade Pennants after three great years (and three titles!). Wayne will be more of an assistant to the new selector, Brent Jaslarz.

We welcome Marty O'Fee and Ryan Dickins as Palmanui Selectors, with Simon Fowler and Lofty Williams doing the Handicap Pennants, and Stu Leighton back on board with the Presidents.

To Malcolm and your team, you have done a great job, and have had some lousy weather to contend with, but you still have managed to present the course in pristine condition for us all to enjoy.

Michael, Melanie and Steph, you have all been a great help to me during the year, and I can assure you it is hugely appreciated. You guys are invaluable to our club!

Finally to all our wonderful members, have a humungous Christmas, travel safe, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain

MULCH / FIREWOOD

After recent tree removal, we have some firewood and mulch available for sale. Please pay at the office and we will arrange for the green staff to load your trailers.

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

COURSE REPORT

The year has flown by quickly and this is the last course report as we near the end of the year and head into the festive season.

The course has played and held up well throughout, even though we had a very wet winter and I hope all members and visitors have enjoyed their golfing year.

Throughout the year we have taken out many trees, tidied up areas on course which included paths, bunkers and tees. We look forward to continuing this throughout the next year and further forward.

In the past month greens have been top-dressed and fertilised as part of the maintenance programme. Wetting agent has been applied and will continue through the summer months.

The back 9 tees have all been dethatched and cored, seeded, top-dressed and fertilised as part of renovations. The front 9 tees will be done in due time.

The back 9 fairways have all been sprayed for weeds and are coming back well.

Surrounds have all been fertilised and have a good dense cover of turf.

Fairways have all been vertidraind and are in excellent condition. As we go through the summer months the rough will slow down and slowly dry off.

All the greenkeeping staff wish you well and a great Christmas and New Year break. Travel safe and enjoy your time with close family and friends.

Please remember to replace all divots and repair pitchmarks. This is for the course conditions and also your fellow golfers. Please remember your sunblock at this time of year!

Humour: “My golf score seems to improve considerably when I have the scorecard.”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper



**Christmas and New Year
Opening Hours**

HOKOWHITU CAFÉ AND BAR
25, 26 Dec – Closed
27 Dec – Bar open from 11am*
28, 29 Dec – Closed
30 Dec – Bar open from 3pm*
31 Dec – Closed
1, 2 Jan – Bar open from 1pm*
2 Jan onwards – Open usual hours
* Limited café food options available

CLUB OFFICE
Closed from 1pm 24 December
Closed 25 December – 4 January

PROSHOP
Closed 25 December only



MEN'S SHOOTOUT FINAL – SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2015

On Sunday 1st November the Men's shootout final for 2015 was run on what turned out to be a lovely spring day. This year 8 qualifying net scores were required as opposed to 5 in previous years. A combined tally of 563 or -13 to par for the year was required to make the finals.



Pete Stewart showing superb bunker technique

Over 75 golfers entered this year's competition. Top qualifier was Allan Bailey (-25) who unfortunately could not play on the day. Notable this year was the large number chipping off on the first hole, a bee swarm that went through while at the 6th green and Creagh Eising's shank on the 16th chip-off that ended up in the bunker!

The notorious left hand bunker on the 17th came into play yet again this year in a chip off. Tom Hattle dropped his chip short into the middle of the bunker. Peter Stewart then thought he was knocked out when his chip was also short but just making the grassed edge at the back of the bunker.

Hole	Player eliminated	Score	Chip-off	Others in Chip-off
1	Gus Fowler	6 net 5	Y	Lots
2	Rob Cuff	net 5s	Y	Ash Short. Ghee Tan
3	Dave Whittle	net 5s	Y	A measure of 3 chips
4	Ash Short	net 5s	Y	Geoff Dury
5	Geoff Dury	9 net 8		
6	John Bills	net 6s	Y	Anthony White
7	Neil Haggety	10 net 9		
8	Ghee Tan	6 net 5		
9	Richard Shaw	6 net 5	Y	Tom Hattle & John Symon
10	John Symon	8 net 6		
11	Leigh Thomas	5 net 5		
12	Don Scott	7 net 6		
13	Warren Williams	net 4	Y	Gordon Reynolds, Tom Hattle
14	Gordon Reynolds	7 net 6		
15	Anthony White	8 net 7		
16	Creagh Eising	4 net 4	Y	Peter Stewart
17	Tom Hattle	net 4	Y	Peter Stewart
18	Peter Stewart	net 4		
Winner	Rod Thomas			

MEN'S SHOOTOUT FINAL (continued)

Making the final hole with Peter Stewart was last year's top qualifier Rod Thomas. Rod's second shot made the front left hand bunker while Peter's was left of the green. Both made the green for 3. Rod required 2 putts to hole his ball while Pete required 3 putts after leaving his first short thus making Rod this year's victor!

