



December 2016

After another successful year at this great Golf Club I would like to thank & acknowledge all those who have contributed to its success in 2016.

Firstly to our GM Mike Williams & Melanie Phillips who run the show. Both are a real asset to our Club and have done an amazing job throughout 2016 and I personally enjoyed working alongside them in my role as President. Unfortunately Mel is leaving to take up a position at a Martinborough vineyard. We wish Mel all the best and thank her for the huge contribution she has made over the last 6 years. Also Christine Rose has supported both Mike & Mel in the office this year admirably.

Malcolm Wells and his green keeping staff do a great job in keeping the course in great playing condition no matter what weather conditions they are working in.

Kath Slack & Anna Coogan lead the Café & Bar team & all the staff in this team have an excellent interaction with the membership.

The Pro Shop team of Alan, Andre, Regan & the newly appointed Ben have provided a great service & advice to our members in a changing environment. When it was announced earlier this year that the Club was taking ownership of the Pro Shop on August 1 this caused a bit of discussion & concern amongst a few of the membership. However we are pleased to report that the Pro Shop is trading well as expected. We are now fully staffed with the arrival of Ben. New initiatives such as the Range Membership are proving a success and we thank members for supporting the shop. The healthy profits we are now receiving from the Pro Shop will be reinvested into the Golf Club and go back into reducing the clubhouse debt. The Club is receiving all the income from the shop operation including retail, coaching, carts, range etc. It is early days but the incorporation of the Pro Shop into the Club has been a real positive for 2016. Once again we thank Andre for his assistance in the changeover.

To all the volunteers' whether it be helping at Lawnmaster, The Manawatu Open, taking billets, organising and running the Club Ball, or on course a huge thank you to all. Your support is greatly appreciated and shows me what a great spirit our Club has.

To the Committee of Nathan Hopcroft, Brent Cawthray, Scott Haumaha, Richard Shaw, Ralph Thomas, Charlotte Bedford, Vicki Worker & Karen Manninen sincere thanks to you all for your time, effort & total commitment.

Finally I wish you all the best for Xmas, please travel safely and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Peter McRedmond - Club President

NOTE FROM THE CLUB'S EAGLES

Three New Eagles

The Manawatu Golf Club has had three of its members recently nominated and confirmed into membership of the Eagles Golfing Society of Manawatu Wanganui. **Warren Vining** and **Rhys Watkins** have and continue to provide exceptional contributions to golf in the Manawatu and in Warren's case also New Zealand Golf. **Brent Dickins** has made a major contribution to the Manawatu Golf Club through his time on the Committee and Executive of the Club particularly over the period of the club house development and internalizing the hospitality management.

Eagles Raffle

A big thanks goes out to all those golfers who supported the Eagles "TaylorMade" Raffle this year. All the funds go towards the development of junior golf on both a local and national basis. Although four prizes came to our area, unfortunately none from tickets purchased by our Clubs members.

Eagles History

From the Eagles handbook

After the Auckland Winter Championship in June 1956, 9 men, all top golfers, felt that they should be putting something back into golf. As there was no "Junior Golf", only caddies, the need was evident. Some 20 selected men from various other clubs were asked to attend an informal meeting. It was agreed to round up all youngsters and give them instructions on play, rules and etiquette. Old bags, clubs, balls, etc. were found and given to the needy. The name of "EAGLES" was chosen. Criteria for membership were having represented one's province or having played to a high standard.

By 1958 the group was extended to include administrators who could advise the smaller country clubs on finance, course care, and design while the low markers gave clinics and demonstrations.

A formal meeting was called and with the help of Rugby's "BABAS" constitution the "EAGLES" Golfing Society was formed and after a hearty discussion the Eagle emblem and Red Jacket approved.

The objects of the Society were to "promote golf and good fellowship" always ancillary to the local golf association.

Over the next few years Eagles Golfing Societies were formed and affiliated to the NZ Society. Manawatu Wanganui joined the fold in 1965.

The Eagles Golfing Society and the affiliate district bodies have assisted junior golf on a district and national basis. In the Manawatu Wanganui the support runs to several thousand dollars annually and apart from direct sponsorship to individual district clubs for junior golf, the Manawatu Wanganui District Golf Association is funded for the Eagles Academy which aims to assist developing young golfers on handicaps 5 and over.

