

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to everyone involved in the 2024 Brian Green Super 6's. I was very proud to be the President of the club that hosted such a wonderful event. Thank you to the volunteers who make this a very positive experience for the players and Golf NZ officials. Whether you were a billet, a walker/scorer, a marshal, a divots person, or any of the other million roles the 'Red Bibs' did — **thank you**. You represented our club so well and made us proud to host such a successful event. Thank you to all the MGC Staff too, who went above and beyond — we are very lucky to have great people in our team.

I am sure Bos' Club Captain's report in this newsletter will feature some very proud comments about the Pennants teams making the finals this



month. Pennants is Bos' special project this year, and to quote the man himself about these results and the culture the pennants teams have built Bos would say, "If I was any better, I couldn't stand it". Please can I pass on an invitation to all to attend the Pennants finals at Linton Camp Golf Club on Saturday, May 18th. If you are planning on attending, the special nature of the Linton Course requires players and spectators alike to ring to register with the Military Office to enter the Linton Army Camp and the course (photo ID needed too). It will be great to see you there.

I wonder if my rich vein of form (recently broke 100 in consecutive weeks) can continue this weekend? I have a key semi-final against one of my favourite foes (GJ) in the B&A and then I am quite delighted to have qualified (by way of filling out the registration form) for the Gilmours B Grade Championship on Sunday. The B Grade 27 holes is one of my must play events and the new format this year, that is allowing an extended field, promises to produce some excited players playing for a rich prize table. Good luck to the 82 other entrants. Even with the recent coring and verti draining, the course is absolutely mint for autumn golf — I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy it. Speaking of enjoying the course, I want to acknowledge that, at times, our course is booked for events such as the Par 3, B Grade Championship, and Super 6's. Thanks to our members who are very gracious when they need to make other plans to enjoy golf. We know you joined the MGC to play the MGC course — James is doing his best to ensure the balance between events, pennants bookings, and members' golf heavily prioritises in our members' favour.

I have established a new Range Development Sub Committee (RDSC) to conduct a feasibility study into developing a new Range and possible

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associated changes to practice facilities and realignment of the 9th hole. Let me emphasise that at this stage it is just to ascertain the potential golfing, financial, and member benefits that could be possible if we were to undertake such a major project. The FCC are very aware of some of the concerns and threats that events like balls exiting our boundaries (particularly on the 9th), the risk (and frustration) of cars crossing the 9th fairway and the restrictions on drivers on the range. We are working toward planning for a development that could address all the aforementioned concerns. In addition, we would also love to see the integration of tech on the range to provide great data for our members and a fantastic teaching hub for our Club Pros to continue to deliver high-quality lessons and programmes. It is easy to think “The course has been here 125 years, why do we need to change” or “People coming to the course need to give way to the golfers,” but I believe times are changing and the MGC needs to be proactive, not reactive, and stay ahead of the game. We cannot celebrate (and rely) on the money the visitors to the club spend in the café and golf shop, and then in the same breath turn round and curse them for not looking 250 metres to the left to see if anyone is on the 9th tee as they enter the course! There are some really exciting options on the table and once the RDSC have processed the information, and completed a deep dive into feasibility, we will definitely share this with the membership.

I have loved my recent Friday night dining at the club — if you haven't tried it, you must. The food is sensational, but you must try the cocktails. As I am an athlete, I don't order dessert, but Karen and I were tempted to try a Rose Bud — these are unbelievably good, and the first taste resulted in a simultaneous “Whoa!” The ladies ended up having a second and this was a perfect way to finish a lovely meal.

In this newsletter there is a variety of great info about a range of important and exciting issues relating to our club. These topics vary from sponsorship to the selection of tap beer, Holes in One to pennants results, Instagram engagement to Autumn mixers. There has been a real effort over the last 12 months to up our game in terms of communication with our members. I think our comms are fantastic and can't wait to receive the Monthly newsletter to remind me just how good our club is!

Speaking of Holes in One, apparently there were nine at the Manawatu Golf Club in April — that's incredible — we have some outstanding golfers in the club or maybe some very lucky ones.

I hope I am both outstanding and lucky in May.

