



December 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

This is a truly wonderful golf club, with an extremely hard working Committee, a totally committed team of employees and of course you the members who appreciate the magnificent facilities you enjoy. Sincere thanks to all of these people that make it happen. Many of you would have seen the numbers swell in the café so a special mention to Kath, Dana and their respective teams. The quality of food and the service never suffers as this group continue delivering the excellent product day in and day out. Kiel has had his challenges with the surrounds but through hard work these are on the mend. The Pro Shop team ably lead by Alan are geared up for Xmas so call in there and stock up for your golf. And lastly to all the Committee whom continually strive to improve the Club, we thank you all.

As always there are vacancies on the Committee for 2021. If you are interested in any position, Brent is only too willing to discuss with you. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday February 1 so please pencil this in your diary. Information for the Election of Officers along with the Notice of the Meeting will be on display from the week commencing 14 December.

We must also thank all the Club Sponsors. Without these people and business's, MGC would not be what it is today. We have had some changes this year and mainly to do with covid. We welcome Manawatu Knitting Mills, BDO and We Reuse IT as tee sponsors.

Planning is well underway for the Brian Green Property Group NZ Super 6's. A change of date has been forced on the Club with the tournament now scheduled for a week earlier running from 22 February through to Sunday 28 February. Everything is now up live on the Club's website and Warren is out and about selling the sponsorship packages. If you are interested in being involved as a sponsor then please have a chat with Warren. We must recognise the support from Brian Green, PNCC along with Sport Manawatu and the continued support from Robertson Prestige as they have the naming rights to the Pro Am.

The Riverland Sale continues in the background but we have received some positive news in the last week. DOC have finally determined that the Minister does not have to be a party to the land exchange agreement. DOC have apologised for the length of time taken to get to that point, but affirm that their legal and land management teams are overloaded at present. However, we still need to wait for DOC's final sign off before PNCC resume the subdivision application.

Carparking has become very frustrating for us as we juggle visitors to the golf club through the success of the café and members. The carpark is a high priority and we are currently looking at costings as we search for the best solution for the carpark.

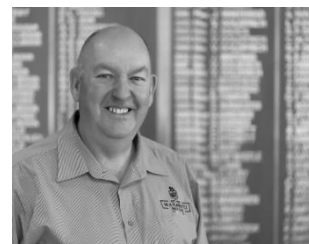
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In the interim we ask that people please use some common-sense and not park where other patrons can't exit. Blocking cars in is not smart. Staff on busy days already park on the road freeing up additional car parks. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

And finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Good golfing everybody.

Brent Cawthray and Warren Collett



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is set for Monday 1st February 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 18th January. If there is a vote, voting members will be notified and voting papers will be sent out after 20th January.

Any person wishing to bring a notice of motion to the AGM must give written notice to the General Manager no later than 11th January 2021

Manawatu Golf Club Jubilee Case

A beautiful new cabinet has been made and donated to the club. Thanks go to Stuart Robbie (left) who donated the case and restored the clubs, Dave Bateman and his Men's Shed team, Peter Baker Glass and the Mortland Family.

The cabinet houses a collection of 8 clubs some of which date back to 1895. The clubs and bag were donated by the Mortland Family. Also included in the case is the Jubilee Cup and the 3 books written about the Manawatu Golf Club.

More information is next to the case for you to read about these fascinating clubs and their history.



Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to say thank you on behalf of the golf shop team. We believe we have the best members in the country, so a big thank you for all your support this year.

What's the team up to in December? Tim has his annual Trainee Champs down in Queenstown, where all the NZPGA trainees from around NZ get together and play four rounds of Strokeplay to find a winner. At the same time, they will have their end of year graduation. Last year Tim won the Trainee of the Year for Year 1 for the academic side of the traineeship, so hopefully a Year 2 award is coming his way (Good luck down there Timmy). Lisa and Brydie are off to the Women's Interprovincial in Auckland in the first week of December and hopefully they can go one better than last year where they finished a very impressive second. Also, congratulations to Brydie! Brydie has been accepted by the NZPGA to start her traineeship in 2021. And for Andre and myself, well, we are pretty boring these days so we will be holding up the fort while everyone else is away. 😊

What's new in the shop? The new Titleist TSi drivers and fairway woods have arrived. Also, the new FootJoy shoe range is slowly making its way in to store. COVID-19 is making lead times and also just stocking the shop challenging to say the least 😞!! If there is something you are after, or a Christmas gift, and we don't have it in stock, please ask as we will do our best to get it in for you.



