

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November was an extremely busy month for the Club for members with the Pro's Day, Closing Day and Christmas Cheer all being played. It was great to see such a full Clubhouse on Saturday for Christmas Cheer and it typified the spirit that exists within the Club.

At the time of writing the planning hearing to determine the future of the former Massey University land which borders our boundary is taking place. As I've indicated previously, the MGC has a number of concerns with the possible outcomes that changes to this area will bring to the Club. The Club is submitting these concerns through Barrister John Maassen and planner Hamish Wesney. As soon as any information is available we will advise you.

Warren Collett continues to progress on the upcoming NZPGA and it was extremely pleasing to receive the news that local boy Tim Wilkinson is returning home to play the tournament and also be the guest speaker at the annual Dinner. Other prominent New Zealand golfing names have indicated they intend to play this event. Once they are confirmed, they will be announced. Obviously hosting such events requires the course to be in superb condition so please allow the Greenkeepers some space as they prepare the course. Just a reminder that if you are keen to volunteer your time during the Tournament please make contact with Christine Rose in the office.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday January 29 so put that in your diary. That's about all from me for 2017 and I wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Travel safely and I look forward to catching up with you all in 2018.

Enjoy your golf.

Peter McRedmond - Club President



GENERAL MANAGER

The Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship is just 81 days away and I am pleased to say planning is well under way with the strength of the club coming through with volunteers making themselves available. Christine has the job of allocating all the roles and will be in touch with all those who have registered.

Tim Wilkinson coming home to play has created a buzz and wouldn't it be fantastic if Tim can be at the top of the leader board or thereabouts going into the weekend. We are just finalising our marketing for the event and I must thank Leonie Hapeta and Grant Smith for their efforts in assisting to make this event special. The NZ PGA staff are over in Australia at present attending the Australian PGA event and their role is to speak to players in the event and get them to come down and play here at Manawatu and then onto the NZ Open a week later.

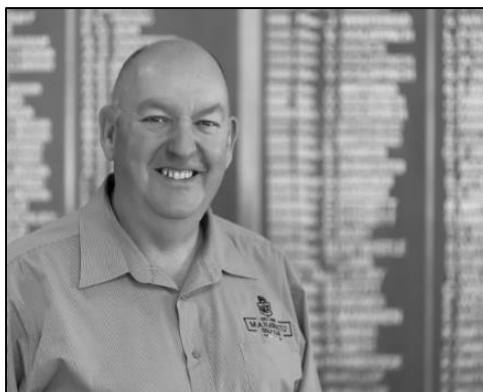
Membership is always a hot topic and we read so much negativity about how it is dropping. The team from the Manawatu Golf Shop along with Christine and Rachel have done an amazing job and in my many years of experience, I have never witnessed such encouragement from a group of staff with the recent Discover Golf programme. This programme was started three years ago and has gone to another level, all I have done is watched. 35 people registered and 17 have joined through the programme. I doubt where there has been another club reach a level as high as this. As a follow on from the Discover Golf programme, a "5 after 5" has been running with 17 participants on the two nights to date. A big thank you as well to the volunteers that come along to assist with the after 5 programme.

The course has gone from one extreme to the other and now Kiel and his team are fighting hard to keep the course as good as possible. The greens will all be dethatched Monday 18 December with a sanding program to follow on. The practice green has been completed with new growth already appearing. We know the irrigation system is old and when you liven it up for the summer period you invariably get some blow outs. The guys are replacing valves, pipe and sprinkler heads as required. And while I am on staff, it is a real pleasure to receive the many compliments regarding the food and the service out of the café & bar. Kath along with Dana should be proud of what they do for the club.

With Xmas looming I would like to wish you and your families all the best for the festive season and travel safe.

Good golfing

Warren Collett - General Manager





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Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

It's finally nice to have some good weather to enjoy our great game, hope you all are having a chance to take advantage of it!

Pros Day

At the start of the month we had our annual pros day on the 4th of November. We had another good turnout for the event with 64 teams of 2 competing for the awesome 1st prize a trip traveling down to Clearwater Resort. Well done to the winning team of Damian Walker & Regan McConaghty with a net score of 59.75. I'm sure they will have an amazing trip to Clearwater Resort. I would like to say a big thankyou to all of you that played and also to the sponsors that helped us with the prize table.

The day itself went really well and I hope all the teams that competed had a great day as well. This years the Pros had their worst score so far!!!!!! (Don't know what happened there) with 15 teams beating us with their net score and even a couple of those teams beating us with their Gross score. (Not a good day for us!!). All up we handed out prizes to the top 25 teams (12 teams in each division + the overall 1st prize) also we had 18 nearest the pin prizes up for grabs. All up we dished out over \$11,000 dollars' worth of prizes on the day.

