

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was fantastic to see many of our membership enjoy Opening Day on Jan 27th and also to have great support at the AGM on Jan 29th.

Opening and Closing Days are a feature of our MGC year and an opportunity for all membership groups to enjoy each other's company. 55 couples competed in the Canadian Foursomes and the clubhouse was a buzz after the round with stories told of places their partners took them.

As is tradition, the carpark raffle was drawn, and the car park auction took place. We raised over \$3000 for the club via the auction and raffle. Congratulations to Mel Mumby, Derek Walker, and Jade Te Rure for winning the raffle, and thanks to Amanda and Lyall Schroder for winning the auction.

At Opening Day, we also took the opportunity to formally present the Golf NZ Rose Bowl to Jill Clifton, Casey Chettleburgh, and Shengyi Ye — this prestigious trophy was won by the MGC ladies and the club late in 2023 and it was nice to be able to present it in person to these three champions.



Monday the 29th of Jan was business time at the AGM. I take strong attendance (82 members) as strong support for the direction the club are heading. Alva Joe presented a detailed and very transparent financial report for FY23. He also alluded to the goals and priorities for FY24. I was thrilled that Stuart Robbie took the opportunity to acknowledge the huge contribution Alva makes to the MGC as Club Treasurer. Alva ensures our club finances are in a strong place and recorded and shared accurately with the membership. Stuart also acknowledged the contribution of all volunteers and their massive contribution to the club. The contribution of Life Member John Bills was warmly acknowledged by those in attendance — good on you Billsy — you are a club legend.

There were no motions to consider at the AGM but there were a number of — largely operational — questions during General Business. I do encourage members who have questions around anything happening at a governance level at MGC to take the opportunity to email the Course Committee (Stuart Robbie, Chair), Match Committee (Dave Boswell CC) or Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (Alva Joe, Chair). If it is more of an operational question, the first port of call for golf questions is Operations Manager Andre White or for all Club Operations please drop in to see James (GM).

If you haven't had the chance yet, please take the opportunity to read through the President's Report in the Annual Report (click [HERE](#)) — I have been told it is some of my best work to date! But in all seriousness, it celebrates and summarises a great year in 2023 and sets out the priorities and challenges facing us in 2024. I have a copy of my report in the bathroom and read it often, just to remind me of what I said!

The AGM also formally approved and welcomed

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the new 2024 MGC Committee. It is great to have the continuity of Wayne, James, and Natasha (re-elected unopposed) and Leander (Ladies Rep), and we welcome Steve Aburn to the team and know he will bring a great skillset to the FCC. Congratulations to the elected Exec members Stuart Robbie (VP), Alva Joe (Treasurer), and new Club Captain Dave Boswell. I am really proud to start my 6<sup>th</sup> year as MGC President, and I am looking forward to working with the committee, for the members, for a great year at the Manawatu Golf Club.

This is the first monthly newsletter of the year, but it is very obvious much has happened around the course and club house in the first month of 2024. The removal of trees from the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee, the recruitment of new staff, and the simply outstanding surfacing of the path from the carpark to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee have all made immediate improvements to our club. These are detailed in this newsletter and if this is a sign of the progress and achievement our club will make this year then there is no doubt in my mind that “this is our year.”

All the best for great golf and great times at the Manawatu Golf Club.

**Brent Cawthray**  
President

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to 2024 at the Manawatu Golf Club.

I hope everyone had a great break over what has been a lovely summer. It was neat to reconnect with our great members at Opening Day, and it is also nice to welcome new members to the MGC.

The year has started fast on the course. We are all grateful to Kiel and the team who managed the removal of the Pines next to the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee. This certainly opens up the course, and whilst we still have work to do to bring the ground back to a useable state, there is genuine excitement about the plan for a MGC community vege garden and a new native tree nursery. We have the plans and concept drawings for this area, and these will be presented to the Course Committee this month and shared with the membership as soon as possible after that.

The new path from the club house to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee looks sensational. This is the first of our major cart path projects this year. Major projects like this are expensive (circa \$22k) and we are determined to do these properly to future proof the course. We are so grateful to two of our lovely members who have made a significant contribution to the cost of this project — their donation is truly altruistic, and they do not want any recognition — on behalf of our grateful members — thank you.