NOTE FROM THE CLUB'S EAGLES ... continued

Halberg Disability Trust

The Eagles Golfing Society has partnered the Halberg Disability Sports Foundation Trust since 1969. Eagles have contributed through their fundraising golf days in excess of four million dollars to the Halberg Trust. These funds are allocated primarily to the Trust's Activity Fund meeting grants towards equipment and expenses thereby getting children and young people with a physical disability more active more often and linked with sporting and recreational opportunities within their communities. The Manawatu Eagles are planning to hold a "Halberg Day" fundraiser early in the new year.

Club's Eagles

The Club now has 12 Eagles. They are members who have over many years either as players or administrators and voluntary workers assisted golf either at their own Club or on a district and national level. They are John Bills, Brent Dickins, Hugh Glendinning, David Petre, Bruce Simpson, Don Scott, Martin Townend, Warren Vining, Ewan Westergaard, Warren Williams, John Weber, and Rhys Watkins.

Hugh Glendinning

GOODBYE FROM MEL!

Well this is it, 6 years almost to the day and I'm off on a new adventure. I will be relocating to Martinborough at the end of the year and will be working for a couple of vineyards (Murdoch James and Luna). It's fair to say I start the new job with a little more product knowledge than I did in this role!

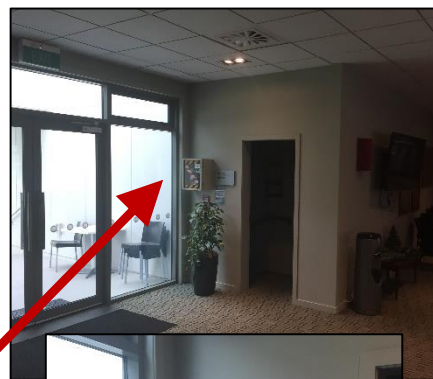
I have loved my time here at the Club and wanted to thank all the members who have popped in to the office over the years to share funny stories or smiles, and particularly in the early days all those members that were very patient with me while I learnt all about golf! Running a busy Club like this is hard work but rewarding and it's been great to be part of a team who are committed to creating a successful business that will serve members well into the future.

I hope everyone has a restful time over the holidays and if you are down in the Wairarapa at any time, please call in and say hi Luna is only a block from the Martinborough Golf Club 😊

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

A few health and safety reminders from the club;

- Now that it is summer please use the complimentary sunscreen that is kindly sponsored by Nuview Wealth Solutions on the 1st and 10th tees
- The Club owns a defibriliator and has staff trained to use this. In case of a cardio emergency this is located in the clubhouse across from the bar by the door that leads down to the cardroom. See photo.
- Health and safety law requires all accidents and near misses to be reported. If you have/see an accident or witness a near miss, please contact the office immediately. If it is the weekend leave a message and details with the café or Pro Shop.



FEDEX CUP POINTS SUMMARY FOR 2016

For the last couple of years we have used the USPGA tour FEDEX cup points system to rank Saturday men strokeplay results for determining winners of the season long trophies. Each Saturday scores in Division 1 and Division 2 are downloaded from Dotgolf and the top golfer awarded 500 points. Points are allocated down to 70th place (1 point).

The divisions are based on handicap less than 16 (Division 1) and 16 or greater (Division 2). For the last 3 years the average handicap of men playing on Saturday has been consistently around 16.

As we did last year the overall points table combined from all 3 strokeplay competitions (Stroke, Stableford and Par) was published throughout the year and used to select teams for the President versus Club Captain matches. Anthony White was the clear winner this year with 3251 points. The 2015 winner was Pan Charles with 2184 points while in 2014 Rodney Thomas had 2453 points.

On the following page is the table of the top 50 members ranked for each competition.

Generally when you get your card out in the Pro Shop it is automatic entry into the Saturday Club competition. Sometimes entry is optional (when multiple tees are in play i.e. Blue & Black). If you choose not to enter that is your choice.

We get lots of feedback about people taking unacceptable “gimme” putts and thus the impact on these competitions. In the end of the day all we can do is trust that people play honest and fair.

FEDEX CUP RANK POINTS SUMMARY FOR 2016

The following table shows the top 50 members ranked for each competition. This table is also available to view in larger print on the Club news page of the website.