Thanks to Warren Williams for organising the Shootout for the last 13 years and for the first time in those 13 years he made the last 19! Thanks to Barry Goodwin and Ian Anderson for running the event on the day for Warren.

In 2016 Richard Shaw will maintain the scores. Those interested in entering next year's competition can do so via paying at the office or on the website available from January 2016.

The Match committee will announce the playing conditions before next season but the requirement for 8 counting scores will continue.



Ooopsee, looks like a shank Creagh!!!!



Winner Rod Thomas & runner up Peter Stewart under the watchful eye of Presidents Selector, Stu Leighton.



STARTS 3rd FEBRUARY 2016

'Speedee' 9 will be starting on Wednesday February 3 and will run for 7 weeks next year.

We are limited to 16 teams only so you will need to be in quick.

Start getting your teams of 6 people together now.

Registration fee will be \$60 per team and it will cost \$10 per player per night.

Keep an eye on our website for more details shortly.

COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

VICKI WORKER – *serves on Full Committee, as well as the Executive, House and Membership Committees*

I have been a member at MGC since my 4 (now adult) boys were very young. We have all benefited in many ways from the joys of playing golf here & the camaraderie it brings.

One of the wonderful things about golf is that it's one of the few sports where all ages & abilities can play alongside each other & compete in a fair contest – one only has to look at the incredibly close matches in mixed competitions like the Saunders Plate to see how effective the handicapping system is.



As chair of the Membership Committee it has been satisfying to see so many newcomers enjoying golf through our “Discover Golf” & “Speedee 9” initiatives. Given the friendly nature of our club I know you will all encourage & welcome them. We are lucky to have a club that is humming, has such wonderful facilities, people and, more rarely, a growing membership.

I am passionate about the MGC & “Palmy”, which I have proudly promoted in some small way over many years via my “Discover Dining & Shopping” guides. I am “part of the furniture” at Naylor Lawrence & Associates where I am Accounting Manager.

As Women’s Rep on the main committee I sit on the Executive & the Membership & House sub-committees. I welcome any feedback, suggestions etc members may have regarding any of these facets of the club.

Merry Xmas & Happy Golfing.

TAILOREDNZ PAR 3 CHALLENGE

The Par 3 Challenge is back again and will be held on Sunday December 6. This has been a great day the last few years and entries are coming in fast so get your team together or enter as an individual and we will place you in a team. You don’t need to be a member to enter so this is a great opportunity for you to bring along friends or family for a fun day out.

The unique format sees the Golf course set up as 18 par 3’s for the day.

12.30pm shotgun start.

Entry is \$40.00 per person and once again there will be great prizes and refreshments provided with BBQ’s and beverages on offer around the course.

Enter now under the “Play Golf/Tournaments and Events” area on our website.

**ALL
WELCOME**



PAR 3 CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2015

12.30PM SHOTGUN START

18 PAR 3'S.
HANDICAP &
NON-GOLFER DIVISIONS.

\$40 ENTRY FEE.
ENTER A FOUR OR
INDIVIDUALLY.

BBQ'S AND
BEVERAGE CARTS.
8 INCH HOLES.

Enter online at www.manawatugolfclub.com

Entries close Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 5pm

Payment required upon entry.

Contact the office for more details.

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LIMITED EDITION GOLF CLUB CALENDAR - Available Now!!

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. These are available for \$25.00 per calendar from the Club office, or Café.

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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Waitangi Day	6
8 Waitangi Day (observed)	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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RULES CORNER

In our last Rules Corner for 2015 we will look at some of the questions covered in earlier issues with a mini end-of-year revision test. There is much to look forward to next year with the R&A in January, releasing its four yearly updated Rules of Golf – and in our first Rules Corner for 2016, I will cover some of the major changes in the new rules.

Question 1.

John is playing the 15th hole and hits his second shot towards the trees and flax bush on the left side of the hole – after searching unsuccessfully for 2-3 minutes, he decides to return to where he played his second shot from – leaving his playing partners to continue searching. He reaches the place of his second shot and correctly drops a ball at this point and is about to hit it (4th shot), when James calls out to him he has found his (John's) ball (about 4 minutes after search commenced). What is the correct procedure for John to follow?

- a) Abandon the ball he has dropped and continue play with his original ball – no penalty
- b) Play his next shot (stroke and distance penalty) from the point he has dropped the new ball

Question 2.