Each year we try different things to improve on last and it will be no different next year, so mark it down on the calendar for November 3rd 2018 and take on the challenge of beating the Pros once again. (Which after this year's result you have a very high chance of doing).

Pros Day Winners Damien Walker and Regan McConaghty



Pros Day



**HAVE YOU GOT THE
GAME TO BEAT OUR
PRO SHOP TEAM?**



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Christmas: This is fast approaching!!!! if you are after any gift to do with golf we have a wide selection including gifts from under \$50.00 all the way up to over \$5,000. if you are anything like I am and have no idea what to get we also have shop vouchers available that can be used for lessons or anything in the shop.



Golf Lessons:

This is a great time of the year to work on your game and have it firing on all cylinders for the start of the new year. We have lesson times available every day of the week. Just see us in the shop to book a lesson and start on the path to improving your game .

Maraea is leaving us at the end of December. We are sad to see her go and wish her well with her future endeavours up in Whangarei. Thanks Maraea for your time with us here at the Manawatu Golf Club.

Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game please don't hesitate to ask us.

We wish you all a happy Christmas

Your Proshop team

Alan, Andre, Ben and Maraea



MEN'S GOLF

Men's Club Captain's Report

The first Saturday of the month saw a scorching round of golf by David Bateman, who won the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by our very own Ewan Westergaard, with 44 stableford points. An outstanding round.

Congratulations to all of our Club Champions. Finals day was a great success with a reasonable turnout of supporters.

Thanks to Angus Findlay, for filling in for the unavailable Regan McConaghty and Guy Perry, (both on rep duty) in the champion of champions. Angus, Ant Gear and Max Turver did the club proud, and were declared winners of the Chamberlain Shield. However, when a recheck was done, Wanganui were found to have won by one point!

Very well done guys, and special mention to our Intermediate Champion, Max Turver, on being crowned the district Champion as well. Great stuff Max.

Closing Day and Xmas Cheer were all great successes with the weather gods are finally smiling on us.

Well done to Glyn Robinson and Keith Towers, and Murray and Judy Crawford on being joint winners of the Galloway Cup on closing day. They tied on +3.

Saturday sees the annual Club Captain vs Presidents match. Should be a great day with bragging rights on the line between the great mates. Bring it on!!

Make the most of this weather and come and play twilight on Friday nights. We thank the Mad Butcher, Pioneer Highway, for his continued support. The players love winning those vouchers.

Have a fantastic Christmas and travel safe.

BC

Congratulations to Adrian Christie for his Hole-in-one!
21st October 2017 on the 16th Hole



David Bateman – Winner of the November Tankard



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

This has been a very busy month. We started with finals Day to find all our Champions and well done to all the finalists taking part on this day.

Congratulations to the eventual winners and all those members who followed and made this a very special day.

Senior Champion	Tania Hook	Runner Up	Lily Griffin
Bronze 1 Champion	Angela Pivac	Runner Up	Megan Waugh
Bronze 2 Champion	Helen Weber	Runner Up	Glyn Robinson

Champion of Champions

Tania Hook, Angela Pivac and Helen Weber, went to Feilding to take part in the Champion of Champions and also The Bronze 1 runner up Megan Waugh as part of the Rosebowl Team. Thank you to all the caddies who came to Feilding as well to support the girls. But our very special Bronze 2 winner Helen Weber won the Champion of Champions . Congratulations! There were some very good scores that day and Wanganui were the eventual winners of the Rosebowl.

Bronze 1 runner up – Megan Waugh



ManWang Most Improved Junior – Lily Griffin

November 7th Melbourne Cup Day .

We had 26 in the field including 3 men. Lesley Martin played extremely well and was our winner. The best dressed Lady on the day was an amazing hat made and worn by Patricia Moore. Many thanks to Glyn Robinson who ran the sweepstakes.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report Cont....

November 9th Women's Shootout

Another fun day but nerves do come into this day. Many thanks to our Sheriffs Lorraine Stachurski and Sue Fletcher. The eventual winner of the Rita Parkinson Cup was Angela Pivac from Sue Burmeister.



Sheriffs doing their job



Sue Burmeister – 2nd Place



Angela Pivac - WINNER

November 11th - Tuesday 14th Closing Days

A day for our trophy presentation with many surprised looks on some faces. Well done to all those winners.

November 15th Women's Annual Dinner

This was a great evening with the presentation of the Full Prize List and the LGU medals.