ALL FEDEX cup points 2016

Rank	Net Division 1	Points	Rank	Net Division 2	Points	Rank	Par Division 1	Points	Rank	Par Division 2	Points	Rank	Stableford Div 1	Points	Rank	Stableford Div 2	Points
1	Thomas, Leigh	1244	1	Fowler, Gus	1765	1	Edsall, Chris	1200	1	White, Anthony	1561	1	Christie, Adrian	1167	1	Tan, Ghee	1118
2	Morris, Peter	1026	2	Rogers, Jim	1282	2	Edwin	1188	2	Carpenter, Tim	880	2	Nail, Martyn	990	2	Symon, John	1074
3	Nail, Martyn	953	3	Barker, Alan	986	3	Amon, James	999	3	Anderson, Ian	826	3	Allen, George	891	3	Okeefe, Gerard	992
4	Chang, Bert	952	4	Haggarty, Neill	915	4	Jackson, Maurice	909	4	Laracy, Keith	773	4	Shaw, Richard	875	4	Kellett, Mike	885
5	Reynolds, Gordon	918	5	Anderson, Ian	907	5	Gleeson, Mark	819	5	Dennis	746	5	Pan, Charles	829	5	Bevins, Ian	873
6	Thomas, Rodney	904	6	Smith, Mark	762	6	Williams, Reuben	742	6	Leighton, Stuart	703	6	Williams, Reuben	774	6	Petre, David	786
7	Short, Ashley	894	7	White, Anthony	714	7	Hallam, Mike	680	7	Cawthray, Brent	701	7	Cole, Gordon	749	7	Hattle, Tom	722
8	Watkins, Rhys	835	8	Rule, Tony	668	8	Barber, Bill	636	8	Sharrock, Chris	690	8	Spencer, Robert	698	8	Betts, Neil	714
9	Edsall, Chris	771	9	Bevins, Ian	667	9	Christie, Adrian	616	9	Petre, David	667	9	Hearn, Shane	677	9	Smith, Janoah	704
10	Leipnik, William	718	10	Stephens, Michael	650	10	Barnett, Ray	592	10	Hirini, Lew	616	10	Scott, Don	672	10	White, Anthony	679
11	Edwin	672	11	Pratt, Richard	636	11	Berry, Tim	591	11	Bradley, Doug	578	11	Stewart, Pete	645	11	Hirini, Lew	654
12	Shaw, Richard	664	12	Southey, Colin	634	12	Nixon, Greg	588	12	Fowler, Gus	578	12	Rankin, Bob	621	12	Crawford, Mike	627
13	Barber, Bill	619	13	Bell, Keith	621	13	Finlay, Nick	557	13	Anthony	569	13	Edwin	619	13	Stevens, John	626
13	Te Hiwi, Tana	619	14	Tan, Ghee	613	13	Vonk, Alan	557	14	Dunlop, John	556	14	Chang, Bert	606	14	Lewis, Ben	614
15	Barnett, Ray	612	15	Hirini, Lew	609	15	Allen, George	556	15	Whittle, Dave	549	15	Jackson, Maurice	564	15	Haumaha, Scott	550
16	Bills, John	587	16	Campbell, Alastair	608	16	Heaphy, Darryl	555	16	Okeefe, Gerard	530	16	Dickins, Brent	553	16	Daubney, Andrew	539
17	Savell, Alan	568	17	Laracy, Keith	594	17	McCluskey, Bruce	537	17	Bailey, Allan	513	17	Heaphy, Darryl	552	17	Pinfold, Malcolm	533
18	Burton, Simon	566	17	Walsh, Brian	594	18	Cabraal, Dilhan	529	18	Smith, David	512	18	Gain, Rick	548	18	Cawthray, Brent	532
19	Beaumont, John	564	19	Belk, Philip	551	19	Garland, Richard	514	19	Clapperton, John	506	19	Barnett, Ray	539	19	Towler, Brian	526
20	Vining, Peter	563	20	Bendall, Bill	544	20	Shaw, Richard	509	20	Wilce, Ian	503	19	Pryde, Hamish	539	20	Bruce	512
21	McRedmond, Peter	549	21	Beale, Mike	518	21	Smith-Pilling, Dean	500	21	Eglinton, Ron	480	21	Simmonds, John	512	21	Hook, Lachlan	500
22	Williams, Michael	529	21	Cuff, Robert	518	22	Dewe, David	497	22	Van Den Heever, Bruce	477	22	Morriss, Connor	500	22	Bendall, Bill	483
23	James	509	23	Savell, Alan	500	23	Hearn, Shane	480	23	Craig, Ian	473	23	Burton, Simon	491	23	Bills, John	478
24	Pan, Charles	508	24	Whittle, Dave	494	24	Hopcroft, Nathan	473	24	Towler, Brian	465	24	Meiring, David	488	24	Barker, Alan	444
25	Rankin, Bob	489	25	Smith, Rodney	488	25	Chang, Bert	470	25	Gill, Steve	464	25	Thomas, Rodney	485	25	Hartwell, Joshua	417