Which of these is **NOT** an option when a player declares his ball unplayable in a bunker

- a) Drop a ball in the bunker not nearer the hole within 2 club lengths from the unplayable position
- b) Drop a ball behind the bunker anywhere on a line from the position of the unplayable ball and the flagstick – no restriction on how far back one may go to drop a ball on this line
- c) Play a ball from the spot the previous stroke was made (stroke and distance penalty)

Question 3.

Don playing the 11th hole hits his tee shot into a large pool of water in the left front bunker. He is entitled to penalty free relief from the casual water, but is unable to find a “nearest point of relief” in the bunker that provides **complete** relief from the casual water. Which of the following option/s is/are available to Don?

- a) Drop the ball in the bunker as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay which provides maximum available relief from the water. No penalty
- b) Drop the ball outside the bunker keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot the ball is to be dropped – no limit as to how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped. 1 stroke penalty.

Question 4.

William's tee shot on hole 1 finds a large pool of casual water. What is the correct procedure for William to obtain penalty free relief?

- a) Drop the ball not nearer the hole within 1 club-length from the nearest point of relief
- b) Drop the ball not nearer the hole within 2 club-lengths from the nearest point of relief
- c) Drop the ball not nearer the hole as near as possible to the nearest point of relief

WOMENS GOLF

Well November has been a very busy month on the golfing calendar. On Tuesday the 3rd we celebrated the Melbourne Cup with a sweepstake starting golf later and then watching the race in the dining room. Thank you to the Glyn and Angela for organising the sweepstake.

The 8th November was the finals day for the Club Championships. Our Silver Champion this year is Mudra Lakhani, Bronze 1 Angela Pivac and Bronze 11 Helen Wilkinson. These members represented our club at the Manawatu Wanganui District Champion of Champions on the 22nd November at Foxton.

Megan Williams as runner up in the Bronze 1 Division joined the team to successfully win the Gross Stableford Rose-Bowl.

Mudra, Angela and Helen Wilkinson won the Team Nett Trophy. Mudra the Silver Nett Cup, Angela the Bronze 1 Best Gross Cup.

The Man/Wang Home Links winner for the Aotearoa Cup was Jules Honore and Megan Waugh the Vets and Coronation Cup. Emily Rose was also the 2015 Most Improved Junior in the District. Well done a great effort for our club



Bronze I winner Angela Pivac



Rosebowl winners
Mudra Lakhani, Angela Pivac & Megan Williams



Champion of Champions winners
Helen Wilkinson, Mudra Lakhani & Angela Pivac

WOMEN'S GOLF ... continued

On the 10th of November we had our Christmas Cheer. Santa and his fairy (Alan and Gerald) proved to be very popular with all the ladies with their supply of Port and Xmas Mince Tarts. Our thanks for them for joining in with the Xmas Spirit.

Tuesday and Saturday Women have also held their respective closing days and prize giving.



On Wednesday the 18th we held our Annual Dinner and prizegiving. This was again well supported and included entertainment organised by the Saturday Women. This was a very polished performance involving all their members and had taken a lot of effort. It was very entertaining and again will be another hard act to better next year.

We have been fortunate to have so many members helping with the Discover Golf programme. This has been a great success thanks to Andre', Allen, Karen and Steph together with the members who go out on the course with the players. This is being followed up by the "Five at Five-Thirty" and again we have an enthusiastic group being encouraged by our club members.

Maraea Durie and Tania Hook are in the Manawatu Wanganui Representative Team playing in the Toro Interprovincial Tournament at Ashburton. Colleen Winstanley is a non travelling reserve. Deb Archer is the teams assistant manager. The Tournament runs from the 8th til the 12th December. Good luck girls. If you wish to send a message of support txt Deb on 021 183 9625 and she will pass it on.

Summer Golf has now started and Sue Fletcher as last years winner is the organiser. Any queries I am sure Sue will be able to assist. The competition is for the best five Summer Stableford rounds. The Field Summer Cup is for the Best Summer Nett excluding Tuesdays. Don't forget you must putt out to be eligible.

I would like to thank all of our members who have made my position as Club Captain so enjoyable again this year. The support I receive from you all has been greatly appreciated. Angela Pivac is taking over in the New Year and I wish her all the best as your new Club Captain.

May you all have a Happy Xmas and I look forward to seeing you all back at golf in the New Year.

Marlene Judd - Women's Club Captain



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COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

LARRY CARNE – *serves on Full Committee and House Committee*



Since being a member of the committee I have come to realise that it takes different strengths from different people to make a club successful. We have that, and our club is the better for it.