### Welcome New Staff

Fàilte Hannah Robb. I hope you've all had a chance to meet Hannah and say Fàilte (fahl cheh) which is welcome in Scottish Gaelic. Hannah has made a great start and fits into the team really well. We are looking forward to her leading our junior programmes, delivering female golf programmes, and also providing coaching and lessons for all members.

Welcome Bruce Long. Bruce joins us as the Hokowhitu Café Restaurant Manager. Bruce is a local lad with fantastic international experience. Bruce grew up in Feilding and Whanganui and has spent the last 10 years in the UK. He has great experience in fine dining as a restaurant manager and we are really looking forward to him leading our team. Bruce will be responsible for everything that goes on in the café and restaurant — specifically around top-class service.

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## Congratulations Nikki.

Nikki Ousey has moved into the Head Chef position. Nikki has been a fantastic member of staff for 12 years and we are delighted that she has stepped up to the Head Chef role. Nikki has big plans and is fizzing to take on this role. Nikki really impressed us through the interview process and for the first time in a long time we have a full team of Chefs (Sam, Twinkle, Michael). Watch out for a new menu in Feb. Nikki is responsible for everything that goes on in the Kitchen, and most importantly everything that goes out of the kitchen!

## Farewell Steve Munn.

The Munn family have been a big part of our Greens team and club for a number of years. Steve has been with us since 2020 and is invaluable with both his range of practical skills and great common sense. We wish Steve all the best as he moves to Papamoa to enjoy some good weather and step into the granddad's role to Josh's new twins.

## Congratulations to Brydie.

Congratulations to Brydie on stepping into the new Junior Golf Coordinators role. This position was made possible through the generous support of NZ Community Trust. Brydie's goals in this role include growing our amazing junior golf programme, increasing junior membership, and leading our female golf ambition sub-committee. I am delighted to report that in 2024 places in junior classes have increased from 64 to 90 (9 classes). The waitlist has reduced from 96 to 48 and we are looking at ways of providing alternative junior programmes, such as Holiday Golf programmes, to those on our waitlist. MGC are also running a pilot programme, partnering with PNGHS on a 'Give it a Go' 6-week programme, if successful we will look to roll it out with other schools in our community.

## Sponsorship.

Sponsorship is a really important part of our club's income. The goal in FY2024 is to reach \$100k of sponsorship — and thanks to our simply awesome sponsors, we are very close. We do have an opportunity for a key sponsor to partner with MGC on naming rights for our putting green. If this is an

area your business may be interested in, please let me know. Same goes for our new MGC gardens and native tree nursery. These are really worthwhile and high-exposure projects that have the potential to engage with well beyond our 1150 members.

## AGM

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM on Monday, it is great to have the support of an engaged membership. Please don't feel you need to wait to an AGM to ask operational questions, my office is open, and I am here to listen and to help whenever and wherever I can.

With the 2023 Annual Report complete, the AGM minutes written, the 2024 programme available to members, and key appointments made to staff, it's been a busy start to the year. My focus now turns to planning for the Brian Green Property Group Super 6's and the Robertson Prestige Pro Am — these are awesome events that rely on our volunteers to be successful. Registrations for the Pro Am open on Monday and with the new format and the new Robertson Prestige Pro's Shoot Out, it is sure to be an exciting day — please save the date of April 3–7 to be on course to see the best golfers in NZ in action!

## Nga Mihi

### James

P.S - One of our major sponsors, BMW, and specifically Arnie, has asked if he could use his sponsorship space in the newsletter to let people know that he has lost his Pitching Wedge. If anyone has found a Callaway P Wedge, please let Aaron Kibblewhite know.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

It is with immense pride that I write my very first article for this newsletter as the 2024 Club Captain.



## WHO IS DAVE BOSWELL (BOZ)?

I thought I should start by telling you a bit about myself. So, I am a local lad, born in Foxton and went to primary schools at Sanson, Kiwitea, and Lytton Street Feilding. I then

completed my education at that esteemed finishing college — Feilding Agricultural High School.

I had a whole career with the Post Office/New Zealand Post, starting as a Telegraph boy at the Feilding Post Office and after years of different roles and promotions ended up moving to Auckland in 1993 to take up a District Managers role. Over the last eight years I was the Regional Retail Manager for all the Post shops and staff from the Harbour Bridge through to Kaitia.

While doing this I met my lovely wife Debbie who is Auckland born and bred, but since moving to Palmerston North in 2018, she has no desire to return. Debbie loves Palmy and has made friends with a number of club members and also members' wives.