Tim Wilkinson Update: Tim has one more tournament scheduled to round out his year on the PGA Tour. He will be playing at the Mayakoba Golf Classic, which is on the first week of December. Tim has a full PGA Tour card for this 2020-21 season so hopefully we will see plenty of Tim on our TV screens next year lighting up on Tour.



From all the Team in Your Golf Shop Have a great Christmas and New Year!!!!

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, André, Lisa, Tim & Brydie.

A message from the Club Captain

Men's Trophy winners for 2020 season

For the last few years, we have used Fedex cup type points for determining the season long Strokeplay trophies. Congratulations to winners for 2020. Tables of winners, top 10 and points.

WIGGINS CUP	
Div 1 Stableford	

Brent Dickins	1099
Euan Avery	905
Bob Rankin	777
Ezra Burt	748
Adrian Christie	732
Mark Denton	717
Rob Ensing	698
Anthony White	677
Maurice Jackson	670
Don Scott	668

PLUNKET TROPHY	
Div 1 Par	

Edwin Van Der Merwe	926
Adrian Christie	884
Martyn Nail	858
Mark Pene	737
Brian Ouyang	704
Nick Page	694
Neil McKechnie	664
Mark Grayson	641
Alan Vonk	583
Robert Spencer	581

McHARDY CUP	
Div 1 Net	

Michael Fagan
Maurice Jackson
Steven Charles
Richard Shaw
John Beaumont
Campbell Ogilvie
Simon Burton
Alan Savell
Greg Codyre
Brian Ouyang

MAUNDER CUP	
Div 2 Stableford	

Martin Townend	987
Stephen Winter	854
Richard Pratt	802
Tony Rule	746
Ghee Tan	721
Alex Ayerst	710
Gus Fowler	687
Mike Kellett	663
Johan Tait	614
Ian Bevins	575

COOPER RAPLEY CUP	
Div 2 Par	

Keith Bell	1200
Mike Kellett	862
James Hart	857
Gordon Reynolds	844
Stuart Jenkinson	827
John Stevens	690
Steve MacLean	639
Jack Gleeson	600
Alastair Gloyn	592
Michael Butcher	576

DRUCE CUP	
Div 2 Net	

Allan Bailey
Mark Smith
Dave Boswell
David Smith
Ian Craig
Richard Pratt
Barry Griffin
Brent Cawthray
Paul O'Connor
Ian Anderson

HAY & WATSON CUP	
Amasses most points	

Keith Bell	2529
Maurice Jackson	2403
Adrian Christie	2136
Allan Bailey	2129
Mike Kellett	2080
Michael Fagan	1937
Gordon Reynolds	1879
James Hart	1759
Euan Avery	1756
Brent Dickins	1722

MINA SEIFERT CUP (Lowest Gross during season)

Trent Munn	68
Ewan Westergaard	68
Kaleb Idemaru	68

MOODIE CUP (Lowest Nett during season)

Mike Kellett	60
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3 PUTT CLUB

Best Putter	Rodney Smith
Most Putts	Neil Wynne

A message from the Club Captain

Wade Cup 2020

Congratulations to Rob Cuff who won the Wednesday Men's Wade Cup competition run throughout the season. As per usual with this competition it was very close across the top of the table!

Rank	Name	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Best 5
1	Robert Cuff Warren	47	-	-	37	37	33	33	37	191
2	Williams	43	-	-	38	34	37	32	38	190
2	Rob Ensing Ian Van Der	42	-	-	-	39	37	33	39	190
4	Veen	41	-	-	35	35	38	38	37	189
5	Tony Paterson	39	-	-	33	43	34	31	39	188
5	Paul Clapperton	30	-	-	33	30	36	23	36	188
7	Robin Dickins	40	-	-	37	39	34	36	35	187
7	Lyll Schroder	40	-	-	35	32	40	35	37	187
7	Derek Walker	37	-	-	40	34	37	32	39	187
7	Mike West	34	-	-	39	41	35	30	38	187
11	John Bills	43	-	-	33	37	35	34	37	186



Closing Day 2020

There was a great turn out for Closing Day with 48 teams entered. Well done to Toni & Mark Gleeson, Iveta and David Griffin and Yeng Sam & Ray Abbott who were all tied on +2 for Par and share the Galloway Memorial Trophies. Thanks to Warren & Rachel for providing the refreshments on the course.