Luckily for me, golf allows participation at all ages and abilities. I feel fortunate to have found the game of golf as this has given me an opportunity to travel and meet people.

I hope other members allow the various avenues of the game to reward them for joining in.

MANAWATU MONDAY CLUB

There was some uncertainty about the November start. We'd reconciled ourselves to playing nine holes twice because of maintenance on the back nine but thanks to Malcolm and his team we got in 18 holes. The weather and turnout were good. Stableford scores ranged from 42 to 28, with eight players playing to or better than their handicap (18 holes x 2 points = 36).

Glyn Robinson was the only lady player but she represented the ladies well by winning the stableford with a 42. Close behind were Bill Bendall (41) and Keith Towers (40). Other stableford winners were Lyall Schroder, Ray Bensemman, Allan Doddridge, Peter Ritchie and Dave Bateman. Peter Ritchie had the only two, and raffle winners were Allan Doddridge, Tom Ellingham, Peter Ritchie and Terry Win.

The final match for the year is on the 7th when the winner of the Eric White Trophy will be announced. There will be special donated prizes, and everyone will take something home.

For next year, we hope to get one game in mid January and play other games on the first Monday of each month, except for June when it clashes with Queen's Birthday. The final decision on dates will be announced ASAP in the New Year.

Since this is the last newsletter for 2015, I join the "committee" in extending thanks to Mike and Mel in the office, Andre and his team in the pro shop, and the greenkeepers. Their extra efforts for us "old timers" are much appreciated. Our thanks also to those who have shared companionship on the course and on the 19th.

We wish you all and your families a Very Happy Christmas and New Year. Drive safely and come back in January fighting!

Croz Walsh

SUMMARY OF 2015 MEN'S COMPETITIONS

Men's Saturday Competitions (2014 data in brackets)

- Number of men who played (entered cards) Saturdays 333 (336)
- Average Saturday field 126.5 (125.3)
- Average Gross score 91.9 (92.0) All Saturdays
- Average Net score 75.6 (75.8) All Saturdays
- Average Stableford score Div1 32.9 (32.5) Div2 32.2 (31.7) on 11 Stableford comp days
- Average Net scores Div1 74.9 (74.9) Div2 75.8 (76.2) on 12 Stroke comp days
- Average Par scores Div1 -2.0 (-2.1) Div2 -2.3 (-2.3) on 9 Par Comp days
- Average Handicap 16.3 (16.1) Average handicaps of fields in first 3 months of season 15.4 (15.8) but average of last 3 months was 17.2 (16.4)
- Lowest net score 61 Ray Barnett 10/10/15 (61)
- Lowest gross score 66 (Ewan Westergaard 28/3/15, Regan McConaghty 10/4/15) (66)

Wade Cup (Wednesday comp)

- Number of men who played (entered cards) Wednesday 182 (200 in 2014)
- Average stableford score 34.5 (33.5)
- Winner Wade Cup Bryce Buddle 217 points (212)

Top 10 Wade Cup

	Points		Points
Buddle, Bryce	217	Balfour, Peter	209
Laracy, Keith	215	Rankin, Bob	209
Whittle, Dave	213	Bendall, Bill	208
Schroder, Lyall	212	How, Martin	208
Barber, Bill	211	Sullivan, John	208

Fedex cup points – used for season long competitions

- Overall top scorer was Charles Pan with 2184 points (2453)