I have two children. Mark, who is married with two beautiful little girls, Zoe and Olivia, lives in Auckland. Ashleigh lives in Palmy and has a very handsome young lad, Nixon, who is 3. You may have seen Ashleigh's business, "The Styling Room", opposite the Hokowhitu 4 Square.

After shifting back to Palmy in 2018 it was always my intention to join the Manawatu Golf Club and what a fantastic experience it has been since. I was made to feel very welcome from day one by staff

and members alike and playing with great facilities and course — how does it get any better?

I've spent the last three years on the committee — the last two as Deputy Club Captain. While deputising to "Savs" I developed a passion for our pennant's teams and also the development of our junior players. These will remain my focus over the next year while also addressing the other needs of my role as the season progresses.

I'm a great believer that even though we have an excellent course, abundant practice facilities, outstanding clubrooms and staff, it is the members who make a club what it is. So, in my role as Club Captain, I see a major focus on making sure all our members are enjoying their golf, regardless of their type of membership.

It is appropriate for me to acknowledge the efforts and work put in by the outgoing Club Captain, Alan Savell (Savs). The amount of background work Savs has completed, which will make the job of future Club Captains a lot easier, has been huge. I will miss his flamboyant style when addressing members on Saturday evenings. Savs has also provided a lot of information and advice to ensure a smooth transition for me into the role of Club Captain. Thanks so much, Savs.

Down to business then:

## PENNANTS GOLF:

This coming season I'm pleased to say we have had record numbers of men players wanting to represent our great club. 45 in total!!

Along with the normal Women's grades, there is, as well as the men's 36-hole competition, a new men's 18-hole fourball/ singles competition featuring home and away games on a club's traditional golfing day — which, incidentally, was raised and championed by our club at a Manawatu/Wanganui Association meeting some two years ago.

Manawatu men have then opted for the 18-hole competition with teams entered into the A, B, D & E grades. This means that on 17 February you will get

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to see the first of the new pennants format being played here. Our B grade team plays Rangitikei, and our E grade team plays Tawhero. The games will be played as part of our normal Saturday draw, and I'm sure you will welcome both our teams and our visitors while on the course and in the clubrooms afterwards.

As mentioned above, we have had a tremendous response following our call for interest to play men's pennants in 2024. Hopefully this reflects our club's push for an 18-hole pennant competition. Following careful consideration of handicap, experience, previous results and compatibility, the manager/selectors wish to announce the following squads to represent the Manawatu Golf Club for the 2024 season:

**A-grade squad:** Mitchell Proctor, Ewan Westergaard, Brett Edmonds, Greg Shaw (manager/selector), Daniel Haretuku, Regan McConaghty, Micah Bremner, Craig Nash.

**B-grade squad:** Bradley Morgan, Mark Denton, Kirk Brough, James Saywell-Summers (manager/selector), Brett Doolan, Jason Westwood, Campbell Ogilvie, Shane Hearn.

**D-grade squad:** Steven Charles, Scott Robson, Warren Herbert, Kaleb Fagan, Samuel Turner, Michael J Smith, Bert Chang, Richard Shaw (manager/selector).

**E-grade squad:** Ryan Block, Trevor Shailer, Jack Clarke, Brian Spencer, Des Armstrong, Steve Aburn, Harry Taffs (manager/selector), Nathan Sycamore. Reserves Ray Roberts, Ben James.

The first round of pennants is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The A-grade team has the bye, the B-grade team hosts Rangitikei, the D-grade team travels to Waimarino, and the E-grade team hosts Tawhero. Have a look in the card room for more details about where and when all our teams are playing this season.

## OPENING DAY:

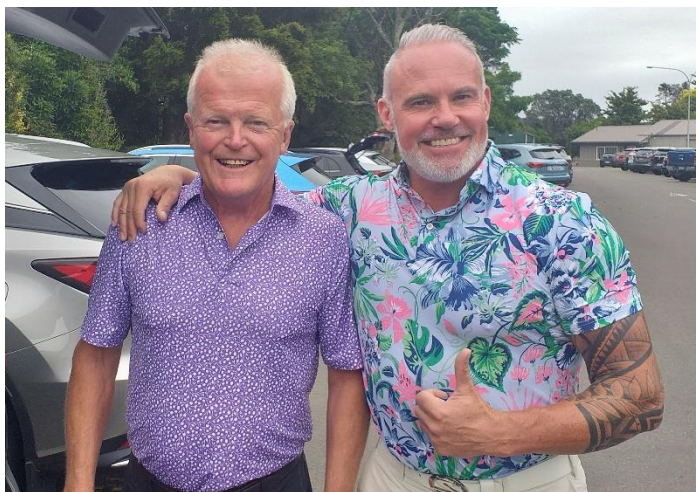
Opening Day took place on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Kerry Abel and Doug Jones who won the Queenan Memorial Salver with +4 Par in the