After my report and Vicki Worker's read by Brent Cawthray, we had dinner followed by a great skit from the Saturday Women (photo on Saturday report). And then the fun began. Abba entertained us all with their great music. Our President, Pete McRedmond and Club Captain, Brent Cawthray were very entertaining on the microphone as were many others.

November 21st Christmas Cheer/Charity Day.

The Charity Day was added to the Mid-Week Xmas Cheer. We had to sacrifice our programmed Charity date for this year for our Open Day which was cancelled in May because of the rain. We invited all the Women players from our club. This included the Wednesday 9 holers, the Sat women, the mid-week and the Snr 9 Hole women. It was great to have all these women from different divisions playing on the one day. We had a field of 76 players and played 6x6x6 in pairs. The winners were Shirley Jenkinson and Sun Choi on countback. Thank you to all those who took part and donated all the toiletries to the basket. We raised \$1180 for the Kind Hearts Charity. This was a tremendous amount from our members only, with the Meals on Wheels money helping to boost the amount. Leigh Rosanoski accepted the cheque on behalf of Kind Hearts and was absolutely "Gobsmacked". Great effort.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report Cont....

Toro Interprovincial Whangarei

Well done to our players Mudra Lakhani, Lily Griffin, and Tania Hook playing in the Manawatu/Wanganui District Team. We wish them a very good golfing week in Whangarei. They are travelling up on Friday and many thanks to some of our members for doing some baking for them.

I would like to thank once again all the committees I work with. I'm on board for 1 more year only because of all the support I get from you, the members. Thanks to all the Pennant Selectors, Volunteers, Gardeners, Meals on Wheels organizers, The Convenors, and all who help in one way or another. This is the end to yet another successful year and all one can do now is sit back, relax, enjoy the holidays, family and the festive season.

Looking forward to the New Year.

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain



Women's Pennants Breakfast

WOMEN'S GOLF

Saturday Convener Report

Our year finished as it started, with lots of fun and laughter. First up was a shared dinner, once again hosted at her home by Janette Gain. Plenty of yummy food (recipes eagerly swapped afterwards), funny stories and the traditional Secret Santa gift swapping. This was followed by the annual Women's Dinner – another delicious meal this time at the club, followed by prize-giving. A big congratulations to all who won at the various events and competitions during the year, the exceptional weather conditions experienced through winter made good golf a real challenge. The ABBA theme struck a chord with old and young, with special mention of the awesome costumes worn by the Tuesday committee. The highlight of the evening though was the skit, this year performed by our glamorous Saturday women:



The final event on the calendar was our Closing Day, played as a “3 clubs plus a putter” round. Most found this easier than anticipated, reflected in some competitive scores led by Evelyn Trass and Juls Honore.

The Discover Golf programme currently running reminds me of how far I've come since being one of those newbies myself almost exactly 12 months ago. Far from being snobby and elitist as the traditional view of womens golf would have you believe, you've welcomed me warmly into the Club, made me laugh on a regular basis and taught me something new about the game every week. Thank you. Wishing you all the best for the festive season and look forward to continuing our sporting friendship in 2018.

Linda Hill – Saturday Convener

NINE HOLE NEWS

Well here we are another year gone by, we have presented all our trophies had a great fun game of golf last Sunday followed by dinner which was enjoyed by 82 people. The meal was great as usual, many thanks to the cafe staff.

On Friday we hosted the Champion of Champions tournament challenged by all Manawatu Wanganui area. Congratulations to Sue Rule who was our lady champion and Russell Parker (Feilding) who was the men's champion.

We have had a good year with quite a few new members joining us on Wednesdays and Saturdays and our regulars all playing good golf.

We had our Jackets tournament in Hastings recently 18 holes played and the jackets were won by Barbara Smith and Murray Crawford, well done and many thanks to Murray for his organising.

We will continue playing a summer tournament over the holiday period best five of ten weeks. Chart is up in card room (this includes Saturday players too!)

I would like to thank all the nine hole players for being a great bunch of people and my team of helpers Ray Abbott, Alva Joe, Barbara Smith, Maureen MacDonald, Karen Cawthray, Murray & Judy Crawford & Carmen Fraser, for their work and great support over the year

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

Colleen Fraser - Nine hole Convenor

Sue Rule – Champion of champions



Kay Gorgel and Paul Mcneill – Walker Gorgel Cup



Leanne Blummont
Most Improved Player



Murray Crawford



Wayne Revell
Club Champ

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight Golf - every Friday night during summer

Everyone is welcome and no need to book, simply turn up between between 3.00pm and 5.30pm and register at the window around the corner from the Proshop.