Brent Cawthray
President



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Wow! April was a busy month with a lot of successful events hosted by the MGC — we really appreciate the support and understanding of our members, especially for events like the Super 6's, which place a huge demand on the course and the club. We have also had a number of other great initiatives take off in April: The Masters Monday — which was enjoyed by over 50 members; the Autumn Mixer is always super fun; a sold-out Tailored NZ Par 3 Event; and the Generation Next tournament, which mixed young/old golfers, were all great successes. Thanks to all who make these events such great fun — I believe we really are a club that **members enjoy and are proud of**.

The hosting of the Super 6's needed a wide range of elements to be great, for it to be considered a success. These essential elements included:

- A fantastic group of volunteers to ensure the smooth running and hosting of a large event.
- The understanding of a membership to share the course with a field of 77 players who had exclusive access to the MGC Course.
- A championship-level course presented with greens, fairways, tees, rough, gardens, etc. all up to the highest standards demanded by Golf NZ.
- Sponsors who ensure the event is not just viable, but creates an income stream for the club to justify the number of hours and the amount of effort put in.
- The support of the sponsors and committee to try something new with the Pro-Am (Hole in One) and Pro-Am Shootout (Calcutta, prize pool, etc.).
- The support of the membership for this event in the form of attendance at the event so they can enjoy the highest level of golf by great PGA pros and aspiring amateurs.
- A strong relationship with Golf NZ.
- Great weather.
- A local winner!

I can genuinely say that we met and exceeded every one of these essential elements. This resulted in an extremely successful event which received very positive feedback from sponsors (locked in for 2 more years); Golf NZ ("one of the best events on the Charles Tour"); and was enjoyed by large crowds of members, particularly on the Sunday Super 6's where one of our favourite



players (Tyler Hodge) won his first Charles Tour Event. Nick Voke, who has played all around the world, compared our fairways to those he played on the Korn Ferry Tour in the US! Golf NZ acknowledged that the culture of a club can be measured by both the level of engagement and the warmth of the welcome extended to the tournament guests. On both these KPIs, Golf NZ confirmed that the MGC is a fantastic host of a Charles Tour Event.

I hope the Super 6's is indeed something our members enjoy and are proud of. Members will have the opportunity to give their feedback on the Super 6's value to the club in next month's MGC Annual Survey. In terms of a financial return to the club, we will be able to report this next month — but we are on track for a \$15k + profit.

Ops Plan Update

Each month I report on progress with our Operational Plan. [This link](#) summarises the progress in each of these areas.

Communication Focus

The past 12 weeks has seen the MGC successfully migrate from a not-fit-for-purpose Facebook page to an engaging and manageable platform. I am pleased and proud of the improved content and usability. We have also dramatically increased our engagement through Instagram, 680 followers compared to 36 in January. Now

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that we are tracking in the right direction with our Socials, our attention turns to our webpage, which is in desperate need of a review and revamp.

Sponsorship

After consultation with our generous sponsors, the following information is shared with our membership. Click [HERE](#) to view the Sponsorship Summary. The purpose of sharing this information is to acknowledge the significant investment these businesses make in the club, and to also advertise new opportunities for both individuals and businesses to join the sponsorship team. Sponsorship is an essential income stream for the club and lets us keep the standards high, in terms of both the course, and the club. As mentioned earlier in the year, sponsorship is a \$100k budget line in our accounts and although absolutely vital, not \$1 is taken for granted.

Please support the businesses and individuals who support the Manawatu Golf Club.

If you are interested in joining the team of Sponsors, either as a business or as an individual, please do let me know. Individuals may be interested in sponsoring a bench seat, a drinking fountain, or another value-added feature of the course.

Staffing

We welcome Matt Borren, who will join the green's team as a greenkeeper labourer on May 11th. Matt is a keen golfer, talented cricketer, and has a passion and interest in turf.

The kitchen team farewelled Sam (Chef) on April 26th. Matthew (previously Head Chef at Beaver and Bear) will join the team on May 6th. The FOH team farewelled Kauri on April 21st.