Canadian Foursomes Competition. Runners up were Jo Hawkins & Wayne Revell (+3).

Some photos from the day can be seen below.



Above: Kerry Abel & Doug Jones.



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## B&A AND WATSON CUP:

This is the annual handicap competition for men, and the qualification round will be played on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. The top 16 qualifiers play for the B&A Cup and the next 16 play for the the Watson Cup. Both competitions are then played for under handicap matchplay conditions. Make sure you register your name if you want to play in the competition.

## MCLENNANS CUP:

The McLennans Cup is commonly regarded as the elite men's pairs competition in the club. Members should be thinking about who they will partner up with for this most sought-after trophy. Registrations for this close on 17 February. The entry list can be found in the card room.

## MEN'S SHOOTOUT:

Warren Williams is again running the very popular Shootout competition. He is taking names and the entry fee of \$40 from now on. If you want your scores for February and March to be included, then you need to pay Warren before the end of March.

Good golfing to all members.

**Dave Boswell**

**Club Captain**



## CRAIGS INVESTMENT PARTNERS "ROAD TO THE NZ OPEN"

- Played on the first Saturday of each month Feb – November (10 per year).
- The Craigs Investment Partners "Road to the NZ Open" is free to enter for MGC members.
- Stableford Competition open to both Male and Female members of MGC (morning and afternoon field, open start sheet).
- Played from Blue (Men) and White (Women) tees.
- The Craigs Investment Partners "Road to the NZ Open winner" will be the best 5 combined Stableford Scores during the year. The winner (if on a Handicap of 20 and under) will go into the national draw for Pro Am Entry to NZ Open. If the handicap is 21 and above, they will go into the draw for a Hospitality Package at the NZ Open. MGC is guaranteed to have an entry into the draw from each of the above categories.
- 2024 Male and Female top points scorer (Combined 5 best Stableford) to be presented with an engraved Tankard. Tankard provided by MGC.
- There will be a monthly Craigs Investment Partners "Road to the NZ Open" winner who will win a prize (prize provided and presented by Craigs Investment Partners).
- On the first Saturday of each month, the Golf Shop will also have a special Club Haggie that any member can enter, based on the same competition as the Craigs Investment Partners "Road to the NZ Open". Cost to enter is \$10. \$5 will go to the Prize Pool and \$5 will go towards the Te Awa Community Foundation - this is a great local community foundation that allows MGC to give back to our own community and support local projects.



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## ROBERTSON PRESTIGE SUPER 6 PRO AM - WEDNESDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> 10AM

Entries Open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb for the Robertson Prestige Pro Am. This event is sure to sell out, so please enter by contacting [gm@manawatugolfclub.com](mailto:gm@manawatugolfclub.com) from Monday.

This year we have some great developments to make the event even better.

### Robertson Prestige Pro Am One

This year's event is being held on April 3rd, which is outside Daylight Savings hours. For this reason, and the fact that we are introducing the Super 6 Shoot Out for Pros on the same day as the Pro Am, there is just **One Pro Am event starting at 10am**. This One Pro Am replaces the morning and afternoon field Pro Ams offered in previous years. We are anticipating high demand for this event. We have limited the field to a maximum of 36 teams registered — 18 of these spots have already been taken by our fantastic hole sponsors, so there are 18 spots for teams available.

On Monday we will announce some pretty exciting news around the 8<sup>th</sup> Hole in the Pro Am and the chance to drive away from the course in a brand new Audi .....

### Pro Am Shoot Out

The Pros you are playing with are also playing to qualify for the Pro Am Shoot Out, which takes place on the same day as the Pro Am, at 4pm. All Pro Am players are invited to join the Shoot Out as spectators as we watch one Pro drop out on each of the 6 Play Off holes, playing for a \$5k Prize Pool. If your team's Pro wins the Shoot Out then your Pro Am team will have free entry into the 2025 Pro Am!

