

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of a truly wonderful Golf Club, with an extremely hard working Committee, a totally committed team of employees and members that appreciate the magnificent facilities they enjoy, it is time to acknowledge those that make it happen. The Committee is a group of hard working people whose aim is to continue to improve the Club. As a team we make no secret of the fact that we'd like to see the Club continue to be acknowledged as one of the finest in the Country. Sincere thanks to the team! Vicki Worker, David Petre, Brent Cawthray, Scott Haumaha, Richard Shaw, Rodney Thomas, Rob Green & Warren Vining. To be candidly honest, very few of us truly understand the time and effort you all put in. Our team of employees, headed by our General Manager, Warren Collett are an outstanding group of individuals. Caroline McCartin, Rachel Huxtable and Christine Rose keep the day to day operation flowing. Kiel Stechman and the green keeping team put in the "hard yards" and have had the course in pristine condition all year. Kath Slack, Dana Littlefair and the team in the Cafe/Bar have established a reputation that we are all very proud of. Alan Hyatt, Ben Harwood, Lisa Herbert & Andre White keep the Pro Shop going and have created a very professional and friendly environment

November was an extremely full on month for competitions, with the Pro's Day (won By John Beaumont & Edwin Van Der Merwe), Club Championship Finals and Closing Day (won by Kate Courtney & Chris Edsall). It was pleasing to see good numbers of members supporting this day, both, by playing and socialising afterwards.

After seven years on committee I have decided not to seek re-election as President. I would personally like to acknowledge all the members who have approached me since I made my announcement thanking me for the job I've done. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and I thank you for your support.

As always there are vacancies on committee for 2019. If you are interested in any position I'm quite happy to chat to you. Just reiterating from my closing day speech if you are intending to stand I would personally like to see nominated names go up on the board in plenty of time rather than leaving it till the last half hour or even the final few minutes. I strongly believe it's important for the membership to know what is happening.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday January 28 so put that in your diary. That's about all from me for 2018 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 2019.

Enjoy your Golf

Peter McRedmond - President



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

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

Planning is under way for 2019 and it is set to be another busy one. The playing programme will be finalised in the next couple of weeks but make sure you put Opening Day in your diary which is Saturday 26 January.

A new 'Discover Golf' programme will be launched in February so watch this space. Our Pro Shop along with Rachel and Christine did a fantastic job last time this was put together. Thanks to all the volunteers who made these nights a success. I truly believe coaching is the best way to encourage new people in to the game and we are fortunate to have great coaches such as Andre, Alan and Ben.

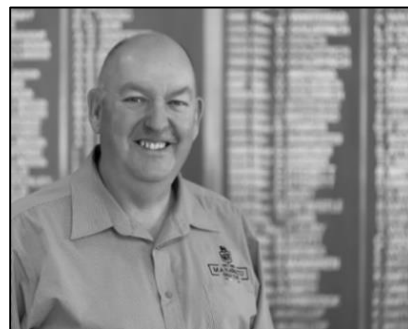
I would like to thank all the staff for the hard work they have put into the Club this year. A special thanks to the team that work close to me, Caroline, Rachel and Christine in the office, never a dull moment. Kiel and his team for their hours and hours of hard work out on the course. Kath and Dana for their dedication to the Café and Bar. The staff here at the golf club are very special. Thank you to our Committee who dedicate hours to the club in a volunteer capacity.

Peter is moving on as President and 7 years on the Committee. Peter will be missed in this role as he has had to deal with some significant issues. I am sure we will continue to have our chats.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Xmas and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019!

Good golfing everyone and please enjoy your club

Warren Collett – General Manager



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is set for Monday 28th January 5:30pm

Information on the AGM will be available mid-December in the card room. Nomination forms will be available from the office or the card room. Nominations close 14th January. If there is a vote, voting members will be notified and voting papers will be sent out after 14th January.



