



July 2016

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We are only a month out from taking the Pro Shop over from Andre. The staff and Committee have been working hard behind the scenes in order for this to be a smooth transition with some exciting new things to happen. From August 1, initially you won't see too many changes with the exception of some new branding in and around the shop.

There will be a couple of new staff members, Regan McConaghty who is taking up an apprenticeship and Christine Rose who currently works part time in the office extending her hours to the Pro Shop as well. The Club has had great support from a number of leading golf brands which will become very apparent after August 1. I would like to thank Andre for the support he has provided the Club throughout this year in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Alan Hyatt is going to step up and be the Director of Golf from August the 1st. I have heard different versions from members of what Alan's role will entail. A Director of Golf at different Golf Clubs can mean different things. The main things Alan will be focussing on for the Manawatu Golf Club will be;

- Managing the Pro Shop (including the retail and the Pro Shop staff),
- Director of Coaching (Alan will continue to coach as well),
- Working closely with the Match Committee/other golf Committees to deliver the best possible Golf services/events for the members and as previously stated Alan will be out there on Saturday's playing with the members.

We are sure Alan is going to have great success in this new role and we will be there to support him all the way.

Once again our A Grade Pennants team have done us proud in defending the CB Norwood Cup for top A Grade qualifier and winning the final over a very competitive Palmerston North team. We hosted the final on a very wet track and the home advantage certainly played into our hands. Well done guys and thanks to those Club members who came down to support the team. Also thanks to Malcolm Wells and his team for preparing the course for the final and in general for the way they have kept it open for the membership during a very wet few weeks.

Peter McRedmond

MANAWATU GOLF PRO'S IN THE US

Former Manawatu member Tim Wilkinson has been in a rich vein of form on the PGA tour recently which also included a start in the US Open. Tim managed to make the cut on one of the hardest courses in America.

Tim currently sits 123 on the 'Fedex' cup points list with the top 125 retaining their cards for next year and also qualifying for the 'Fedex' Cup playoffs. Tim will need a couple of strong finishes to stay within this top 125 but on recent form he will be looking good to do so.

Grant Waite is also back competing on the Champions Tour and is currently sitting 73rd on the season points race and the top 72 qualify for the playoffs.

Hopefully Grant can have a couple of strong performances and finish the season off strong.



Tim Wilkinson



Grant Waite

JOSH MUNN

Josh Munn is now basing himself in Melbourne while he competes on the Australasian tour and the PGA Tour of China. The season in China is well under way and you can follow Josh's progress at the link below.

<http://www.pgatour.com/pga-tour-china.html>

Josh hasn't had a great start to the season but as we all know Josh has the ability to go out and 'win' a tournament at the drop of a hat. We wish him well for the remainder of the year.

PALMERSTON NORTH INTERCLUB

The traditional interclub with Palmerston North is coming up on Saturday July 16. This year the women will be travelling to Palmerston North and the Men are being hosted at Manawatu. This is a traditional interclub that dates back a number of years between the cross town club's.

If you are a full playing member, the way to register to play in this will be through the "Event Registration" link under the Member Access dropdown on the Club website. It would be good to see a great turnout from both the men and the women.

PGA TOUR & LPGA COVERAGE RETURNS TO SKY

The following NZ Golf Press Release was dated 10 June 2016:



PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (June 10, 2016) – The PGA TOUR and the LPGA jointly announced today agreements with SKY that will return their tournament coverage to broadcast television. The LPGA conversion begins this week with coverage of the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship. PGA TOUR coverage will switch back to SKY for The Greenbrier Classic, the week of July 4-10.

The PGA TOUR and LPGA, through separate agreements with Coliseum Sports Media (CSM)/Lightbox, launched OTT subscription services in 2015 known as PGA TOUR LIVE and World Golf Pass, respectively.

While subscriber levels were healthy and the product was excellent, it became apparent after more than a year that many New Zealand golf fans did not have the necessary comfort in their broadband connectivity to maximize the viewing experience. The best course of action was to return to broadcast television and SKY Sport, which held broadcast rights to both Tours prior to their move to the OTT service.