### Amazing Prize Table

The Pro Am this year starts at 10am, with Prize Giving scheduled for 3.30pm. A Prize Table valued in excess of \$15000 is up for grabs, including rounds at Wairakei, Kinloch, Royal Wellington, and Paraparaumu Beach!

### More Food

Entry includes a 9am Pro Am Brunch and the Pro Am Cocktail hour (cash bar) from 3-4pm for Prize Giving.

### Speights Ale House Hospitality Hole

This year we welcome back Tim and the team from Speights Ale House to provide the always popular Speights Ale House Hospitality Hole!

### Cost

Even with more food, improved hospo on course, increased Prize Table value ... oh and the chance to win an Audi, the cost is less than last year's Pro Am PM entry. This is to ensure the existing morning Pro Am players are not priced out of the event. The cost per team is \$750 + GST which is \$250 + GST per player. \*(2024 price is \$862.50 inclusive compared to 2023 \$920 inclusive in for the afternoon field).

### The Brian Green Property Group Super 6s

This is going to be a wonderful event with the timing in 2024 meaning we will attract NZ's top PGA Professionals. The tournament does not clash with any events in Australasia (outside of an Australasian Tour Q school event). We hope to welcome leading players like Kazuma Kabori, Mike Hendry, and past champions Kerry Mountcastle and reigning 2023 champion Jordy Loof back in 2024. The only past champion we don't expect to see this year is Dan Hillier who is doing fairly well on the DP World Tour!



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Pre tee off BBQ
- 1pm** Shotgun Start
- 5pm** After golf food and beverage  
Prize Giving and Charity Auction

## TO ENTER A TEAM CONTACT:

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**Mike Godinet:**  
027 532 4724  
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# MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

Into another year — how quick they pass!

We finished last year on a high, having a great Fun Day (beating the weather) with a great group of golfers, followed by a lovely dinner and prizegiving. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Now we enter another year, and we can't complain about the weather except it's TOO hot for some of us!

Our summer competitions were well competed for by Wednesday and Saturday players. The Gross winner was Andrew Sievwright, and the Stableford winner was Barry Rolle. Well done to both of you.

Now we begin the serious stuff. We have started with full fields on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, even with some players still on holiday.

A good contingent are playing at Linton Camp on Friday — a real fun day with everyone getting a prize (a meat pack for your tea). Good luck team !!!!

Good golfing everyone. Enjoy this nice weather!



**Above:** Congratulations to Hayden Robison on his Hole in One on Hole 16 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.

**Colleen Fraser**

**Nine Hole Club Captain**



**Above:** 9-Hole Prizegiving Recipients 2023

# WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN

Welcome to our 2024 golf season!

Hopefully you were all able to have time to enjoy something for you over the month of January. Some of you may have had a chance to keep cool — be it beach, lake, pool, or even airconditioned movies. You may have had a game of golf on a different challenging course. Good for our brain and game to test ourselves and if all else fails, the scenery is always worth looking at.

We are particularly fortunate to have the facilities and resources to water our course as driving around the country over our summer shows just how dry golf courses can become without this bonus.

By the time you read this the season will be opened and you will be ready to get your golf up to speed. Those of you who were able to play Opening Day would have been able to celebrate that the MGC women's team who won the MWGA Gross Stableford Rosebowl had a good enough score to win the National Trophy. This is quite a large trophy — as you can see — and although Manawatu have won this three times in the past, it has been quite a long time between drinks. Manawatu's previous wins were in 1987 (Terri Williams, Margaret Higgins, and Val Goldfinch); 1990 (Mary Hong, Jean Whitehead, and Jo Williamson); and 2000 (Karen Russell, Claire Dury, and Pauline Tonner) — and now we have our 2023 winners! So, congratulations to Casey Chettleburgh, Shengyi Ye, and Jill Clifton on their incredibly special win!!

Now we head into our 2024 golf season and all the golf available for you to enjoy. Rebecca Hopper is the contact person for Saturday 18-hole women's golf and Sue Spiers will be looking after the Tuesday golf. Bridget Morris is supporting the Tuesday 9-hole golfers, and I am always around if you would like to ask a question or just have a chat.