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MANAWATU GOLF SHOP

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Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

What a busy month November has been!! We call it the 'crazy month' here in the golf shop in terms of golf tournaments, corporate days/golf activities and the like. As this is the last newsletter for 2018, I would like to thank all of you for your support of the golf shop in 2018 and also for being the best Golf Club members in the country!

MWG Women's Interprovincial

Good luck to the Women's interprovincial team this week!! Out of the 6 players in the team, 5 are members here at Manawatu Golf Club. All the best Lisa Herbert (who works in the golf shop), Lily Griffin, Tara Raj, Chee Hee Hu & Casey Chettleburgh for the week.

Pro's Day November 3rd 2018:

Thank you again to all that played in the Pro's Day Tournament. I hope you all enjoyed the day and the new format. A big congratulations to the winning teams from each division: John Beaumont & Edwin Van der Merwe Div1 and Div2 winners Andrew Dollery and Jon Bryant. Well done to John and Edwin for winning the Major prize to Millbrook Resort. Thanks to all our sponsors for the day.



John Beaumont, Edwin Van der Merwe, Andrew Dollery and Jon Bryant



Come & take a 'sneak peek' at the new summer range of Greg Norman ladies clothing. This is a great opportunity to see, feel & try samples from the full summer range.

Tuesday 11 December
1-3pm
upstairs in the Clubhouse Lounge

PLUS...
Place an order on the day & receive 10% off your purchase!





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Pro Shop Continued

Golf Trips for 2019:

The Manawatu Golf Shop have put a trip together for the Presidents Cup 2019 in Melbourne. We sent out an email last week regarding the details for this trip and there will be more emails to come. If you did not receive this email and you are interested in going please let us know.



McDonalds Junior Open

A great opportunity to get your junior golfer out onto the course to play in a competition with their peers. 6, 9 and 18 hole divisions, prizes and trophies!

\$25 entry fee includes McDonalds lunch

Head to the website or the Pro Shop for more details

The Pro Shop has some fantastic gift ideas for the golfers in your life! Or send your loved ones to us for your Christmas gift!



The proshop team wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and look forward to 2019!!!!

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

Your Proshop team - Alan, Andre, Ben, Lisa and Guy



2018 CLUB CHAMPS RESULTS

In trying conditions due to strong winds the finals for the 2018 Club Champs were played out on Sunday November 4th. The winners are detailed below.

Results for 2018 Club champs finals

Championship finals over 36 holes

- C-grade **John Bills** beat Ian Anderson 3 and 2 (1 up thru 18)
- Junior **Peter McRedmond** beat Rodney Thomas 6 and 5 (7 up thru 18)
- Intermediate **Marty O'Fee** beat Hamish Pryde 3 and 2 (All square thru 18)
- Senior **Tyler Wood** beat Kaleb Idemaru 6 and 5 (5 up thru 18)
- Ladies Silver **Emma Clayton** beat Lisa Herbert 1 up (2up thru 18)
- Ladies Bronze 1 **Angela Pivac** beat Vicki Worker 1 up



Championship finals over 18 holes

- Ladies Bronze 2 **Sue Spiers** beat Glyn Robinson 3 and 2
- Ladies Silver flight **Deb Archer** beat Toni Stout 2 and 1

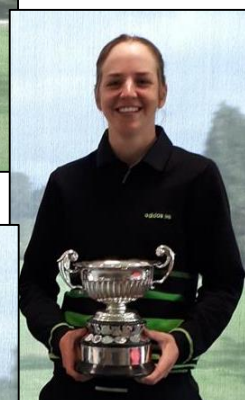


Championship flights over 18 holes

- C-grade **Ian Bevins** beat Gus Fowler 4 and 2
- Junior **Alan Savell** beat Ant White 2 up
- Intermediate **John Beaumont** beat Iain Waugh 1 up
- Senior **Wayne Molloy** beat Micah Bremner by default