The Golf Shop farewelled Guy Perry, but he has since returned on a short-term casual basis — it is always great to see Guy in the shop. A more permanent departure is planned for Hannah on May 6th. We have enjoyed working with Hannah and have appreciated the impact she has made, particularly with the Juniors and Secondary School girls' group. We are now on the recruitment drive for a key team member to join our wonderful Golf Shop team.

May is another positive month for the club in

terms of events and golf. The B Grade Championship has moved to May 5th (from a traditional Oct/Nov date). This is a straight swap with the Manawatu Open as this event is an OOM event for Man Wang selection and the goal is to grow the entries for both the events. For the B Grade this has been a successful change, with 82 entries so far (in the past because of the format we have had to limit to 64). May is also the time for Mother's Day Sunday, which is traditionally one of our busiest days of the year for the café (book early). Add in the Trivia Night, the Junior Masters, the Calcutta and the BMW Owners Golf Day, and there is plenty to look forward to.

Thank you for your support with all of the above. We have a wonderful team (staff, members, sponsors, and volunteers included) who deliver our busy golf programme so well. I always do my best to be out and about to engage with members, please pop in anytime if you have got some feedback for me about our great club.

Nga Mihi
James Lovegrove
General Manager

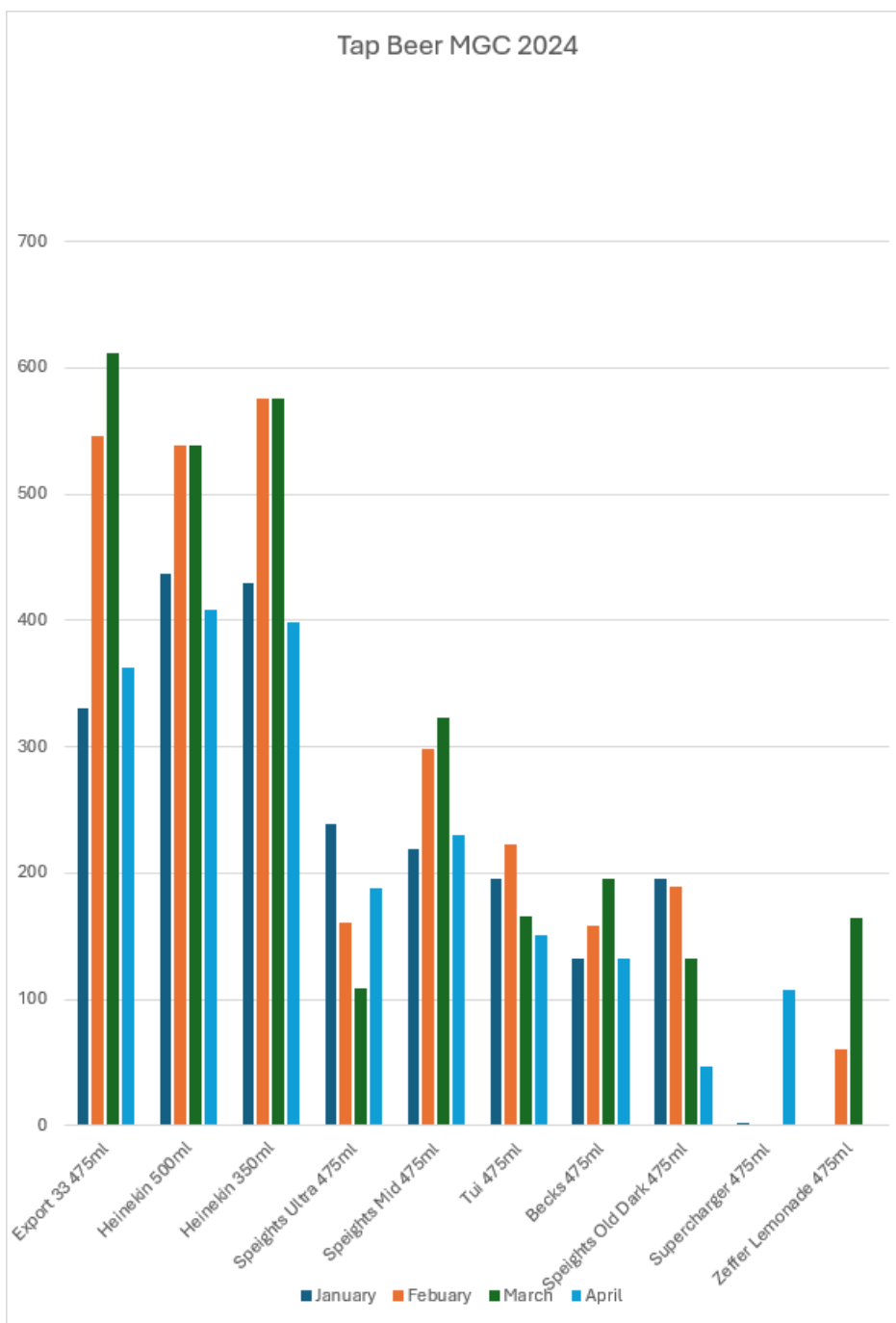


TAP BEER ANALYSIS

Members may be interested about how we make decisions about our Tap Beer at the Manawatu Golf Club.

We have 9 taps in total. We have a contract with DB to have 4 of their beers on tap (one being the proprietary Heineken tap), and we have a contract with Lion to have 4 of their beers on tap. The contract includes benefits such as sponsorship for tournaments and MGC events (Opening/Closing Day, Xmas Cheer, and Par 3). This leaves us 1 tap that we can rotate seasonal kegs or try new product. Over the last 6 months we have tried Panhead Super Charger and Zephyr Alcoholic Lemonade. Both have been quite successful, with Panhead now on a permanent tap. Each month we consider the options on tap and base decisions on a range of factors, including how much of each product we are selling, upcoming events, national trends as advised by our reps, and advice from the Hospo industry. An example of this industry advice is that we have great support and advice from MGC members like Tim Adlam (Speights Ale House) and Brendan Hapeta (Aberdeen).