Women's pennants will be starting shortly with various options for 18-hole members to play. Playing on Sundays is Championship pennants playing 36 holes (foursomes and singles, off the stick). Weekend pennants is 18 holes of singles and 4BBB matchplay off handicap, and playing on Monday's, true to label, Monday pennants is 18 holes matchplay off handicap. If you are interested

in any of these matchplay competitions or if you would like more information, give me a yell.

Our golf programme is ready to go with a range of competitions for you. LGU (strokeplay), Putting, Par, and Stableford. There are also Home Links competitions, which is where Rebecca Hopper won the National Coronation Medal. Also, National teams and Nancy McCormick Foursomes (36-hole alternate shots) played on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March — book it in! Thursday Club starts with the first round on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This is open to 18-hole women, book online and a draw is done with play starting from 9am. This is an accumulative stableford competition with the best 5 out of 14 rounds counted ready for a shootout in October. Any other Thursdays are simply play as you book. This can all be a little confusing, but more information will come to you with further details for all of these competitions.

There are often Open Days at other golf clubs so look out for posters in the locker room or Club Events on the MWGA website.

Basically, what it means is make the most of all the golf that is out there for you. Catch up with your golf friends and welcome new friends, as golf is a game for all ages and stages. Enjoy your 2024.

## Deb Archer - Women's Club Captain



# NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in November and December 2023.

- 7 Day:** Kim Bergerson, Hamish Clare, Ben Gunning, Michael Hilson, Ben Marks, Leanh Nguyen, Craig Tucker, Derek Wagner
- 6 Day:** Tae Ja Kim
- 5 Day:** David Brokenshire, Sung Kwan Cha, Deepak Joon, Han Jin Ryu
- Under 30:** Jacob Bennett, Chris Denholm, Maxim Jenkinson, Ashleigh Linstead, Jacob Satherley, Phil Ternouth
- Under 25:** Steven Bamford, Jack Garforth, Adam Martin
- Tertiary:** John Blackwell, Christina Jiao, A J Martin, Macgregor O'Fee, Theo Smales
- 9 Hole:** Zach Cameron, Allen and Joanna Foegeding, Sunny Lee, Sunwoo Lee, Andy Marshal, Andy Martin, Tamara McGechan, Frances Ruddiman
- 9 Hole Snr:** John Cameron, Robert Joe
- Full Jnr:** James Crawley
- Restricted Jnr:** Hudson Aish, Jack Aitken-Cade, Minyoung Kim, Clarabella McGechan, Hanu Rana, Diego Rosson, Zac Tarrant, Jack Tyson, Blair Verry, Nicholas Verry
- Country:** Matthew Ford
- Social:** Marius Alers, Peter Flynn
- Team Zenith here for 3 months:** Seunghui Ha, Junhwan In, Pilgyo Jang, Daehyun Kim, Jia Kim, Juhui Kim, Tae Hyeong Kim, Hyunmi Kwak, Jeong Joo Lee, Sangwon Lee, Seonmul Lee

During this same period, 41 members resigned, bringing our total membership number to 1181 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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUPER 6'S

The Brian Green Property Group NZ Super 6's will be held at the MGC from 1st - 7th April. Each year our amazing volunteers help make this event a success. We are on the hunt for volunteers to help make this year's event a success too.

If this is something you are able to help with, please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register your interest as a volunteer.





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## GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone. I hope you all managed to get away from work and get on the golf course over the holiday season.

### **Congratulations Brydie:**

Brydie is now a Fully Qualified PGA Professional. Brydie breezed through her three years training and finished a very impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in her final year of academics.

### **Welcome To Our New PGA Professional:**

We have had a new addition to our team arrive this last week. Hannah has arrived this week from Scotland and is looking forward to meeting you all. Hannah has initially signed up for a 6-month stay to get away from the cold UK weather.

Hannah started playing golf at 15 and went on to play college golf at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. After graduating, Hannah returned to Scotland, where she turned professional and completed her PGA training at Elie Links and Sonning Golf Club.

As part of the coaching team at MGC, Hannah will be offering clinics, junior golf coaching, and individual lessons.

### **What's New In the Golf World:**

There are plenty of new toys that have just arrived or are about to arrive in store over the coming month. See us in store to have a play or ask any questions about the new gear.