Championship Handicap finals over 18 holes

- C-grade **Rowan Holland** beat John Symon 1 up
- Junior **Dave Boswell** beat Guy Broadley 2 and 1
- Intermediate **Baz Woodcock** beat Brandon Jackson 6 and 5
- Senior **Connor Morriss** beat Martyn Nail 6 and 5



9 hole finals

- Men Div2 **Armel Mendoza** beat Harry Wiggins 2 and 1
- Men Div1 **Guy Sextus** beat Doug Muir 2 and 1
- Women Div 2 **Sherryl Bethwaite** beat Vicki Bryson 3 and 2
- Women Div 1 **Liz Burgess** beat Margaret Birchall 2 and 1
- Bronze 3 **Tarnea Leslie** beat Jackie Blackmore 1 up
- Juniors 9 hole **Clara Holmes** beat Emma Wang on 10th hole
- Juniors 3 holes **Oliver Murray** beat Jayden Wilson 2 and 1
- Juniors 18 hole **Caleb Fagan** won



MEN'S GOLF

The month kicked off with the annual Pros day. The different format proved a great success, with people commenting on how much fun it was. Having the marble draw to find the winner of the big prize to Millbrook proved a masterstroke, and also provided great entertainment. It was a very relieved John Beaumont when he had to draw 12 or under and drew the 12 to win the prize. Great stuff Alan and your team – you are onto a winner for next time.

The Craigs Investment Tankard, kindly sponsored by Ewan Westergaard, was won by former President, John Stevens, who had 42 pts. “Painter” has won several tankards over the years, but was thrilled to add another to his collection.

The Unreal Grass Manawatu B Grade was very enjoyable as always. “Arnie” lead the way after the morning 9 holes, but drifted off the pace in the afternoon. Anthony White was very consistent over the 27 holes, and his consistency was rewarded by winning the trophy. A really good effort “Ant”, and we thank Baz Woodcock from Unreal Grass for his sponsorship. Baz has renewed his support for a further two years – fantastic stuff from a really good man.

Closing Day was the usual goodie. A really good turnout, and some excellent scoring. Congratulations to Chris Edsall and Kate Courtney, beaten Imlay Saunders finalists, on winning the Galloway Cups, with a superb plus 8 on par. I don't think Kate has stopped celebrating!! Well done to Wayne and Sonja Revell who were runners up with plus 6.

As another year draws to a close, I would just like to thank, on behalf of the Match Committee, all of the Men for playing matches on time throughout the year and across all competitions. We have had no issues to deal with, and it certainly makes life more enjoyable.

To Ralph, Rich, Angela, Alan and Warren C, it has been another enjoyable year on the Match Committee. You guys are great to work with.

Finally, I have absolutely loved the last 6 years as Club Captain. It has been a real honour and privilege to serve in the role. It sure can be challenging, but also very rewarding, but the time is right for a new challenge, hence my decision to stand for President. I pulled the trigger early, as I feel it is important for the membership to know what people's intentions are, especially as we head into the Christmas break.

We are very lucky that Richard Shaw is prepared to step into the role. We all know Rich's commitment to this fantastic Golf Club.

Merry Christmas. Safe travels and enjoy the festive season.

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John Stevens winner of the Craigs Tankard



Ant White winner of the B-grade championship



3 putt champion with his coach and mentor, Tony Rule.

MEN'S GOLF CONTINUED

Wade Cup for 2018

This year's winner of the Men's Wednesday Competition the Wade Cup was Creagh Eising who's 5 best monthly scores totalled 213, two points ahead of Bob Rankin in second place. Creagh's total is comparable with previous winners totals e.g. 2017 207; 2016 208; 2015 217; 2014 212; 2013 204. Table of the top 35 scores. Full table can be found in the Card Room.