26	Cleland, Donald	467	26	Williams, Warren	482	25	Thomas, Rodney	470	26	Barker, Alan	450	26	Hallam, Mike	481	26	Smith, Mark	408
27	Frogley, Warrick	457	27	Craig, Ian	465	27	Beaumont, John	428	27	Leogreen, Paul	431	27	Wilkinson, Brian	479	27	Townend, David	400
28	Pryde, Hamish	446	28	Petre, David	463	28	Savell, Alan	422	28	Hazners, Jamie	400	28	Thomas, Leigh	462	28	Wiltshire, Bob	392
29	Perry, Reid	436	29	Wilce, Ian	460	29	Chalmers, Darryl	418	28	Rule, Tony	400	29	Mathews, Ben	421	29	Haggarty, Neill	386
30	Francis, Matt	414	30	Tristram, Nigel	420	30	Watkins, Rhys	416	30	Smith, Rodney	394	30	Short, Ashley	405	30	Craig, Ian	383
31	Hallam, Mike	405	31	Stevens, John	412	31	Nail, Martyn	411	31	Tan, Ghee	354	31	Frogley, Warrick	395	31	Smith, Rodney	379
32	Gear, Ant	397	32	Hattle, Tom	400	32	Rankin, Bob	403	32	Philpott, John	350	32	Savell, Alan	391	32	Fowler, Gus	367
33	Neall, Malcolm	392	33	Griffin, Barry	393	33	Frogley, Warrick	400	33	Bevins, Ian	348	33	Vining, Peter	388	33	Reynolds, Gordon	365
33	Oconnor, William	392	34	O'Fee, Wilson	387	34	Burton, Simon	396	34	Smith, Mark	344	34	Robbie, Stuart	370	34	Leighton, Stuart	358
35	Dickins, Ryan	374	35	Green, Rob	384	35	Joines, Grayson	395	34	Townend, David	344	35	Hook, Lachlan	361	35	Southey, Colin	354
36	Heaphy, Darryl	373	36	Harrod, Ron	377	36	Reynolds, Gordon	389	36	Avery, Euan	341	36	Morriss, Stuart	353	36	Shallcross, Warren	352
37	Wilkinson, Brian	371	37	Pinfold, Malcolm	373	37	Wilkinson, Brian	384	37	Green, Rob	334	37	Chalmers, Darryl	350	36	Townend, Martin	352
38	Christie, Adrian	365	38	Shallcross, Warren	362	38	Lundy, Jhon	371	38	Pinfold, Malcolm	333	38	Edsall, Chris	346	38	Bell, Keith	336
39	Lundy, Jhon	353	39	Symon, John	361	39	Gain, Rick	350	39	De Swardt, Willem	329	39	Fowler, Simon	332	38	Williams, Warren	336
40	Morriss, Stuart	345	40	Dickins, Robin	348	40	Robbie, Stuart	347	40	Warren	319	39	Gear, Ant	332	40	Clarke, Brian	331
41	Allen, George	343	41	Clapperton, John	345	41	Short, Ashley	346	41	Walsh, Brian	318	41	Beaumont, John	329	41	Philpott, John	329
42	Hopcroft, Nathan	337	42	Townend, David	343	42	Simmonds, John	343	42	Bateman, David	316	42	Pickering, Matt	328	42	Green, Rob	318
42	Robbie, Stuart	337	43	Gill, Steve	340	43	Eising, Creagh	339	43	Forrest, David	309	43	Ewan	327	43	Laracy, Keith	316
42	Smith-Pilling, Dean	337	44	Hazners, Jamie	338	43	Vining, Peter	339	44	Beale, Mike	308	44	Walsh, Brian	320	44	Stephens, Paul	308
45	O'Fee, Marty	332	44	Stiven, Reid	338	45	Westwood, Jason	331	45	Dickins, Robin	307	45	McCluskey, Bruce	313	45	Clayton, Jeffery	301
46	Scott, Don	328	46	Wiggins, Henry	333	46	Smith, Stuart	323	46	Gain, Rick	300	46	Singh, Harjinder	310	46	Garrett, John	300
47	Garland, Richard	322	47	Betts, Neil	324	47	Pryde, Hamish	299	47	Clarke, Brian	289	47	Crawford, Scot	306	46	Jones, Doug	300
48	Chalmers, Darryl	315	48	Okeefe, Gerard	323	48	Dickins, Brent	294	48	Haumaha, Scott	287	47	Neall, Malcolm	306	48	Dickins, Robin	299
49	Vonk, Alan	300	49	Bateman, David	320	49	Yee, Michael	291	49	Broadley, Guy	285	47	Vonk, Alan	306	49	Anderson, Ian	288
50	Cabraal, Dilhan	295	50	Dennis	317	50	Mckee, Eric	289	50	Haggarty, Neill	283	50	Garland, Richard	304	50	Harrod, Ron	282