Final top 20 Fedex cup points for 2015

Rank	All Competitions	Points	Net Division 1	Points	Net Division 2	Points	Par Division 1	Points	Par Division 2	Points	Stableford Div 1	Points	Stableford Div 2	Points
1	Pan, Charles	2184	Heaphy, Darryl Saywell-Summers, James	1220	White, Anthony	1171	Eising, Creagh	1059	Bendall, Bill	928	Reynolds, Gordon	1328	Southey, Colin	1028
2	Beaumont, John	2161	James	953	Williams, Warren	1089	McConaghty, Regan	1000	Craig, Ian	878	Williams, Barry	1083	Fowler, Gus	917
3	Fowler, Gus	2138	Shirley, Aaron	943	Weber, John	906	Pan, Charles	837	Whittle, Dave	818	Pan, Charles	997	Bailey, Allan	903
4	White, Anthony	2104	Vining, Peter	870	Haggarty, Neill	836	Beaumont, John	815	Weber, John	770	Shaw, Richard	857	Tan, Ghee	862
5	Eising, Creagh	2034	Rankin, Bob	867	Smith, David	814	McKechnie, Neil	704	Revell, Wayne	753	Vining, Peter	843	Hirini, Lew	800
6	Weber, John	2030	Beaumont, John	859	Petre, David	766	Thomas, Rodney	650	Goodwin, Barry	712	Davey, Kevin	818	Cuff, Robert	798
7	Allen, George	2002	Cattle, Phil	830	Tan, Ghee	742	Clapperton, Paul	630	Haggarty, Neill	697	Smith, Stuart	818	Goodwin, Barry	700
8	Haggarty, Neill	1993	Stewart, Peter	805	Fowler, Gus	720	Blair, Ross	595	Griffin, Barry	633	Nail, Martyn	772	Griffin, Barry	688
9	Heaphy, Darryl	1970	Chang, Bert	803	Laracy, Keith	688	Shaw, Richard	579	Bradley, Doug	590	Lundy, Jhon	727	Beale, Mike	678
10	Goodwin, Barry	1966	Scott, Don	759	Harrod, Ron	685	Pickering, Matt	554	Haumaha, Scott	558	Spencer, Robert	715	Craig, Ian	662
11	Shaw, Richard	1963	Dickins, Brent	726	Goodwin, Barry	554	Francis, Matt	545	Fowler, Gus	501	McKechnie, Neil	713	Hattle, Tom	661
12	Reynolds, Gordon	1943	Chalmers, Darryl	710	Pratt, Richard	547	O'Fee, Marty	500	Garrett, John	500	Wilkinson, Brian	691	Okeefe, Gerard	646
13	Craig, Ian	1934	Spencer, Robert	693	Barnett, Ray	542	Chang, Bert	491	Avery, Euan	494	Chalmers, Darryl	659	Allen, George	607
14	Vining, Peter	1915	Frogley, Warrick	645	Philpott, John	490	Garland, Richard	479	Laracy, Keith	466	Townend, Martin	642	White, Anthony	595
15	Williams, Warren	1871	Woodhead, Paul	629	Bateman, David	483	Pryde, Hamish	474	Okeefe, Gerard	435	Pryde, Hamish	579	Kibblewhite, Aaron	580
16	Tan, Ghee	1842	Allen, George	624	Campbell, Alastair	460	Savell, Alan	472	Gill, Steve	430	Eising, Creagh	577	Dickins, Robin	524
17	Griffin, Barry	1797	Thomas, Rodney Van Der Merwe, Edwin	613	Smith, Mark	453	Yule, Ian	441	Brown, Murray	406	Chang, Bert	498	Mordaunt, Timothy	520
18	Chalmers, Darryl	1796	Oconnor, William	599	Hattle, Tom	448	Chalmers, Darryl	427	Southey, Colin	401	Short, Ashley	490	Hartwell, Joshua	502
19	Chang, Bert	1792	McRedmond, Peter	590	Symon, John	430	Bell, Keith	430	Stewart, Peter	412	Symon, John	400	Eglinton, Ron	500
20	Thomas, Rodney	1703					McRedmond, Peter	400	Anderson, Ian	399	Stewart, Peter	472	Jarrett, Tony	500

NEW MEMBERS

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

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

During this same period, 6 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1014 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 – Mike Hallam, William Leipnik, Janoah Smith, Brian Towler

Non-competition men – Gerard McHugh, Johan Tait

9 Hole men – Stephen Kidd, Trevor Schroder

Tertiary men – James Holland, Connor Morriss, Daniel Shields

Summer 18 hole men – Jeremy Cotter

Summer 9 hole men – Geoff Franks

Restricted Junior Boys – Archie Justice, Charlie Justice

Full playing women – Kathy Gibson, Jacquie Wakeford

9 Hole women – Dale Anderson, Aven Eames, Liz MacNeill, Daryl Pollock, Helen Smith

Under 25 women – Helen France, Becca Thompson

Tertiary women – Aleisha White

DISCOVER GOLF LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

Congratulations to our Discover Golfers who have just completed a four week series on how to play golf with our golf shop coaches.

Over 70 of them took part and they will now be out and about on the golf course over the next few weeks putting their new skills into practice! Several have joined already and we look forward to welcoming them into the Club.



THIS MONTH IN THE CAFÉ



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MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

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!



Frozen Meals

These continue to be popular and options change regularly.

Look out for the blackboard in the café or ask any of our staff to find out what options are currently available.

Why not grab a few for the freezer for some easy meals over the holidays.

Christmas Treats

We have a variety of yummy Christmas cakes, slices and tarts available in the café leading up to Christmas.