2020 Gilmours Manawatu B-grade

The B-grade was very popular attracting a full field of 64 for 2020. After 27 holes Bert Chang and Jason Westwood were tied with a total of 59 Stableford points. In the play-off on the 18th, Bert won with par versus a bogey. Thanks to Gilmours Wholesale Food & Beverage for sponsoring the event, Warren & Rachel for running the day and the Greenstaff for presenting the course in great condition (and some challenging pin positions).



A message from the Club Captain

The Best Gross Shootout

A fine day greeted many of the club's best golfers playing in the Best Gross Shootout. Eliminated on the 10th (1st hole) was Club Captain Richard Shaw who lost in what would turn out to be the first of many playoffs for Sport Manawatu's CEO Trevor Shailer. On the 11th a 5-way putt off was required with Bert Chang coming up shortest. On the 12th, 5 of the tee shots ended up within 2-4m of green but none were on. Micah Bremner was eliminated with a 6. On the 13th Steven Charles's drive only made it to the Falcon pine tree and he was eventually eliminated with a 5. Angus Findlay's drive was only 61m short of the flag! On the 14th a tricky chip off was required to separate Sam Smith, Liam Finlayson and Trevor, with Sam's chip going too far downhill. On the 15th some great driving saw Kaleb Idemaru & Campbell Ogilvie only 135m from the flag however Angus trumped all, lying only 113m away. There were 3 birdies with a chip off required to separate Campbell and Trevor. Trevor lipped his chip and stayed in the hunt. On the 16th all four made the green and made 3s. In the chip off over the bunker Kaleb went too long and was eliminated. On the 17th Liam and Trevor made 4s while Angus missed a 3-foot putt to make 5. On the 18th Liam sunk a longish putt for birdie to win against Trevor's par. Well done to Trevor to survive all 5 chip/putt offs to make it to the final hole. Thanks to the raffle boys for their donation to the prize-money and Greg Shaw for setting some tough chip-offs. Feed-back from all was extremely positive so we will continue with this in 2021 but with the requirement of 8 qualifying Saturday scores.



Reallocation of Stroke holes

The Match committee is currently re-assessing the allocation of Stroke holes. With the recent re-rating of the course and the 12th hole after it was realigned, it is prudent to re-assess the Stroke allocated to holes for all the tees.

The allocation of stroke holes is not about the hardest hole statistically being stroke hole 1, the second hardest stroke hole 2 etc, but more importantly the equalisation of strokes throughout the 18 holes. It is of paramount importance in handicap match play that the strokes to be received, irrespective of handicap differences, are evenly spread over the 18 holes. With the World Handicapping system now in place we intend to follow the process in place and recommended by the USGA, The R&A and NZGolf. We hope to put the new Stroke allocations in place asap so that everybody has a chance to get use to them before the 2021 season starts in February.

A message from the Club Captain

2021 Pennants season

The Club is seeking members keen to play Interclub pennants for 2021 season. Note entry is open to all members, not just those with 7-day membership. To be considered for the three 6-man A, B and C grade (off-the-Stick) squads contact Ewan Westergaard, Craig Nash or Richard Shaw. For the Handicap team contact Grayson Joines and John Clapperton for the President's team.

Match dates are 14 Feb, 28 Feb or 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 28 Mar, 18 Apr and the final on 3 May 2021. Presidents dates are 6 or 7 Feb, 20 or 21 Feb, 6 or 7 Mar and 20 or 21 Mar plus finals.

NZ Masters Games

The Downer NZ Masters Games for 2021 are being held in Wanganui over the 5-21 February 2021. For golf there are age groups competitions starting from 35 years old. 18-hole golf is on Thursday & Friday 11 & 12 Feb at Castlecliff and Wanganui Golf clubs. Medals will be awarded based on Gross, Nett and Stableford scores. Foursomes Mens, Womens and Mixed is at Marton Golf Course on Wednesday 10 Feb. 9-hole golf is at Tawhero Golf course on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th Feb. Of course, there are other sports as well. Enter on-line at <https://www.nzmg.com/enter-now/>

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in October 2020

7 Day – Josh Chettleburgh, Bryce Grant, Toni Melody, Liam O'Leary, Richard Vekula

Under 25 – Nathan McHugh, Shyam Nathoo

Under 30 – Thomas Bagnall, Jordan Falkner, Gareth Stone

5 Day - Nathan Crawford, Ivan Iniesta

9 Hole – Garry Lamb, Susanna Shadbolt, Fei Yi

Restricted Junior – Lukas Goggin, Yangchen Hu, Pascual Iniesta, Carlo Thompson

Full Playing Junior – Ryan Block



During this same period, 9 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 987 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.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

As usual, this time of the year is very busy. We have had to dodge quite a lot of rain but we have been able to continue playing on Tuesdays and now look forward to a long summer of golf.