PGA TOUR coverage will remain on PGA TOUR LIVE until the week of The Greenbrier Classic, at which time existing subscribers will be fully refunded for the remainder of their subscription. SKY will also provide PGA TOUR LIVE subscribers with a free installation for those wishing to continue watching the PGA TOUR and LPGA on the network.

The PGA TOUR will maintain an OTT presence in New Zealand through its global product, also called PGA TOUR LIVE, which provides live coverage of early-round Featured Groups as well as Featured Hole coverage. This service will be provided for free to existing PGA TOUR LIVE subscribers through the end of the year.

TREMEMENDOUS TROUBLE OFF THE TEE



During a recent Imlay Saunders match the theory of trees being 90% air was truly tested... apparently not!

It should be said that despite being in this predicament for 3 off the tee on 12 Euan Avery finished with a very respectable 6 after chipping in from the side of the green. He and his Saunders partner Toni Burnley are still speaking.



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CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Saturday 28 May saw the course in very wet condition after a humungous amount of rain during the week, plus rain overnight and a fair bit of the morning. A small number played in the morning, and there were a large number of withdrawals in the afternoon. The weather did clear, and while they was one torrential downpour and a couple of showers, those that played enjoyed their round. The greens held up exceptionally. The moral of the story is don't call golf off from home, as weather does funny things!

Due to so many matches being postponed, Match Committee decided to push the 2nd round of the MacLennan out by two weeks (one of those weeks we are at Feilding for interclub). The third round has also been pushed out.

Queens Birthday Saturday saw the inaugural playing for the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard. Ewan Westergaard from Craigs was on hand to say a few words, and to present the tankard to an ecstatic Don Scott. This is the first Tankard that Don has ever won. His round included an eagle for 5 points! Outstanding stuff Don, a very popular winner. Runner up was young Ben Lewis.

Congratulations to Stu Morriss on winning the Watson Cup. This capped off a great few weeks for the Morriss clan with Stu's son Connor having won the May Tankard.

Saturday 11 June, the Saturday men played a stroke round for the Lionel Abraham Trophy. This was won by Colin Southey, who scored a nett 66. Great stuff Colin.

The final of the B&A Cup was also played. A great day for the Catholics, with Father Brian Walsh defeating Mark Gleeson in a tight contest. This is the second B&A final Mark has lost in the past three years, third time lucky we hope!

Our annual interclub with Feilding was played at Feilding on the 17th. 26 men made the trip, but obviously suffered from travel fatigue as they were no match for the locals, going down 22.5 to 14.5. Well done Feilding. When we hosted them last year, we could only manage a half. Well done to our ladies who managed to reverse the men's result.

Please replace divots, and repair pitch marks. Also, there have been a few issues with bunkers being left in a bad state. If you leave the bunker how you would like to find it – then no issue for the next person.

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain



Watson Cup winner
Stuart Morriss



Craigs Investment Partners
Tankard winner Don Scott



B&A Cup winner
Father Brian Walsh



Colin Southey winner of
the Lionel Abraham trophy

PRO SHOP UPDATE

The Pro Shop will come into the Club's control on the 1st of August. The Club is pleased to announce that we have finalised the four staff who will be operating the shop from the changeover. As previously stated Alan Hyatt and Andre White are staying on board.

Alan's role as Director of Golf will focus on managing the Pro Shop (retail and staff), managing the Coaching program (while continuing as a coach), and working closely with the Match and other golf Committees to deliver the best possible Golf services/events for the members.

Andre's role as Head Coach and Pro Shop Services will be 36 hours per week which will include Andre playing golf with the members on a Wednesday. Andre will also be responsible for the delivery of all our Corporate Days and any Golf Tours the Club runs in the future.

We recently announced that Regan McConaghty will be completing the PGA apprenticeship and working in the shop and many of you will know Regan from his exploits on the Golf course.