- Christmas Cakes - Large \$45, small \$25
- Christmas Tarts - \$15
- Mizurka slice - \$10



Café hours over Christmas

- 25th December – Closed
- 26th December – Closed
- 27th December – Bar only from 11am*
- 28th December – Closed
- 29th December – Closed
- 30th December – Bar only from 3pm*
- 31st December – Closed
- 1st January – Bar only from 1pm*
- 2nd January – Normal café opening hours resume

* Limited café food options available



The Academy have started their next twelve months of their coaching programme with an opportunity that not many NZ Golfers will ever get! Manawatu Golfer Tim Wilkinson who is currently on the PGA tour is home for a few weeks holiday and he spent three hours with the Academy on Saturday 28 November. Tim had a Q&A session with the Academy and the players had numerous questions for him wanting to know what life was like on the PGA tour. They then spent a couple of hours on the range and putting green learning from Tim who plays against the world's best day in and day out.

Josh Munn and Josh Sedgwick are representing Manawatu Wanganui at the Interprovincial in Invercargill this week. We wish them both luck at this event.

Greg Shaw and Regan McConaghty were in the ten man Manawatu Golf Club team that defeated the Australasian Combined Services team on Sunday 29 November.

Mudra Lakhani was part of the Manawatu Golf Club Women's team that won the District Champions of Champions tournament at Foxton on November 22. Josh Sedgwick won the individual gross competition at the Men's District Champions of Champions in Fielding.



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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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 ■ WOMEN
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 ■ EVENT

December

SUNDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
6 Par 3 Challenge	5 Captains v Presidents	4 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	3	2	1	
13	12	11 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	10	9	8 Summer Golf. Cards in by 8.30 am	7 55 Plus. 11.00am start
20	19	18 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	17 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House (pm)	16	15 Summer Golf. Cards in by 8.30 am	14
	26 Boxing Day	25 Christmas Day	24	23	22 Summer Golf. Cards in by 8.30 am	21
			31	30	29	28

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

- Fridays: Twilight – tee off from 3.00-5.30pm. (Last night in 2015 19th Dec)
- Thu 14 Jan: NuView Wealth Solutions
- Fri 15 Jan: Twilight resumes
- Mon 18 Jan: Chinese Association Tournament
- Thu 28 Jan: Golden Coast Vet
- Sat 30 Jan: Mixed Club opening day
- Wed 3 Feb: Speedee 9 starts
- Tue 9 Feb: Mid-week women opening day
- Wed 10 Feb: 9 hole opening day
- Sat 13 Feb: 9 hole opening day
Saturday women opening day
Men's B&A Watson qualifying

SOCIAL EVENTS

Your membership committee is currently planning social events for 2016 so let Vicki or one of the team know if you have any ideas or are able to contribute in any way.

The 2016 event not to miss will be the bi-annual Club fundraiser, the Golf Club Ball. This is booked in for 21 May so mark this in your diary.

21 May – Golf Club Ball



2015 MANAWATU B GRADE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



The club hosted its annual Men's B Grade Championship on November 22 with 60 players taking part. This year 'MyGrain Stockfeed Ltd' were the sponsor for the first time and we thank Baz Woodcock for his support of the event. The great news is they will be back on board for the 2016 event as well.

The event is for men in a handicap range of 8.8 to 22.5 and was first played at the Manawatu Golf Club in 1953. It dropped off the calendar in the late 200's for a few years but has been back in its current format for three years now.

Conditions were very difficult throughout the 27 holes. High winds made it difficult to score but after the morning round two players had an impressive 22 points with Phil Cattle winning on countback from Alan Vonk. Phil picked up the trophy for top qualifier after the 9 hole round. Geoff Dury was one further back with 21 points.

All the players stopped for lunch after 9 holes while a seeded draw was completed meaning all the leaders would play together for the afternoon 18 holes. Conditions got no easier in the afternoon and it was Geoff Dury who added 38 points to his morning 21 that came out on top. Geoff has been a long time member of the club and last won the B Grade Championship 42 years ago! A tremendous effort to get his name on the honours board!

Thank you to John Garrett, Richard Shaw and Brent Cawthray who all played a vital role in running the tournament.



Winner Geoff Dury



Runner Up Ant Gear



Top Qualifier Phil Cattle

RULES CORNER - ANSWERS

Question 1 – (b) In spite of John's original ball being found within the allowed 5 minute time frame, the second ball became the ball in play as soon as John dropped it – thus he was required to abandon his original ball and continue with the new ball.

Question 2 – (b) If this option is taken the ball **MUST** be dropped in the bunker

Question 3 – (a) and (b) Both options available to Don – in many cases with water soaked bunkers and the inevitable likelihood of the ball plugging when dropped into soggy sand, it might be smart to consider option (b) – especially if one is not confident with bunker play!