We always try to offer a variety of products, including lagers, mid ales, low carb, premium, and craft beers. We do also consider local favourites.



*Speights Ultra was only on tap for 2 weeks in March

The best performing beers, in terms of volume, are kept on tap, and for MGC this includes Heineken, Export 33, and Speight Mid Ale. This month we replaced the Speights Old Dark with Speights Summit as industry feedback indicated this is one of the most popular beers on the market in NZ. The Zephyr was replaced by the Panhead Supercharger. Whenever we take a beer off tap, we ensure we still stock it in bottles to allow members and guests to continue to drink their favourite brew.

If you have any suggestions about a beer or cider you would like the club to consider for the 9th tap, please do let Bruce or one of the team know. If you are a Tui or Becks drinker, it could be a close-run race to see which is the 8th most popular beer in the club over the next few months....

WELCOME TO NEW SPONSOR – TOTAL LANDSCAPE SOLUTIONS



The Manawatu Golf Club welcome Total Landscape Solutions as the new White Tee sponsor. Owner Matt Morrison, has had a long association with the Manawatu Golf Club and along with his wife Rebecca, they are thrilled to formalise this relationship through partnering on the White Tees.

Total Landscape Solutions has partnered with a number of the new houses around the Manawatu Golf Club and the move to White Tee sponsorship is a natural extension of the informal work Matt has been doing with the club over the last 2–3 years. Matt is always available to help Kiel and the Greens team with expert advice about pruning, planting, and maintaining the beautiful gardens around the Manawatu Golf Club. Total Landscape Solutions did much of the prep work with pruning at the recent MGC working bees that tidied up the area around the 8th tee. Matt and the Total Landscape Solutions team also prepared and planted the hedge near the practice chipping area by the 13th tee. The next project that Total Landscape Solutions will be helping the MGC with is the planting of the *Corokia* “geenty’s green” hedge and garden underneath the Property Brokers Sign on the new cart shed.

The partnership with Total Landscape Solutions will include Matt providing both the plants, expertise, and ongoing support for many of the hedges at MGC. Matt and the Total Landscape Solutions team will also be onsite for a number of hours throughout the next 2 years, helping our wonderful volunteers to maintain the beautiful gardens on the course.