Manawatu Golf Club members - \$5.00, Members of other NZ clubs - \$10.00 and non-affiliated - \$15.00



PRIZES!

Mad Butcher Vouchers and golf ball prizes for Stableford competition.

Each week there will be a lucky card draw for some fortunate participant and this will jackpot as you have to be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw to win - Approx 7:30pm or when the last person is in from the field.

There is also a major prize at the end of the twilight series. To be eligible to enter you must have played in 8 twilights to qualify. If you play in 12 events you will be in the draw 12 times. The prize will be announced as we progress through the series.

This is a great opportunity to play at the Club in a competition for a small fee so bring along your friends and have some fun.

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in October 2017

7 Day Member – Simon Rowney, Michael Smith,

6 Day Member – Owen Greig

5 Day Member – Hamish Robertson, Kevin Suddaby

Under 25 – Henry Collier, Sacha Howard

Tertiary– Luke McConaghty, Meg Irving, Sarah Kerbrat

9 Hole – Lucky Buckley, Jin Young Rho, Boosun Kim

Senior 9 Hole – Arnold Parnell

Restricted Junior – Zac Farmer



During this same period, 14 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 953 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.

COURSE REPORT

We are now in the final month of the year, 2017 has flown by. This last month has been exceptionally dry, with high temperatures. This dry spell is talked about as one of the driest in the last 30 or 40 years, from reports I have heard. After the extremely wet winter we had no transition, with one extreme to the next, wet to dry. As well as having many end of the year tournaments/corporate days there hasn't been a lot of time for well needed repairs coming out of the wet periods where areas are thin and bare, also areas needing drainage. Now that the busy period on the course has slowed, we can get out on the course to try tidy up a few areas in play.

In the last month the greens have been fertilised as well as top dressed. They have also had fungicide and wetting agent applied. 90% of the greens have great cover, the 2nd, 9th and 3rd as well as smaller areas are still thin due to the winter we had, while keeping the course in play as much as we could. They are due for another vericut and top dress, after this, dethatching will take place on the 18th of December. The course will be closed for the day on the 18th December to allow for this to take place.

Tees and surrounds have both had wetting agent applied, tees are due to be renovated, due to the traffic and heat this is still to be done.

Fairways are looking good considering the conditions. All fairways have been sprayed with herbicide which looks to have worked. Some areas in the fairways are requiring work due to the wet winter also.

Just a note from myself, I/my team strive to set high standards in our work, the sudden change in conditions and extreme dry spell puts turf under pressure, as well as the teams processes. We will continue to work on areas needing repairs throughout the holiday period.

Please continue to replace divots and repair pitch marks, please also be aware of where you are driving around in carts, also walking your trundlers and please use the path from the clubhouse to the 10th tee.

We wish all members, visitors and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 🎄.

Enjoy your holidays, eat and drink plenty.

Happy Golfing

Kiel Stechman



Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar.....



Christmas Goodies

We have a great range of Christmas treats available at the café!

We have Mazurka Christmas slice, Shortbread, Christmas tarts, Chilli almonds, ginger chards and Christmas cakes available!

If you would like a Christmas cake please order from the café before 10th December otherwise pick one up when you are next in. Small 500g and Large 1500g cakes available

CHRISTMAS GIFT VOUCHERS

Remember we can issue gift vouchers for those hard to buy for. Vouchers can be made out to any dollar amount and can be issued from the café or the office.



Christmas and New Years Hours

CAFÉ AND BAR

Sunday 24th December – Closed at 2:00pm

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

26th December – Boxing Day – CLOSED

Wednesday 27th December – Open from 10:00am

28th – 30th - Standard hours

Sunday 31st December – Closed at 2:00pm

Monday 1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

Tuesday 2nd January – CLOSED



PRO SHOP

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

Monday 1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

Sunday 7th – Closed at 3:00pm

Sunday 14th January- Closed at 3:00pm

COURSE

The course is open throughout the Christmas and New Year period.



What's on in December...

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.

December

■ MEN
■ WOMEN
■ MIXED
■ EVENT

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	4	5 Summer Golf Eagles Christmas Cheer	6 9 Hole: Summer Competition	7 Golden Coast Vets	8 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	9 9 Hole: Summer Competition	10
	11	12 Summer Golf	13 9 Hole: Summer Competition	14 Nuvie Wealth Solutions Business House	15 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	16 9 Hole: Summer Competition	17
	18	19 Summer Golf	20 9 Hole: Summer Competition	21	22 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	23 9 Hole: Summer Competition	24
	25	26	27 9 Hole: Summer Competition	28	29	30 9 Hole: Summer Competition	31



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