Pros Day thank you to all that played

On the 5th of November we had our annual beat the pros day. The 180 players in the field (90 teams) played for \$12,000 worth of prizes while trying to beat Alan & Regan. I am happy to say that this year no one bet us!!!!!!! The overall winners prize is a trip to Terrace Downs Golf Resort including x 2 rounds of golf for each player, accommodation at the resort, rental car, flights & and golf carts. Congratulations go to Lily Griffin & Sherryl Bethwaite for winning our pros day and the trip to Terrace Downs Golf Resort with the score of Nett 61. We're sure you both will really enjoy the trip.



A massive thank you to all that entered our Pros Day 2016 I hope you all really enjoyed the day and all the best next year in your attempt to beat us.

Christmas Gifts

Christmas is fast approaching and if you need anything regarding gifts for golf come see your Pro Shop team. We have everything from vouchers through to any and everything regarding golf And remember that by buying from us you all get a members discount and you help the Club, and therefore yourself with every purchase.

Also we have some sample putter grips I would like to give away for free to some members who really feel that they have the putting “yips” with a involuntary hand flinch when they putt. Anyone afflicted with this flinch knows the horrors of that feeling and the dread of feeling what is about to happen as they stand over a 3 foot putt.

These grips are designed to help minimise this and as such we would like 4 or 5 volunteers to try them and give us feedback on them.

If anyone has a genuine fear of the “yips” and would like to try one – just pop in to see us and ask if one of these sample grips could help them.

A new Pro has joined the Pro Shop team

Ben Harwood started working in the shop on the 4th of November 2016. He is in his second year of his PGA Traineeship and was previously at Maraenui Golf Club in Napier.

Ben will also join our coaching team and as he is in training and therefore still learning, a lesson with Ben will only cost \$39.00 per half hour lesson. Ben will be available for appointments on Thursday, Fridays & Saturday afternoons. Hopefully he brings some of that Hawkes Bay weather over here as well.



CAR PARK

A reminder to all members to park in a designated space when parking at the Club. This means between some white lines and not on yellow lines. We are aware that the lines are getting a bit faded down the back of the car park and will be addressing this shortly.

There is also concern that people using the car park are not using the correct flow. A lot of cars have been noticed turning right straight after the driveway which is a 'no entry' point and an exit only. When you arrive, you need to travel straight after the driveway finishes and commence looking for a car park.



A reminder that the Committee car parks are for Committee only at all times.

We realise visitors are part of the problem but ask that members lead by example.

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight Golf is back and great value at only \$5 for members, \$10 for affiliates and \$15 for non-members. Tee off between 3.00pm and 5.30pm for 9 holes. You can make up your own group or just turn up and join others. Your proper handicap will be used this year and the Twilight tees are red for men and orange for women.



Simply pop into the Pro Shop when you arrive, print your scorecard through the card machine (just like you would for a normal round of Golf) and pay your entry fee at the Pro Shop counter. Non-members should go directly to the Pro Shop counter to register.