The Tuesday ladies held their closing day on November 10th. We held a combined stableford competition which was won by the team pictured (Right). We also helped Margie Bodell celebrate her 75th birthday with wine and cake.

We also presented the trophies to the Tuesday ladies and the senior 9 holers pictured below.



Women's Annual Dinner

The WAM dinner was held in the clubhouse on November 17th where we all enjoyed a delicious dinner thanks to Kath and her staff and entertainment which was provided by the lovely senior 9 holers. We enjoyed a nostalgic trip down memory lane by watching a collection of old photos of past activities. Then the 9 holers revisited some of our experiences during the Covid epidemic and lockdown by means of song and actions, all orchestrated by Dawn Lavender with musical accompaniment by Sue Fletcher.

A lot of fun was had by all the ladies and our special guests President Brent Cawthray and Men's Captain Richard Shaw.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report Continued...

On November 24th the final event for the year, Christmas Cheer, took place. We were very pleased to see Santa (aka Elizabeth Lander) and her helper Elf (aka Helen Weber) in a cart serving a dram of port and delicious fruit mince pies made by Helen.



Again, we had a combined stableford and the winning team was The Christmas Tarts. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas cake once again provided by Karen Russell.

As we did last year, all the ladies made a cash contribution to be given to a charity. This year the committee decided that they would combine it with the earnings from Meals and Wheels and give it to the Salvation Army along with the boxes of food which the lady members kindly donated. If anyone wishes to donate more non-perishable items, the Food Bank box will remain in the entrance of the club for any further donations. Altogether over \$800 was raised for the Salvation Army. Again, many thanks to the ladies and to Elizabeth Lander and Alicia Boag who continue to organise the rosters for the Golf Club's contribution to Meals and Wheels.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I would sincerely like to thank our dynamic Tuesday convenor, Deb Archer, and the hard-working committee members; Jill Dixon, Claire Davis, Lorraine Stachurski, Sharen Port, Alicia Boag and Barbara Stuckey. Thanks also to Dawn Lavender for being the Senior 9 Hole convenor. Rosie Honeyfield will take over the position in 2021 and the Tuesday committee will welcome two more ladies – Gloria Campbell and Shirlee Jenkinson.

Finally, good luck to Lisa Herbert and Brydie Hodge when they represent Manawatu Wanganui in the Women's Interprovincial competition to be held next week at the Akarana Golf Club in Auckland. They came very close to winning last year. Maybe they can go one step further this year.

Let's hope 2021 doesn't throw us as many problems as this year and we are able to enjoy a trouble-free year.

Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jill Clifton

Women's Club Captain



Congratulations to Lisa Herbert, Margie Bodell and Robyn Higgins for winning the Jenny Richie Shield at the Champion of champions held at Rangitikei Golf Club

Saturday Women

The Saturday Ladies enjoyed several platters of delectable goodies at our recent prize giving day. Those of us who also attended the women's dinner had a great night, the highlight maybe for us, the showing of the unexpurgated version of the "Golf Etiquette " video produced several years ago by our group.

We are now looking forward to our annual dinner and secret Santa evening, and of course lots of golf over the summer period.

Merry Christmas to all.

Helen Wilkinson – Saturday Convenor



NINE HOLE NEWS

We have had a busy month getting finals played for trophies for the year!

We had our champions go to Feilding to Champion of Champions which was won by Levin for Men and Women. Well done to our reps who got that far.

We played our final Tri series for the year at Palmerston North course and we brought home the Trophy thanks to all those who participated.

We had our Christmas Round Robin in Feilding again in the rain Greg Peck got closest to the pin and the rest participated

We are having our Presentation Night on Sunday so congratulations in advance for those who have won Trophies

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanks to cafe, pro shop, green and office staff for the help they have given us during the year

We have started a Summer Competition so make sure you put your scores on board when you play on club days

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser, Wayne Revell
Convenors

Congratulations to Debbie White who got a hole in one on the 16th hole on 24th October!