Question 4 – (a) Remember the simple rule of thumb – penalty free relief usually comes with a 1 club-length dropping area from the nearest point of relief. If a 1 stroke penalty is applied, relief is usually 2 club-lengths from the reference point.

LAST MONTH'S RULES CORNER ANSWERS

Apologies to those of you who were looking for the explanations to last months answers, these were accidentally left off the newsletter and are below for your information. (All previous newsletters can be found on the Club website)

Question 1 (a), Question 2 (a), Question 3 (a), Question 4 (c), Question 5 (b)

Notes: There is an inviolate rule which prohibits a player from “testing the condition of the hazard” before playing a stroke from that hazard. The **actions described in questions 1 and 3** have been clarified in **Decisions** from the R&A to **NOT constitute** “testing the condition of the hazard” - thus are perfectly reasonable actions for players John and Paul to take. In the latest Rules of Golf book from the R&A covering the period 2012-2015, there is clarification of **Exception 2 to Rule 13-4 to allow a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time** including before playing from that hazard – provided it is for the **sole purpose of Caring for the Course** – and Rule 13-2 is not breached. The actions of Harry in question 2 can reasonably be accepted as “caring for the course”.

The issues raised in questions 4 and 5 demonstrate subtle **differences** between **searching for a ball covered by sand** in a hazard and **searching for a ball covered by loose impediments** (leaves) in a hazard. In both cases, these situations allow a player to touch and move sand or loose impediments in a hazard as part of the search process - BUT the consequences of the ball moving in this search process are different. In the **case of sand covering a ball**, there is **NO penalty if the ball moves during search** (Rule 12-1a). In question 4, William followed the correct procedure thus did not incur any penalty. However in the case of a **ball covered by leaves** in a hazard, if **during search the ball moves**, Rule 18-2a applies which results in a **1 stroke penalty**. Mary in question 5, was entitled to remove enough leaves to enable her to find and identify her ball BUT as these actions caused the ball to move, she was penalised 1 stroke – her actions following were in complete accordance with Rule 12-1b. Interestingly, if the **ball had moved during the replacement of leaves**, there would be **NO penalty** provided the ball was replaced.

JUNIOR AWARDS

The 2015 year was a successful year for the club's juniors at local and national levels. These were recognised at the annual junior awards dinner held in November. Special guest this year was Campbell Stewart, New Zealand Track cycling representative and Junior World Champion. Campbell won 2 gold medals at the Junior World Champs in Khazikstan in August. He shared his experiences and thoughts on what it takes to get to the top of sport with our junior golfers, and brought along his rather valuable (\$20,000!) bike for everyone to look at.

Highlights of the Junior year included:

- Josh Sedgwick winning the Kelly Cup for under 19s and Greg Shaw winning the Silk Cup for under 15s at the Manawatu-Wanganui Age group Champs at Waimarino Golf Club
- Josh Sedgwick had a stellar year at a number of Open events including 3rd Ngamotu U23s, 5th Rotorua Open, 3rd at Kapi Tareha at Napier and 7th at South Island U19s and of course Senior Club Champion
- Greg Shaw 5th in U17s at North Island under 19s, 5th at Ngamuto U23s and 11th in U17s at National Age group champs
- Greg Shaw finished in top place in the Junior order of Merit for Manawatu-Wanganui
- Nine juniors received Blues badges for representing the district this year, highlighted by the Junior boys team retaining the Shand Salver while playing at Weston Golf Club in Taranaki.

Thanks to the Pro shop for the excellent junior program that they run and the sponsors of the junior tournaments, Manawatu Golf Club, Golf Distributors, Puma-Cobra, McDonalds, and Downtown Cinemas.



Nakul Lakhani, Zach Jaslarz, Bradley Morgan



Jamie Connell, Josh Sedgwick, Greg Shaw



Ethan Dodds



Eric McKee



Kaleb Idemaru



Mudra Lakhani, Emily Rose, Lily Griffin

JUNIOR AWARDS ... continued

Congratulations to everyone who participated in tournaments and events throughout the year and a special congratulations to all those below who were rewarded with trophies and/or badges for their hard work and dedication to the game.

As a Club we are lucky to have such a great group of young golfers who day after day can be seen on the practice areas and out on course working on their game. Have a good look at the names below, they will be ones to watch in the years ahead.