Total Landscape Solutions was involved in the new Centennial subdivision, which included planting the gardens within the MGC boundary, as well as the public spaces and rain gardens for both stages one and two of the new subdivision. Matt and the Total Landscape Solutions team also landscaped several properties within the development. Matt and Rebecca previously lived very close to the course (near the 9th tee), so the course and club have been a big part of their lives over the last 15 years.



Matt and Rebecca’s support of the community extends beyond the golf course. They recently partnered with the Arohanui Hospice for the Hearts and Homes tour, which featured their own property in Aokautere. This was a huge commitment but one that Matt and Rebecca fully support as the Arohanui Hospice provides such a wonderful service to our local community. Matt is also involved in the local cricket community, coaching a PNGHS girls cricket team in our local club competitions. Matt is a member of the MGC and regularly plays in the Thursday Business House competition. We hope Rebecca also joins the Manawatu Golf Club and joins a growing number of ladies who are enjoying golf at the MGC — both on and off the course.



We hope that the wider Manawatu Golf Club community reciprocate the support Total Landscape Solutions are providing to the club. If you are considering a landscaping project, whether it be a full landscape, garden renovation, or if you just need some help with garden maintenance, please consider contacting Matt for a free quote. He can be contacted on 021 944 144 or at matt@totallandscapes.co.nz.

Thank you Matt and Rebecca, and Total Landscape Solutions for joining the team of awesome sponsors who support the Manawatu Golf Club.

Saturday 18th May 2024

TRIVIA NIGHT

A FEW TABLES LEFT - DON'T MISS OUT

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7.00PM - DINNER

7.30PM - TRIVIA STARTS

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Click [HERE](#) to register for the Trivia Night.

WOMEN'S GOLF — MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN

April is done and dusted with a great Women and Girls Annual Autumn Mixer organised by Natasha Meyer. This event is open to all women and girl members of the Manawatu Golf Club, at every level of experience. The format was a 6x6x6 Pairs Challenge of Foursomes, Combined Stableford, and Best Ball.

The day was a huge success, especially for our prize winners: 1st Lou's Gals! — Rhea Hazners and Sarah Miles; 2nd The Birdie Bunch — Deb Rippingham and Brenda Moana; 3rd Talk Birdie to

Me — Rachel Anderson and Maxine Whitfield. Longest Drive on the 9th went to Brenda Moana (Div 1) and Tamara McGechan (Div 2). Rachel Anderson got Nearest the Pin on Hole 11. Next year we might look at a prize for the most creative team name — Wacky Widows, Rosebuds, The Bored, Farmer and her Wife to name but a few!

Following play, and while results were being processed, the entire field Putted for Prizes in the Clubhouse. Special thanks must go to Sonja and Wayne Revell for their help with this. It is also always nice to include drinks and nibbles, so the new Hokowhitu Café and Bar cheeseboard platters were enjoyed by all.

We are incredibly lucky to have support for this event from our friends at Golf Distributors, The Coffee Club, The Fat Farmer, Babco, Fowler Homes Palmerston North, and PowerTurf.

Also, a special mention of the help from Anna Meyer and her donation of Baron Hasselhoff's artisan chocolates and truffles, Emma Wilson's support, and the Tuesday Women's Committee.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the National team's players Brigid Higgins, Jill Clifton, Deb Archer, and Sue Spiers travelled to Wanganui for the district final. We couldn't believe our luck when we arrived as it was a beautiful sunny day. However, that luck ran out after 7 holes, and we got



Above: Winners Sarah and Rhea.

Below: Sue Fletcher, Sarah Miles, Rhea Hazners, Rachel Anderson, Tarnea Leslie and Maxine Whitfield



Above: Jill Clifton, Brigid Higgins, Sue Spiers & Deb Archer at the National Teams competition.

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the good old rain, wind, and cold. This challenged the golf somewhat and the team finished 6th. To give you an idea of the scoring, the PCC was 3 for the day. Mind you, we managed to keep smiling and got home in one piece — even if I mislaid the van keys!

Monday Pennants have continued with their winning ways with a good win at Pahiatua against Rangatira Pink. The final round of division play is coming up at Feilding. Manawatu and Eketahuna are equal top of Division 2 and are due to play each other. Good luck!!