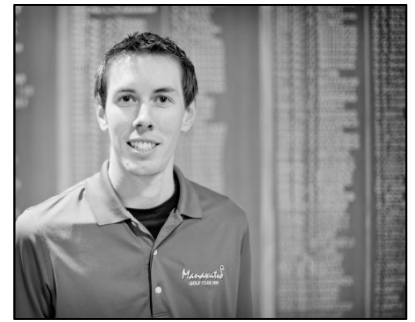
This month we are pleased to announce that Christine Rose will be taking up a role in the shop for about 25 hours per week. Christine currently works part time in the office and has been a member at the Club for a number of years. Christine has excellent customer service skills and will provide great balance to the team down there. Christine's main roles will be helping with the Golf administration and Pro Shop services.

The Pro Shop is likely to be closed on the Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of August while some interior changes are made. We will confirm exactly what hours the Shop will be closed closer to the time and will endeavour to have as little disruption for members as possible.

The next newsletter which will be released on Monday August 1 will outline a few slight changes with the Pro Shop operation and some other exciting announcements.

If any members have any questions about the Pro Shop changeover, please direct these to General Manager Michael Williams.

YOUR TEAM



Alan Hyatt
Director of Golf



Andre White
Head Coach & Pro Shop Services



Regan McConaghty
Apprentice Golf Professional



Christine Rose
Pro Shop Services

COURSE REPORT

Yet another month flies by, as does half of the year. June has been a wet month with plenty of rain, although temperatures have been reasonably mild for this time of the year.

During the last month, greens, tees and surrounds have all been fertilised. Tees, surrounds and fairways have had an organic friendly worm control method applied to achieve reasonable turf cover without too much mud.

The bunker on the 2nd hole short right of the green has been shaped on the right hand side and the path has been boxed.

Please check the website and signs as to whether carts are allowed on course or not. Take care when carts are available as you only affect your playing pairs.

Keep up the great work replacing divots and fixing pitchmarks. Keep to paths when playing golf where possible, especially on the 4th tee.

Golf humour: *"If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball"* Ian Wilce

Enjoy your golfing month.

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

CLUB SURVEY

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to do the Club survey. The number of responses have made it the most successful survey the Club has run in the past five years.

The survey will be available to complete until 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 July, so if you haven't taken five minutes to complete it yet, it would be great if you could. Your feedback will be appreciated. We will have a summary of results in the next Newsletter.

STEPHANIE DENCH MOVING ON

Our Business Development Manager Stephanie Dench has resigned in order to travel overseas. Steph has been with the Club since May 2015 and came into a new role that had been created to help support the ever growing Café and Bar, and to look at new opportunities to help the Club move forward. We thank her for her work over the past 15 months and wish her well on her travels.



WOMENS GOLF

This month has been a fairly quiet one but luckily not too many frosts delaying our starts however the rain has arrived and we are now playing a different course. Our greenkeeper, Malcolm, wants us all to use the Orange and Red Tees from now till at least the 8th July but the weekend will be all Tees. This will give the main blocks a good break under these harsh winter conditions. As it is Par on the 5th July, there is no problem for the Tuesday Ladies.

We have been getting good numbers going to the Open Days in the District and just last Friday we had 10 members at Foxton's Open Day. A good number of Saturday Ladies as well which is great.

Midweek Ladies

We are getting good numbers with some very keen players who don't mind braving the weather. The Collinson, Wills and Bennett match play draw is up in the locker room, so do check out dates etc.

9 Hole Senior Ladies

Karen tells me even though the weather is not to their liking they have still been getting good numbers turning up.

Saturday Ladies Interclub - report from Jules Honore

On the 18th June we had the Feilding Interclub at Manawatu with approximately 34 players in the field. Initially the weather was not so kind with fine drizzle which soon dispersed leaving us with a relatively fine day. The golf was enjoyable, however the overall scores were not the best we have seen! There were a couple of outstanding scores from each side and Manawatu managed to win back the salver from the Feilding Ladies which was a great result. Manawatu Stableford average was 29 and Feilding 25. A few of the Tuesday ladies joined in as well, and enjoyed playing and meeting other players.