JUNIOR GOLFER OF THE YEAR	Josh Sedgwick
MOST SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR BOY	Josh Sedgwick
MOST SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR GIRL	Tara Raj
MOST ENTHUSIASTIC & BEST ATTENDANCE	Eric Mckee
MOST IMPROVED OVERALL	Mudra Lakhani
UNDER 13 BEST ETIQUETTE	Sera Raj
UNDER 13 MOST IMPROVED	Bradley Morgan
UNDER 19 BEST ETIQUETTE	Emily Rose
UNDER 19 MOST IMPROVED	Ethan Dodds
MCDONALDS MANAWATU JNR US MASTERS	Dylan Pettersson, Lily Griffin, Josh Sedgwick, Nakul Lakhani, Zhuoyi Hu, Cameron Pickworth
MCDONALDS MANAWATU JNR US OPEN	Rhys Harald, Kalen Idemaru, Tara Raj, Ethan Dodds, Sere Raj, Jayden Burgess
MCDONALDS MANAWATU JNR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	Jamie Connell, Kaleb Idemaru, Lily Griffin, Lane Jiang, Sere Raj, Jayden Burgess
MCDONALDS MANAWATU JNR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP	Liam Finlayson, Jared Sim, Tara Raj, Jiang, Lane, Sere Raj, Joshua, Ah-Chan
JUNIOR STROKEPLAY	9hole: Zack Jaslarz, 18hole: Lily Griffin, 18hole Gross: Greg Shaw
JUNIOR MATCHPLAY (18 hole club champs)	Kaleb Idemaru
JUNIOR MATCHPLAY (9 hole club champs)	Nakul Lakhani
PRO SHOP CUP	Lily Griffin
CASH CONVERTERS TROPHY	Zack Jaslarz
COOMBES SMITH TROPHY	Kaleb Idemaru
EZIBUY TROPHY	Sam Smith
TIM WILKINSON TROPHY	Kaleb Idemaru
JUNIOR ORDER OF MERIT	Jamie Connell
WAYNE REVELL JUNIOR TROPHY	Tara Raj
SONJA REVELL JUNIOR TROPHY	Nakul Lakhani
JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS BOWL	18hole: Dylan Pettersson, 9hole: Zack Jaslarz
MANAWATU WANGANUI REPRESENTATIVES (BLUES BADGES)	Jamie Connell, Campbell McHugh, Kaleb Idemaru, Mudra Lakhani, Emily Rose, Rose Wu, Sam Smith, Greg Shaw, Josh Sedgwick

COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

PETER MCREDMOND – *serves as Vice President and sits on the Full Committee, Executive Committee, Course Committee and Match Committee*



Having been a member of the Manawatu Golf Club for 15 years and a regular Wednesday and Saturday afternoon player, I'm closely associated with club's membership, many of whom I'm pleased to consider friends. For the past four years I've served on the committee holding the Office of Vice President, in which capacity I also sit on the Executive Committee along with the President, Treasurer, Club Captain and Women's Representative.

I find meeting the challenges of managing our club and its activities particularly rewarding and enjoy working with others to achieve the clubs aims. In recent times we've seen the club diversify while at the same time consolidate and strengthen its position. Aside from committee participation and the camaraderie and friendships I have at the club, I also of course enjoy the personal challenges the game of golf offers.

Away from the golf course I own and operate Orcus Print Solutions, a print brokerage company I established in 2000, and enjoy a little of both on and off road cycling. I'm also a keen rugby supporter, and of course I keep a close eye on the PGA!

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.

Twilight takes a break over the holidays – the last night for 2015 will be Friday 19 December, and it will restart again on Friday 16 January 2016.

9 HOLE MIXED GOLF

Our competitions have now been completed but we are continuing playing Wednesdays and Saturdays as normal and having a summer stableford competition.

Welcome to the new members that have joined us. A great time to start and hopefully lots of fun from now on.

We played the final tri-series match against Palmerston North and Feilding winning by a small margin but a win is a win. Well done team, it's the second year in a row.

Our representative Club Champions played at Palmerston North on Friday with Doug Muir (Manawatu) winning the mens and Claire Rouse (Marton) winning the ladies.

On Sunday we had our "Fun Day". We played Ambrose off the orange tees and it was a great afternoon enjoyed by all, even some new players. This was followed by a lovely dinner and our presentations which was enjoyed by 70 people.

Players please keep in mind the next roadie will be 16th - 17th March 2016 in the Wellington area. These roadies are great fun thanks to Murray and Judy Crawford.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope to see you all continuing to play over the summer.

Colleen Fraser – 9 Hole Convenor



Kerry Abel
Division 2 Winner
Womens 9 Hole Club Champs



Liz Burgess
Division 1 Winner
Womens 9 Hole Club
Champs



Murray Crawford
Mens Winner of 9 Hole Club Champs

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