Weekend Pennants unfortunately lost to Pahiatua at Feilding, but Jo Taylor and Rhea Hazners played Palmerston North 1 at Rangitikei on Sunday and added a win to their results table with a 4BBB win and a singles win to Rhea.

The final Round Robin round is Sunday 5th May at Castlecliff against the Palmerston North 2 team. The top two teams play in the final at Linton Camp.

Championship Pennants played their Feilding round but struggled to get any wins and Sunday's round had Manawatu White playing Manawatu Red at Rangitikei. A foursomes win to Manawatu Red (Rebecca and Lindy) in the morning, but the afternoon singles had Manawatu White (Leander and Mea) winning both matches. The results table has both Manawatu teams bottom equal so it could be a battle royal in the final round at Castlecliff with Leander and Mea playing Feilding Green while Rebecca and Lindy will be playing Feilding Black.

The NZ Women's Masters were played at Waiuku early April and although the MWGA team didn't fare so well congratulations must go to Lisa Herbert for winning the national trophy for the best individual. Great work Lisa!!

Looking ahead into May you will see in the programme we have the first of the women's 18-hole Club Champs qualifying round. This is Saturday 11th and Tuesday 14th. There are two further rounds in June and July. You only need one round to be your counting round but of course you can play all three and your best will then be chosen. It is always a wise move to tick yes to qualify regardless of your future plans as I will check with everyone's availability before the draw is completed.

There are five tee times booked for Saturday women for the qualifying round so you can all play together. Please use those time slots. If you are unable to play on the Saturday, you may play on the Tuesday date.

Keep a look out for the Mid-Winter Christmas foursomes, playing on Sunday 23 June. This was enjoyed by many last year. It is a fun day of 9-hole foursomes golf open to 9 holers, 18 holers, Mothers and Daughters, Fathers and sons, Grandparents and grandchildren, friend and friend.

Happy golfing for May.

Deb Archer
Women's Club Captain.



Above: Rhea and Jo with their Palmerston North opponents at Rangitikei Golf Club.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

SUPER 6 SUCCESS

Firstly, I want to congratulate all those staff and volunteers who contributed to an outstanding Super 6's Tournament last month. The professionalism of how things were run over the entire tournament was very impressive. It received rave reviews from a large number of Professionals who I talked to during the competition — some saying it is their favourite tournament outside of the New Zealand Open — purely because of the way the course is immaculately prepared and run, as well as the way they are treated by the friendly staff and volunteers. This is high praise indeed from elite golfers who have played in a lot of competitions in New Zealand and overseas — but most deserved, I think.

PENNANTS SUCCESS

On another very positive note, I am thrilled that all four of the men's pennants teams (A, B, D & E) have qualified for the Manawatu/Wanganui Association finals. What a great achievement by all the managers and players alike. The finals are being held on Saturday 18 May at Linton Camp Golf Club and my very best wishes go out to all the teams, as I'm sure do yours. Sadly, it's not quite a clean sweep as the Presidents Team missed out on countback.

BUSY TIMES ON THE COURSE

This last month has been hugely busy with both singles and pairs competitions being contested, as well as hosting a number of pennants matches. My thanks go out to all players for their patience as sometimes rounds have taken a little longer than usual. Our dedicated Course Marshals have been very busy in trying to keep everyone on time — thanks guys, you are doing a great job.

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Both the B&A and Watson Cup competitions are now getting down to the business end with semi-finalists now identified. Obviously, it is creating a lot of interest and discussion. Good luck to those who have made it this far. We will know who the finalists are by Saturday 11 May.

The first two legs of the McLennan have now been played. Congratulations to those who will now go on and try to win this coveted club trophy. Of course, those who have not made it through, like myself, can look forward to the consolation competition, commonly called "Hooters". For this draw, please

have a look at the notice board in the card room.

CLUB TRADITIONS

Tradition is a strong point within our great club and on both Wednesday and Saturday leading up to ANZAC Day it was my pleasure, and indeed honour, to ask all members to stand while I read out the ANZAC Ode in remembrance of our fallen servicemen and women of the past. I'm proud to say every single member displayed the respect that the occasion deserved. Thank you.