The Saturday Ladies also organised a wonderful and well supported raffle of baking/plants etc and this meant that most of the ladies went home with something even if their golf was not all they had hoped for.

Many thanks to Jules and her committee for such a successful day.

Pennants

Unfortunately our combined pennant dinner on Friday 1st July was cancelled because of lack of numbers. Deborah has organised a dinner for the Championship and Weekend Pennant girls, and the Selectors for the mid-week pennant teams will let you know shortly what they plan to do.

We had our final day of Silver and Districts Pennants on Monday 27th June at Rangitikei. Our Silver Team managed a draw against Marton, the eventual winners. Rangitira were runners up just 1 point behind. The District Team were up against Eketahuna with some matches going down to the wire. Marton also won the District Pennant. Well done Marton.

WOMENS GOLF

Pennants continued

The final rounds of the women's Championship and Weekend Pennant competitions were played on Sunday 19th at Foxton Golf Club, after rain affected that round in May. The final aim for our Manawatu Championship team of Rebecca and Mudra was to bring home enough points to finish third on their own. This was achieved against Feilding so a good positive finish of 3rd out of 9 teams.

The players that were part of this achievement over the season were, Karen Manninen, Rebecca Hopper, Charlotte Bedford, Mudra Lakhani and Tania Hook.

The overall winners were the Wanganui team of Tara Raj and Carron Thompson who were unbeaten as a team – it was only our team of Tania Hook and Rebecca Hopper who managed a draw against them in round 9.

Our Weekend Team knew they had a tough final match against Pahiatua needing a full win to hold Rangatira at bay. Unfortunately it was not to be for Eva and Lily who had brought home a number of solid full wins prior.

A big thankyou to Karen Wemyss, Janine Healy, Megan Williams, Eva Heinrich and Lily Griffin who all contributed to the points tally enabling the team to finish 2nd out of 10 teams. A terrific finish.

Well done to all our players. A rest now and then look out 2017!!

Coming up

An alteration to the program for the Midweek players. The 19th July will now be an LGU & Putting Day to tie in with the Saturday Ladies.

Saturday 16th July, we have an interclub with Palmerston North at Palmerston North Golf Club. You will be able to enter on the Manawatu Golf Club web site, or ring the office. We would like as many as possible to support this event.

1st Qualifying Round Club Championships starts on the 26th and 30th July. This year there are 3 Qualifying rounds fortnightly apart so as many as possible can take part. Only 1 Round is required to qualify.

Good golfing.

Angela Pivac - Womens Club Captain



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RULES CORNER

Members have probably heard enough regarding the Dustin Johnson penalty he incurred on the 5th hole on the last round of the recent US Open. However this matter does raise some interesting issues with regard to how and why this penalty was applied. As most will have seen (ad nauseum) the infraction occurred as Dustin was about to putt on the 5th green. With the benefit of repeated ultra-slow motion close-up views of his actions prior to making his putting stroke, we saw him take a couple of practice swings, grounding his putter between each of these practice swings – all quite close to the ball – then immediately before he was to make his stroke, he slid the putter behind the ball and held it hovered off the ground – at this point the ball moved backward very slightly (my estimate about one sixth to one eighth of a revolution). These facts and events were never in dispute. However the following actions of USGA officials created quite an outpouring of opinions and statements from commentators and some high profile professional golfers.

Dustin Johnson, upon realising his ball had moved, immediately called a USGA Rules official to get a ruling on his correct procedure before playing his next stroke. This official was told by Dustin what had happened and that his ball had moved but he was adamant that his actions had NOT caused the ball to move. This official asked Dustin “are you sure you did not cause the ball to move?” and Dustin again repeated he was sure that he had not. Based on this information only, I believe this official gave the correct decision that there was no penalty and Dustin should proceed by playing the ball from its new position – which he duly did and completed the hole in par. This official would have had in mind the nature of the extremely slick and contoured greens at Oakmont that may result in a ball at rest moving. In hindsight, this official should have advised Dustin then that his actions immediately prior to the ball moving might be subject to TV review and recommended Dustin complete the hole with his original ball and a second ball (replaced to its original position) and report the facts to the committee at the completion of his round.