Wade Cup 2018											Stableford Points	
Pos	Name	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Top 5	All	
1	Creagh Eising	36	48	38	39	41	45	38	40	213	325	
2	Bob Rankin	35	42	39	34	37	47	40	43	211	317	
3	Stuart Keith	35	36	39	31	40	40	44	44	207	309	
4	Ian Van Der Veen	45	37	38	33	42	35	36	41	203	307	
4	Lyll Schroder	40	36	34	38	-	40	41	44	203	273	
4	Neil Wynne	42	39	37	37	36	37	43	42	203	313	
4	Ron Eglinton	33	-	22	37	40	38	47	41	203	258	
8	Bill Barber	-	33	40	36	40	37	40	43	200	269	
8	Jhon Lundy	-	40	41	40	39	39	35	40	200	274	
10	Craig Robinson	34	42	34	40	37	40	39	38	199	304	
10	David Bateman	40	33	41	37	37	41	38	39	199	306	
12	John Beaumont	-	38	34	-	41	38	41	40	198	232	
12	Keith Laracy	33	36	40	33	41	44	37	32	198	296	
12	Lew Hirini	35	42	36	36	40	39	37	40	198	305	
12	Nigel Tristram	-	30	38	41	45	37	37	37	198	265	
12	Tom Hattle	-	40	34	32	32	38	44	42	198	262	
12	Wayne Masters	40	37	44	40	29	37	27	37	198	291	
18	Brendan Hapeta	29	33	38	41	37	43	33	38	197	292	
18	David Petre	37	44	37	25	33	42	32	37	197	287	
18	Eddie Sinclair	35	34	35	37	40	44	39	37	197	301	
18	Hans Van Dam	38	41	37	38	41	39	35	37	197	306	
18	Hugh Glendinning	38	40	38	35	41	37	38	40	197	307	
23	Bryce Buddle	35	32	40	38	42	38	-	38	196	263	
23	Craig Irving	34	40	40	27	35	40	38	38	196	292	
23	Geoff Dury	40	36	33	38	37	37	-	44	196	265	
23	George Balfour	37	34	39	41	32	32	40	39	196	294	
23	Gerard Gillespie	39	37	40	36	39	41	-	-	196	232	
23	Ian Bevins	30	42	37	31	32	38	37	42	196	289	
23	John Knowles	20	35	33	25	46	44	38	32	196	273	
23	Keith Towers	42	29	38	30	35	37	38	41	196	290	
23	Neil McKechnie	35	34	38	37	40	40	40	38	196	302	
23	Ray Barnett	34	36	40	36	43	39	36	38	196	302	
23	Robert Cuff	33	37	40	34	33	38	39	42	196	296	
34	Ant Gear	38	37	36	31	35	40	41	39	195	297	
34	Charles Pan	34	36	36	39	41	43	32	36	195	297	



Wade Cup Winner
Creagh Eising



Derek Walker \$59 twilight
card draw winner



Photo Left: Spotted in the clubhouse a rare occurrence: Allan Ford, Allan Mudford, Alan Doddridge and Allan Gillingham who had all played together. To avoid confusion, they refer to each other as Fordy, Muddy, Diddy and Gilly.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

A busy month of golf with the Finals Day , Champion of champions plus Closing Days, Xmas Cheers and the Annual Dinner.

The winners on finals Day played in very strong winds were:

Senior Championship: Emma Clayton, runner up Lisa Herbert

Senior Plate: Deborah Archer, runner up Toni Stout.

Intermediate Championship: Angela Pivac, runner up Vicki Worker.

Junior Championship: Susan Spiers, runner up Glyn Robinson

Many thanks to all the brave caddies out there that day.

The following week was the Champion of Champions at Belmont which was a beautiful sunny day but alas the sun didn't shine on our players. Unfortunately we were unable to get a substitute to contest the Rosebowl.