INNOVATION

Reacting to a suggestion by Peter Brooks, and after canvassing the idea amongst a number of members who unanimously supported the idea, as from Saturday 4 May, the closest to the pin competitions within the men's club haggie will be enhanced to allow for both first and second division prizes for all four par three holes. As this newsletter is being read, new discs are being manufactured in different colours and marked 1st Div and 2nd Div. The recording of names will be on the one stake beside the green, but it will have the two divisions marked on it. I'm sure you will agree that this will offer you further interest in future rounds you play. Of course, the amounts for prizes awarded for the club haggie will be adjusted accordingly.

GILMOURS MANAWATU B GRADE TOURNAMENT

This month I am really looking forward to the Gilmour's Manawatu B Grade tournament on Sunday 5 May. This year we are including a field of up to 90 players. This is a fantastic tournament which is extremely well run and full of great prizes.

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That's all from me this month. I am excited about the pending results of our club competitions and pennants.

Happy Golfing.

Dave Boswell
Club Captain



MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

It has been a very busy month for us. The Walker/Georgel Cup matches are well underway, and the draw has been done for the Gillespie and Lavender Cup matches. Good luck to those players participating.

Some of our members played in Feilding's 9 plus 9 tournament. It was a lot of fun, with entries from as far away as Tauranga and Matamata. We played nine holes on Wednesday afternoon with dinner and entertainment by the 9 Hole Feilding band (Just Jamming) and Dan Flanagan with his Auctioneer song — great fun was had by all — then we played the other nine on Thursday morning.

The memorial service for Harry Percival saw an unbelievable attendance from our golf club, which was very much appreciated by his family.

Then there was Rangitira's Open Day. It was great to have some new blood from our club who thoroughly enjoyed their day. Murray Crawford won the Men's 1st Division and Judy Crawford won the Women's 1st Division. Lyn Browan won the Longest Drive.

We joined up with the 18-Hole Ladies for the Autumn Mixer, which was a lot of fun, followed by an indoor putting competition and drinks and nibbles.

During the Super 6's we went to Carterton where their players joined us for golf and supplied lunch afterwards. We would both like to do this again. Some returned home and the rest headed off to Lower Hutt, staying the night and playing Boulcott Farm the next day, just missing the rain.

Quite a few 9-holers played in the Par 3 challenge. This was a great day but hard work — a cart is a good idea!

Next was Foxton's Round Robin, which was a nice get-together event. Barbara Smith was 2nd and Murray Crawford was 3rd. It was an enjoyable day.

Tony Foster had a Hole in One on the 4th — Congratulations Tony. We wish Peter Clarke and Craig McIntosh speedy recoveries.

Good golfing everyone. May the weather stay kind.

Colleen Fraser
9 Hole Team Leader

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in March 2024.

7 Day: Philip Paskwietz, Ben Pratt, Johnny Robert, Harley Wilson, Michael Wilson, Mike Wilson

6 Day: Anna Reece, Stephanus Van Staden

Under 30: Chis Chinnery, Matthew Coles, Mason Hughes, Jack Leonard

Under 25: Nicole Ammundsen, Mark Ryniker, Daniel Stevens

9 Hole: Lydia Jung

Restricted Jnr: Cara Sheriff, Zach Sheriff, Ian Tsui

Social: John Farquhar

During this same period of March 2024, 31 members resigned, bringing our total membership number to 1200 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.





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GOLF SHOP

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GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone.

It has been exciting to watch Scottie Scheffler and Nelly Korda dominating on the PGA tour and the LPGA tour over the last few months. How long do you think their winning streaks can last?

The Masters Monday event that we hosted was a huge success. The café put on an awesome big breakfast and there was a great turnout to watch the final round unfold on the big screen. The sweepstake competition added a bit of excitement as it came down to Xander Schauffele's final putt, which he missed — giving Todd Anderson the sweepstake win over Greg Berry and myself (Alan). Todd picked Scottie Scheffler, Rory McIlroy and Cam Smith. Congrats Todd! After watching Scheffler win his 2nd Green Jacket, we all headed out for an 18-hole huggle, which was won by Liam Finlayson after a stunning round of 66 (41 points). Thanks to everyone who came along. We look forward to making this event even bigger and better next year.