When you go to the touch screen it will ask if you want to enter Twilight. Once you hit 'yes' you will need to select the front 9 or back 9. Please ensure you know which 9 you are going to play before printing your card!

After the round, enter your scorecard as normal into the card room touch screen and leave your scorecard in the cardboard box labelled 'Twilight'. Non members will just leave their card in the box and the organisers will enter it. Results will be done upstairs between 7.45pm and 8.30pm depending on numbers.

Thanks to the Mad Butcher who are kindly on board again as a sponsor and providing vouchers for the winners.



2016 CLUB CHAMPS FINALS

Finals day kicked off in warm weather, but with the prospect of heavy showers. Fortunately, while we did have a couple of heavy showers, they did not last long. The C Grade final between Ian Craig and David Bateman led the field out. This is the first year it has been played over 36 holes, and was very well received by both players. Ian ran out the winner in a good keenly fought match, after being 2up after 18 holes.

The Junior Final was between Nick Findlay and Gus Fowler. This was a real battle which ebbed and flowed. Gus was 1up after 18, but ended up shaking hands on the 35th hole, with Nick prevailing 2 and 1.

Last year's beaten Intermediate finalist Reuben Williams played this year's top qualifier in Leigh Thomas. This was another tight match with it all locked up at lunch. However, Reuben hit his straps in the afternoon and had an excellent win.

The Men's Senior final saw the three time previous winner in Ewan Westergaard, up against the "new kid on the block" in 17 year old Greg Shaw. This was surprisingly one sided, with Greg fast out of the blocks, to be 7 up at lunch! Ewan's putter ran cold all day. The afternoon round was always going to be a battle for Ewan to come back from such a large deficit, and the players shook hands on the 29th (11th). Greg showed why he is in the Men's Inter-provincial team. An outstanding win for a highly promising young golfer.

The Ladies Bronze 1 Flight saw Edna Short defeat Janine Healy.

The Ladies Bronze 2 final over 18 holes saw Barbara Stuckey triumph over Jules Honore on the 17th.

The Ladies Bronze 1 final saw two new members in Maree Buckman and Jill Clifton square off over 36 holes. This match see-sawed the entire match with Jill being 1up playing the 36th hole. She managed a half to take out the championship. Great stuff ladies, epic!

The Ladies Silver Championship final (Snr) was between the current Manawatu number 1 in Tania Hook, and first time finalist in Toni Burnley. This was really close for the first 18 holes, with Toni at one stage being 4 up. However, Tania fought back to be all square at lunch. Tania's experience came through in the afternoon round and she ended up winning comfortably. Well done Toni, you did yourself proud. Tania was a worthy winner, and we wish her all the best at the Ladies Inter- Provincial in New Plymouth.

2016 CLUB CHAMPS FINALS ... continued

In other results, the Men's C Grade Flight was won by Rodney Smith (by default).
C Grade Handicap - Josh Hartwell defeated Lew Hirini.

Junior Men Flight - Brian Clarke defeated Anthony White.
 Handicap – Bill Bendall defeated Phil Belk.

Intermediate Men Flight - Grayson Joines defeated Lachlan Hook on the 20th!
 Handicap – Chris Edsall defeated Dave Dewe.

Senior Men Flight - Malcolm Neall defeated Kirk Brough
 Handicap - Creagh Eising by default.

The Nine Hole finals were also played. In the Women's Div 1, Marg Birchall managed to defeat Barbara Trollope, while in the Ladies Div 2 final, last years winner, Kerry Able could not go back to back, losing to a very happy Susan Cook.

Mens Div 2 Don Lavender defeated Ray Abbott.

Mens Div 1 Guy Sextus defeated Dave Griffin.

All in all, a very successful Finals day. Thanks to the caddies, and the supporters who came along. I can assure you the players really appreciate your being there to support/watch.

Special thanks to our Men's referee Ant Gear for giving up your Sunday.

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain

KAIKOURA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thank you to all those members who donated to the Kaikoura Earthquake appeal over the Xmas Cheer weekend. The club raised **\$1,216.50**.

This initiative was driven by New Zealand Golf who set up a 'give a little' page and encouraged all Golf Clubs to raise funds over the weekend of 26/27 November so Golf could do it's bit for the people down south.