New toys that have arrived:

- New Ping G430 10K Driver
- New Callaway Paradym Ai Smoke Driver, Woods, Irons

New toys on their way:

- Cobra Darkspeed Drivers, Woods, Irons
- Titleist Vokey Wedges SM10 range
- Scotty Cameron Phantom Putter



Just remember, if you have any questions regarding your game, please don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help!

**Your Golf Shop Team - Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, Guy, Hannah, & Corbyn**

# COURSE NEWS

Happy New Year to all — let's hope 2024 is even more exciting than the previous year. We have finally had a summer! Temperatures have been challenging out on the course, but it is wonderful to have time with the family at beaches and the evening BBQs. I hope everyone has had a good break, even got out on the course, and enjoyed the conditions.

Before the holiday break we renovated our greens. We used hollow cores and verticutted behind. This was to aerate the profile and create a seed bed for more browntop seed. The greens reacted well and have bounced back well. Everyone would have noticed the greens have been somewhat slower, this is due to browntop being in the perfect conditions for growth. We have applied and do apply growth regulators monthly to control this for a consistent speed throughout the day. Surrounds and fairways remain in good conditions. Tees get a hammering from the amount of traffic that we have. During the holiday period we ran small staff numbers, so some areas were let go, but we aim to have everything back to normal as soon as possible. We continue to work on bunkers, this is tidying up the edges, weeding, and filling up with sand.

A big talking point of recent times would be the number of holes around the course, this is due to irrigation issues. I assure you that we are working towards a plan moving forward. The main issues for the irrigation are older parts and stones being drawn up from the bore. A filter has been added to the outside of the pump shed to help with the stone issues.

By now I'm sure you have all noticed the big tree plantation to the left of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee blocks has gone. This was due to Health and Safety. We are working on a plan to utilise the area as best as possible. We are looking at developing raised garden beds, with the possibility of a volunteer base looking after them — something exciting for the near future.

Steve Munn has resigned from the team for personal reasons, and we wish him all the best. Steve brought a great skillset and was a huge asset to the team — he will be greatly missed. With that happening, we are working on a full team, a team that will stick with us for the next 3-5 years.

Over the next couple of months, we are aiming to

finish off and tidy any outstanding work, build up the course to be consistent and ready to kick off to the major tournament just after Easter. On that note, if there is anyone who can help in anyway, please contact Chrissy Rose, and she will then pass your details on to me. I am very grateful for the volunteers that help.

We look forward to seeing you all out on the course for an exciting year ahead. Please continue to repair your pitchmarks and replace your divots — doing this helps keeps the course in good condition. Think of the person following behind you.

Good luck for your month ahead with all the competitions, and welcome to all the new members.

**Kiel Stechman**

**Course Superintendent**



# WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Please note this programme is subject to change. Please remember to always check and book via the tee sheets on the Club website or at the card room kiosk for available tee times.

■ MEN   
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# February

| MONDAY    |   | 5  |  | 12  |  | 19   |  | 26                  |
|-----------|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|---------------------|
| TUESDAY   |   | 6<br>Waitangi Day  |  | 13<br>LGU & Putting<br>LVA (Speights Ale House) Corporate Event (PM only) |  | 20<br>Par  |  | 27<br>LGU & Putting |
| WEDNESDAY |   | 7<br>Stableford<br>Walker Georgel Cup entries open                                   |  | 14<br>Par   |  | 21<br>Stroke LGU<br>Walker Georgel Cup entries close |  | 28<br>Stableford    |
| THURSDAY  | 1   | 8<br>Thursday Club   |  | 15<br>Toyota Golf Day   |  | 22<br>Yorb Business House                            |  | 29<br>Thursday Club |
| FRIDAY    | 2<br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm - 5.30pm start                                  | 9<br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm - 5.30pm start   |  | 16<br>Green Jacket Group<br>Booking 24 people                             |  | 23<br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm - 5.30pm start            |  |                     |
| SATURDAY  | 3<br>Stableford: Craig's Road to the NZ Open<br>Opening Day<br>Stableford | 10<br>Stroke B&A Watson Qualifying (Kenneth Neal Cup)<br>Stableford<br>LGU & Putting |  | 17<br>Stableford<br>MacLennan Cup entries close                           |  | 24<br>Par<br>Stroke LGU<br>LGU & Putting             |  |                     |
| SUNDAY    | 4   | 11<br>Summer Singles/<br>Fourball: Round 3 to be completed                           |  | 18  |  | 25<br>Rotary Golf Day                                |  |                     |





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