COURSE REPORT

We are now coming to the end of a different kind of year. Hopefully, we have seen the worst of Covid. We hope all members and visitors have come through Covid and the ups and downs okay with good health.

Through the year we have had some staff leave and just recently employed a couple of new faces. James Hart & James Haerewa have left us, Phil Mitchell (new apprentice) & Steve Munn (Labourer) have now joined the team. Looking forward to the coming years ahead with a good team.

A recent issue is the surrounds, I thought I would again put this in the newsletter. Contrary to the rumours, nothing we did caused the issue currently affecting these areas. This has happened several times before, just not quite to this degree. A combination of moisture and compaction along with organic matter in the profile created almost perfect conditions for the cover in the high traffic areas to die off. These areas are predominately POA Annua (a shallow rooted grass species). We are coring and under seeding to assist these areas to recover (Stronger species of grass). If you look at the areas that have died, they are where water also sits. If the worst areas do not heal, after new year's we will turf them. It has been on my mind for a while, even lost sleep over it. In the future will have barriers so I can protect these areas. The course in general is great, with the team numbers back up we can catch up on jobs that have been stacking up. Greens are great with a good pace, apart from a small percentage in the surrounds we have great cover. Things we will be doing in the coming month/s are, spraying for weeds, bunkers and paths.

We, the Green staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep safe on all your travels, enjoy your family and indulge in some great food and drink.

Please continue to repair pitch marks and replace your divots, we appreciate your efforts in doing so. If you are teeing off the 10th Tee please use the path. The seeded bit around the surrounds, please take note of these, if you can walk around them please do.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 😊

Kiel Stechman



This is unacceptable. Pictures taken on the 9th fairway where there were multiple divots that had not repaired. The driving range is for practising – not on the golf course



Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar....



Christmas Goodies

We have a great range of Christmas treats available for pre-order at the café!

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

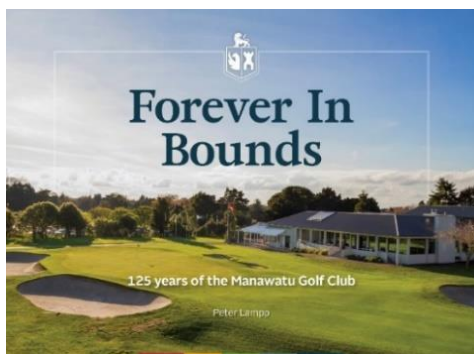
CHRISTMAS CAKES – Limited supply

Jubilee Memorabilia Pack

We have limited edition 125th Jubilee Memorabilia packs available to purchase for those who missed out.

The pack includes printed glass, chocolate and pen, all in a Jubilee bag

Available for purchase from the office for \$10 each



125th Jubilee Book “Forever In Bounds” written by Peter Lampp is available for purchase from the office.

A beautiful book - \$45 each

Holiday Hours

CAFÉ AND BAR

Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th December – OPEN

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

26th December – Boxing Day – CLOSED

Sunday 27th – Monday 28th December – CLOSED

Tuesday 29th – Thursday 31st December – OPEN

Friday 1st – Monday 4th January – CLOSED

Tuesday 5th January – Standard hours resume



PRO SHOP

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

Monday 28th December – CLOSED

1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

Monday 4th January – CLOSED

COURSE

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



OFFICE

Thursday 24th December – Closes at 3:00pm

Friday 25th December – Monday 4th January
- CLOSED

Tuesday 5th January – Open Normal hours
resume



What's on in December...

Please note changes below

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		7	14	21	28
TUESDAY	1 Summer Golf, Early start	8 Summer Golf	15 Summer Golf	22 Summer Golf	29
WEDNESDAY	2 9 Hole: Summer Competition	9 9 Hole: Summer Competition	16 9 Hole: Summer Competition	23 9 Hole: Summer Competition	30 9 Hole: Summer Competition
THURSDAY	3	10 Golden Coast Vets Christmas Cheer	17 Yorb Business House	24	31
FRIDAY	4 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	11 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	18 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	25 Christmas Day 	
SATURDAY	5 Club Christmas Cheer AM & PM Compulsory Entry to play	12 9 Hole: Summer Competition	19 9 Hole: Summer Competition	26 9 Hole: Summer Competition	
SUNDAY	6 9 Hole Fun Day from 3pm	13	20	27 First Round Summer Singles/Fourball to be completed	





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