The subsequent sequence of events created the furore and widespread condemnation of the actions of USGA officials. On the 12th tee, some 2 hours later, USGA officials advised Dustin that they were “reviewing” the events on the 5th green and that he may yet be subject to a 1 stroke penalty for causing his ball to move! Their reasoning for the timing of this was to alert Dustin and his fellow competitors to the possibility of a penalty being imposed and the players in contention could complete their rounds with this knowledge. We all now know that they did in fact eventually impose a 1 stroke penalty which fortunately did not affect the outcome of the tournament with Dustin Johnson the worthy winner by 3 strokes.

The USGA Rules officials based their final decision in this case on their interpretation of the Decision 18-2/0.5 which discusses at length the weight of evidence standard for determining whether a player caused his ball to move, and with the benefit of repeated TV views (slow motion and close up) concluded the weight of evidence indicated that it is more likely than not that Dustin caused the ball to move, even though that conclusion was not free from doubt. Again based on the evidence from TV reviews, this was probably the right conclusion – the timing of their review and the manner in which they advised Dustin however led to the outpouring of anger and frustration.

RULES CORNER

There are several issues arising from this whole saga which we as club golfers should consider:

1. The actions of Dustin Johnson throughout the whole process were faultless and demonstrated the highest standards of integrity, honesty and fairness. It behoves us all to aspire to these standards.
2. Consider this situation arising during say a qualifying round for our club championships – what would be the correct procedure for a player to follow. The player involved is duty bound to report to his marker that his ball has moved – and then it is up to the two players to attempt to make the right decision based on the facts available to them – if agreement cannot be reached, the player should complete the hole with both the original ball played from its new position and a second ball replaced to its original position – and report the incident and facts of the case to the committee immediately after the round is completed (see Rule 3-3).
3. If a similar situation occurs in local tournaments where Rules Officials may be available, the player should follow Dustin Johnson's example and seek an immediate ruling – and without the prospect and benefit of TV replays, that ruling would stand.
4. Rule 18-2 clearly states that “when a ball is in play, if the player causes the ball to move, the player incurs a penalty of 1 stroke – and the ball must be replaced”. If a player who is required to replace a ball fails to do so he incurs the general penalty for breach of Rule 18 (2 strokes in stroke play). It is of interest that Dustin Johnson was deemed to have caused his ball to move, played it from its new position (ie he did not replace it) but was penalised just the 1 stroke – I can only conclude that as he was he proceeding under instruction from a USGA Rules official, the requirement to replace the ball was waived?
5. This incident emphasises the potential problems that may arise as a result of any of a player's actions near a ball in play – make sure your practice swings are well away from the ball. I suspect the Dustin Johnson incident will be seen as setting a precedent for future rulings by officials.

Ian Anderson

ENTERING SCORECARDS CORRECTLY

We have had a few instances of late where scorecards have been entered incorrectly or late. **Please remember it is your responsibility to check this is right.** The Club policy is for the marker to enter the players score into the touch screen. This should be done under the supervision of the player to ensure it is correct. The Match Committee want to see scorecards entered within 15 minutes of the completion of your round. Failure to do so may equal disqualification from any of the day's competitions.

It is embarrassing for all involved if an incorrect winner is read out at prize giving, so if all members can make a conscious effort to get the entry correct, that would be appreciated.

MIXED 9 HOLE

Not such good weather for golf so well done to all those players still turning up and slogging it out.

We are getting through the Gillespie and Lavender Cup matches and congratulations to those players still in the running. The final for the Walker/Georgel Cup is still to be played as some of the finalists have been away.

Congratulations to Carolyn Gibson on her "Hole in One" on No 4. A great thrill for Carolyn who has not been playing long which just shows anyone can do this. Carolyn's hole in one comes hot on the heels of one from Liz Burgess in May ... who will it be next month?

A group went to Rangitira open day last week. It was very wet underfoot but always a nice course to play at. Well done to those players who received a prize.