Our very own Masters — the McDonald's Manawatu Junior Masters — is coming up at the end of May, and hopefully our MGC juniors have already entered — if not, the information poster and link to enter is on the following page. Thanks to McDonald's Manawatu for once again sponsoring this event.

Unfortunately, Hannah is leaving us to continue with her travels. The next stop for her is Melbourne. Hannah's last day will be Monday 6th of May and we wish her all the best for her next adventure.

The final of the Generation Next competition was won by Sophie Freyberg & Rebecca



Paewai after they beat James McSweeney and Alex Ayerst. The flight final was played between Summer and James Lovegrove and Zac and Grant Walsh, with the Lovegrove's coming out on top. Congratulations!

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, & Hannah.



MCDONALD'S MANAWATU JUNIOR MASTERS 2024

May 26th 2024



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Click [HERE](https://forms.office.com/r/mLtNgmXJkM) to enter the McDonald's Manawatu Junior Masters.

COURSE NEWS

Congratulations to all those involved in running a successful Brian Green Super 6's event. Thank you to all the volunteers involved. April was a busy month, with Easter, Super 6's, Par 3 tournament, and usual business. The course was in excellent condition throughout.

We have just Vertidraind the greens with 12mm solid tines to a depth of around 250mm. We then rolled, then top dressed with dune sand. In the coming weeks, tees and surrounds are to be cored, fairways are to be dethatched/verticut, drains are to be installed, and bunkers to be worked on when time allows.

I'm sure by now everyone has noticed the rough looking a bit off — I am trying to knock all of the foreign grasses throughout the course, e.g. summer grass, kikuyu, couch. In doing this, the rough is being sprayed with a mixture of herbicide to knock the grasses (leaving mostly fescue) and weeds throughout. We are trying to promote more fescue; this will be less maintenance. We haven't been able to get all the rough yet, so will continue to do so.

The apprentices will be off to their block courses this month. Daniel and Kyle have started their book work. Matthew Pretious is going well and is into his Level 4 assessments. It is a pleasure to be able to have three young and enthusiastic team members learning the industry. This will benefit the club in years to come.

Thank you to all those players that rake the bunkers after they have been in them as this helps the following players. Thank you to all those who replace their divots and repair their pitch marks. Now the cooler temperatures are coming, please watch where you are walking (slopes — e.g. 4th Blue tee, 9th bank to the fairway), and also where you are driving golf carts as growth slows, recovery becomes harder, and turf thins.

The greenkeeping team wish everyone well in their month of golfing.

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



Who is going to be the first to buy one?



Above Left: Congratulations to Liam Nichols for his Hole in One on the 4th hole on March 3rd.
Above Right: Congratulations to Margaret Read for her Hole in One on the 4th hole on March 16th.



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May

MONDAY		6		13	20	27
TUESDAY		7 Pros Shop Stableford		14 LGU Club Championships Qualifying: Round 1	21 Stableford	28 Par
WEDNESDAY	1 Stableford: Wade Cup Stroke LGU Sue Bunt: Round 3	8 Stableford: Wade Cup Par		15 Stableford: Wade Cup Stableford Yorb Business House	22 Stableford: Wade Cup Stroke. LGU Lavender/Gillespie Cups: Round 1 to be completed	29 Stableford: Wade Cup Committee's Choice
THURSDAY	2 Thursday Club	9		16	23 Thursday Club BMW Golf Day	30 Thursday Club
FRIDAY	3	10		17	24	31
SATURDAY	4 Stableford: Craig's Road to the NZ Open Stroke LGU Sue Bunt: Round 3 Pros Shop Stableford	11 Stroke, B&A and Watson Cups: Semi- finals to be completed Club Championships Par LGU Club Champs Qualifying: Round 1		18 Stableford Stableford Stableford PGA Championship (BMW Black and Red tee haggle) Trivia Night	25 Stableford Lionel Abraham Cup B&A and Watson Cups: Finals to be completed Stroke LGU Par	
SUNDAY	5 Manawatu B Grade Open	12 Imlay Saunders: Bye Round to be completed		19	26 Junior Major - Masters	



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