Emma Clayton



Deb Archer



Angela Pivac



Sue Spiers



Dressed for the Melbourne Cup

Melbourne Cup afternoon was fun with many sweepstakes and some punters luckier than others. There were some very smart racing outfits and our winners were Lyall Schroder and Derek Walker donning their smart jockey outfits. Another winner was the Clerk of the Course, Jill Clifton, looking very much the part. Di Betts and Robyn Rogers were our golfing winners for the day.

Thursday 8th was the Women's Shootout. This was fiercely contested with some excellent golf played. On the 4th Hole for instance a nett 3 had to go into a chip off. The Rita Parkinson Cup was eventually won by Margie Bodell. And thanks to Sharon and Rosie for the muffins that kept us going. A huge "thank you" to the raffle men for their donation towards this event. It was much appreciated.



The final of the Shoot out!

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED....

The following Tuesday 13th, was the 18 and Snr 9 Hole prizegiving, with Jill Clifton doing a wonderful job as Convener. Congratulations to all the prize winners for Sat and Mid-week, the Snr 9 Holers and the Full Prize List which is for all the 18 hole players. Your prize money has now been put onto the account of your choice; Pro Shop, Café or Manawatu Golf club. Thanks to Lorraine behind the scenes or should I say the computer for compiling all these results throughout the year.

Then it was preparing for the WAM dinner that very same night. The committee were amazing and managed to get back to the club looking "glam" in time for the evening. I must thank all my committee members for all their hard work. Many thanks to the "Royal Family" for the entertainment. Jill Clifton (Prince Phillip) and Helen Weber (The Queen) made a great team and brought many laughs. Thanks to Kath and her team for the special dinner. Thanks to Vicki Worker for her report from Brent Cawthray and great to see our President, Pete McRedmond present as well.



Prince Philip and the Queen

The following Tuesday 20th was Christmas Cheer and once again thanks to Helen Weber for the cart decorations to go along with Father Xmas and Mary Xmas. These two really got into the Xmas spirit and I thank them both so very much. Photo The day was a bit cooler so the port and Xmas mince tarts and chocolates (Deb Archer) were much appreciated. Thanks again to Helen Weber and Rosie Honeyfield for the Xmas tarts. Many thanks to our Life Member, Karen Russell for her beautiful Xmas Cake. The cake was really yummy. We wish her a full recovery and look forward to seeing her playing golf again soon.



Mr and Mrs Christmas??!

We also donated money on this day instead of buying each other a \$10 gift and this amount was added to the Meals on Wheels money and will go to the chosen charity this year; the Marion Kennedy Centre. This amounted to a grand total of \$522.99 for the Meals on wheels and your donations of \$471.90. The committee bumped this up to make a total of \$1000. Alicia has been in touch with the Marion Kennedy Centre. This money will go towards the new building they are fundraising for at the moment. They were extremely pleased and we will have a visit from Donna on Opening Day. A big thank to all of you, for your generosity. And another big Thank You to Alicia Boag and Elizabeth Lander.

As this is my last newsletter I would like to thank all the committees, volunteers and players for all their support. The green staff, along with the catering staff and the office staff are just wonderful to work with and this club is in very good hands. Jill Clifton, your new Club Captain is looking forward to working with the Conveners, Deb Archer - Mid-Week, Eva Heinrich - Saturday and Dawn Lavender - Snr 9 Holers. I look forward to seeing you back in the New Year playing golf and enjoying the friendships we make through golf.

A very Merry Xmas to you all. Enjoy time with your families and safe travels.

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

NINE HOLE NEWS

November has been a busy month with up to 40 players on a Wednesday and a full field on Saturdays. A bit of fine weather makes a difference.

Our Club Champ final matches were played with great support from fellow players. Ladies Champ Div 1 was Liz Burgess - Mens Champ Division 1 was Guy Sextus - Ladies Champ Division 2 was Sheryll Bethwaite - Mens Champ Division 2 was Armel Mendosa - Bronze Champ Tarnea Leslie Well done to you all.