We have done well selling our Entertainment Books but we do have a couple left. These books have great savings in them and are available from the Club office or myself.

We have had enough rain now long may the course dry out a bit and allow us to improve our golf.

Colleen Fraser



Carolyn Gibson - Hole in One
4th hole on 12th June 2016



Liz Burgess - Hole in One
11th hole on 18th May 2016

MANAWATU WEDDING EXPO

The Manawatu Golf Club had a stand at the Manawatu Wedding Expo on June 12th to promote the Club as a Wedding Venue.

We had a very successful day speaking to a large amount of potential couples.

Thank you to Tracey from Nigella Flowers for doing a fantastic job on the flowers for the stand.

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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 May 2016.

Full playing men – Paul Carroll, Jeremy Cotter, Justin Kawana, Suwit Pitchart, Bill Towler

Non-competition men – Patrizio Capasso, Ray Roberts, Christian Smith

Non-competition women – Alana Anderson

Full playing women – Marie Buckman

9 hole women – Jenny Kim

9 hole senior women – Mary Speirs

Country men – Dave Ryder

Under 25 men – Adam Milne

Social women – Tara Capasso

Restricted junior boys – Michael Birchall, Max Harris, Benjamin Roberts

During this same period, 12 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1010 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 recently 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 – Wallace Campbell, Charles Kerr

Restricted Junior Boys – Flynn Yates, Maea Kawana

Tertiary men – Michael Wickham, Josh Hanretty

Under 25 men – Chicago Wiperi

Under 30 men – Ben Clutterbuck

Tertiary women – Yuen Tung Lee

NEW MEMBERS FUN DAY

Unfortunately we had to cancel the June new members fun day due to the terrible weather. The next date in the diary is **Sunday 17th July**.

All members who have joined in the last 12 months will receive an email invitation for these days each month. This is a great opportunity to play in a relaxed environment while meeting other new players.

THIS MONTH IN THE HOKOWHITU CAFÉ & BAR

A new arrival!

At 7.30am on Saturday 19th June Te Rau gave birth to a 7 pound baby boy. Te Kakano O Te Totara Charles Tuhiwai Baxter (Totara for short!) is yet to make his first visit to the Club but we all look forward to seeing them both soon.



Mid-Winter Christmas Functions (available until the end of July)

If you'd like to book a group for lunch or dinner in July, contact Stephanie to enquire about our Mid-Winter Christmas packages. For \$35.00 per person you can enjoy a delicious buffet meal or set menu in a private room.

End of Year Christmas Functions

It sounds crazy but with several end of year functions already booked here at the Club, now is the time to start thinking about your Christmas function and locking in your preferred date. Create your own event or book one of our great value Christmas packages that include a fun golf activity, fingerfood, non-alcoholic punch, buffet or set menu meal and a private function room for only \$60 per person. Contact Stephanie for more information on events@manawatugolfclub.com or 357 8793 ext 4.

Members discount for private functions – 30 % discount off venue hire

Don't forget that members can get a 30% discount off venue hire for a personal event held at the Club.

Please note discount does not apply to members who have business or corporate bookings and the members Café and Bar discount does not apply for functions.

Friday Dining

The Café team continue to provide delicious meals on Friday evenings right through winter so give them a call on 357 8793 ext 3 to book a table.



Gift vouchers

Hokowhitu Café and Bar gift vouchers can be purchased from the Club office. These are made out to the value of your choice and are an ideal gift for that hard to buy for person!

Jams, Chutneys & Frozen Meals

Jams, chutneys and a constantly changing selection of frozen meals are always available from the Café. These are all made on the premises by our talented team so make sure you check out the selection next time you're in the Clubhouse.

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We are excited to announce our sponsorship of the Manawatu Golf Club's mid-week men's competition, The Wade Cup. That tee'd off Wednesday June 1st. We are proud of our association with the Manawatu Golf Club, and look forward to presenting the monthly winner with the prize of a complimentary wash and groom and the use of a loan car for the day.

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