Champion of Champions Man/ Wang was played at Foxton - Ladies Champ - Margaret Birchall and Mens Champ - Russell Parker (Fldg). The final round of our Tri Series with Feilding and Palmerston North was held at P.N winners were Manawatu thanks to the 31 players that took part.

Wayne and Denny made great Santa and Elf for Saturday xmas cheer and Judy & Maureen great fairies for Wed Xmas Cheer and great Xmas cakes for these events made by Barbara Smith

Congratulations to Wayne & Sonja Revell who came 2nd in the Closing Day tournament well played. Well done to all the 9 holers who played in the Par 3 Challenge nearly every winning team had nine holers in the team, a real fun day except for the rain

Our Fun day/ Prize giving dinner will be held on Sunday 2nd December then our summer competition will commence.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all

Colleen Fraser - NINE HOLE CONVENOR

Falcon Update

As many of you know the pair of NZ Falcons (Karearea) have had THREE chicks of whom they are very protective of. They are nesting between the 5th and 6th Holes.

We are aware of a few people who have been swooped at and also who have had their hats removed. This is the falcons trying to protect their young from us.



Please:
Keep the noise down
Avoid the area

Do not yell and swing your arms around if they are swooping

There are only 5000-8000 NZ Falcons alive today (compared to 68,000 Kiwi) so they are precious. Lets do our part to protect a threatened native NZ bird

OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS

Opening and Closing days are a tradition for golf clubs. Closing day marks the end of all official competition play while Opening day is the start of a new year of golf. Of course between closing and opening day there are still so much great golf to play.

This years Closing day was held on Saturday 24th November. Closing day competition is mixed foursome par and plays for the Galloway Memorial Cups. Congratulations to Winners Chris Edsall and Kate Courtney. We also had special visit from Santa and his Elf!



Opening day is set for Sat 26th January
Mixed Canadian Foursome
Come join in the fun!



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in October 2018

7 Day Member – David Woolley

Under 30 – Sam Nightingale

Under 25 – Liam Nesbit

6 Day Member – David Thomson

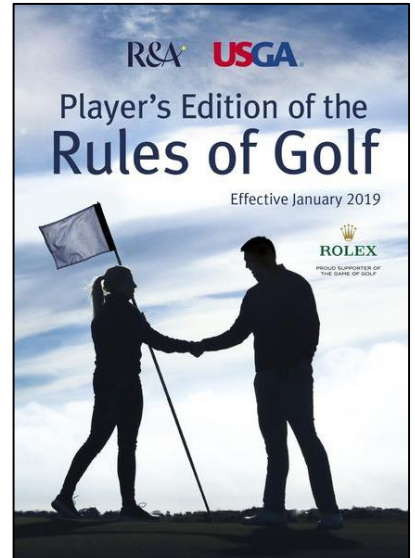
Country - Grant Bennett, George Wu

Restricted Junior – Christina Jiao

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 956 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.

Rules Corner

As this will be our last Rules Corner before we face the new Rules of Golf in the New Year, it is timely to consider how well we are prepared for the new conditions under which we will all play this great game. It was pleasing to see about 50 members attend one of the two presentations on the new Rules of Golf at the club on November 20 and the 25 nine hole members that attended an earlier on-course practical session – and I am hopeful those that attended will form a nucleus of members able to “spread the word” on the new rules as we play under these rules in 2019. In addition, the Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf booklet is now available from the club and all members are encouraged to collect one of these. They are in the draw under the score-screen in the café and the card room.



As part of the process of preparing for play at the MGC in 2019, the current Local Rules have been reviewed and updated to conform to guidelines from the R&A on acceptable Local Rules. These new Local Rules will be posted on the Notice Board adjacent to the card room and on scorecards. All members are urged to read carefully these new Local Rules and understand their effect on play at the MGC.

Many members have heard from various sources of a proposed **optional Local Rule** (to be introduced at the discretion of local club Committees) and perhaps assumed that this will automatically become part of play at the MGC. There has been much discussion on the **optional** Local Rule which allows players, whose ball may be lost or out of bounds, under penalty of 2 strokes, to drop a ball on the fairway, no nearer the hole than the spot where the ball is “lost” or crossed the out of bounds line. The main purpose of this Local Rule is to enhance speed of play and eliminate the need for players having to take stroke and distance penalty and returning to the place where the previous stroke was played. The R&A have specifically stated that such a local rule should only be used for casual play and would not be permitted for elite amateur or professional events. The MGC Committee having carefully considered the implications of this Local Rule decided **NOT** to introduce this rule for general club play. I fully support this decision. The proposed wording (from the R&A) is lengthy, detailed, confusing and impractical for inclusion on scorecards and Local Rules notice boards. Players already have the option of playing a Provisional Ball if there is the possibility of their ball being lost or going out of bounds – and this approach is highly recommended and to be encouraged!. The use of the Provisional Ball option is a proven time saver and for most play at the MGC, is as effective in speeding up play as would be the proposed optional local rule. Initial feedback from other clubs in this district suggest many will likely not list this as a Local Rule for their course – again it behoves members playing at other courses to read the Local Rules applicable to play at these courses.

Finally in preparation for the new rules, once more I direct members to the R&A site on Modernisation of the Rules of Golf www.rules.golf which is an invaluable resource providing all the information members will need to know on how the new rules will affect their play from January 1, 2019. The early Rules Corners in the 2019 newsletters will also highlight and explain some of these new rules.

Ian Anderson

ALTERNATIVE NEW RULES??!?

NOTICE:

RULE CHANGES IN EFFECT FOR GOLFERS AGE 65+:



Rule 9.k.34(a): If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty.. This is so because this is simply a question of timing; when the player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalized because of his age.

Rule 1.a.5 - A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B) - A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have travelled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G) - There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h) - If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5. - Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k) - There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15(z) - There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9(S) - Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy.

Golf is.... above all.... a game of integrity.



COURSE REPORT

Hello all, yet another year has flown by. As we get older it seems to go faster. 2018 has been a good year for the golf course, with the PGA being a success at the start, under 19s being held here, in testing conditions, also being a success. Can't forget the Devils Own which was enjoyed again by the Lawyers and we enjoy them being here.

Hope that all your golfing goals were answered during the year. To all the visitors who played the course, we wish you to visit again.

The greens have been in great condition for the majority of the year. We will be coring the greens on 10th December with Quad Tines with 10mm plugs. During the Monday if you are playing to the green we are working on, can you please pick up and go to the next. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Tees and surrounds have had a great cover of grass. The collars on the greens are planned to dethatch on the same day as coring. Fairways also have a good cover of grass, there are a few wet spots we want to fix in the new year.

Rough is growing at a rapid pace as well, we aim to keep on top of the weeds by spraying regularly.

NOTE:

I have noticed people driving their carts next to the green and on the tee blocks just recently. Do we need to start roping things off? Bit of food for thought.

Please continue to repair pitch marks and replace your divots. We the greenkeepers and your fellow members appreciate it.

The Greenkeepers wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 😊

Drive Safe enjoy your family and holidays. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! Even Santa plays golf

- 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, Christmas tarts, Chilli almonds and Christmas 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.



Holiday Hours

CAFÉ AND BAR

Monday 24th December – CLOSED

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

26th December – Boxing Day – CLOSED

27th December – Open from 10:00am

27th – 30th - Standard hours

Monday 31st December – CLOSED

Tuesday 1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

Wednesday 2nd January – CLOSED

Thursday 3rd January - Standard hours resume



PRO SHOP

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

Tuesday 1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

COURSE

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

OFFICE

Friday 21st December – Closes at 3:00pm

Monday 24th Dec – Sunday 6th January – CLOSED

Monday 7th January – Open Normal hours



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