As at the time of writing this newsletter article, the Manawatu Golf Club was clearly the highest contributing Golf Club in the country and the total appeal had raised \$13,839.50!



WOMENS GOLF

The serious golf is over now and the fun part begins with Xmas Cheer and the Par 3 day coming up.

Finals Day

It was great to see our finalists out there on the day although the weather did its usual nasty thing. But the players were all in good spirit and played great golf. It was good to see some supporters out there. Congratulations to
Senior Champion: Tania Hook; runner up Toni Burnley
Bronze 1 Champion ; Jill Clifton; runner up Marie Buckman
Bronze 2 Champion; Barbara Stuckey; runner up Juls Honore

District Events

The week after Finals Day was the Champion of Champions at Rangatira. The team of Tania Hook, Jill Clifton and Marie Buckman won the Rosebowl Trophy, 17 shots ahead. Well done to the team, and many thanks to the caddies, Megan Waugh and Gloria Campbell who gave up their Sunday and the male caddies as well. The caddies were a great support to these players as it was a very long day.

Tania also won the Senior Gross Championship with two 81's, and shared the nett.

In the District Home Links events Tania Hook won the best gross, and Lily Griffin won the best Junior Gross, and the Most Improved Junior of the year. These events are played earlier in the year, the Coronation Medal, Aotearoa Cup and the Vets Cup, The Nancy McCormick Foursomes and the Best Gross and best Junior Gross plus the most Improved Junior Player.

Shootout

This was postponed for two weeks because of the weather once again, but what a great day we had on 24th November. We had Batman and his able assistant overseeing us and some delicious muffins on the 6th tee to keep us going. Thanks to Lorraine Stachurski, Jenny Wilson and Sue Fletcher for all their help on this day. The eventual winner was Sue Burmeister from Di Betts on a very exciting last hole. This is the first time Sue has won the Rita Parkinson Trophy, so well done. Congratulations.

Hole in One

Congratulations to Janine Healy on her first ever hole in one. Janine aced number 4 on Saturday 5th November in the Pros Day Tournament. An amusing aside to this feat was that her partner Darryl Chalmers had always said that "if you get a hole in one before I do, then I'm giving golf up!!!!". I think Darryl will be getting frequent reminders!

WOMENS GOLF

Womens Annual Dinner

The Women's Annual Dinner was held on the 16th November with 60 women attending. Congratulations to everyone who was recognised on the night and special mention to Tania Hook who was presented with an impressive amount of silverware! Well done to everyone who entered competitions throughout the year.



Once the prizegiving was over the fun began. We had an hilarious show to entertain us and many thanks to our fairly new members Barbara Stuckey and Marie Buckman who got into the spirit of it all, and put in so much work, along with their fabulous pink and white golf balls Marlene Judd and Helen Weber!!!!



We also acknowledged two of our Senior 9 Holers who have been members of this club for 50 yrs and are still playing 9 holes twice a week. An amazing achievement. Congratulations to Jan Brooke and Karen Russell. More photos from the night can be seen on the facebook page.

Thank you's

Once again thanks to all the Committee women, the Volunteers, Pennant Selectors, Gardening Crew, Discover Golf helpers and the Meals on Wheels teams. And a huge thank-you to Melanie for all her help and we wish her well in her new adventure.

Summer Golf

We have now started Summer Golf which starts earlier than usual as the weather will heat up!!!! So cards in by 8.30am please.

So now the Trophies all have Winners for 2016 and are safely back in the cabinet. We look forward to the 2017 programme and many more winners.

General Opening Day	11 th February
Mid-week Opening	14 th February
Saturday Opening	18 th February

Have a Great Xmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain



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**SATURDAY
15th
OCTOBER**

POSTPONED UNTIL 2017 – NEW DATE TO BE ADVISED

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FROM THE ACADEMY ...

The Manawatu Golf Club Academy resumed activities for the 2016/2017 year commencing October 1.

The mission statement for the Academy is:

ENABLING HIGH ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH INSPIRED PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUTSTANDING YOUNG GOLFERS.

Four previous members of the Academy will continue on. They are:

MUDRA LAKHANI, REGAN McCONAGHTY,
JAMIE CONNELL & GREG SHAW

Five new members joined the group. They are:

ETHAN DODDS, LILY GRIFFIN, KALEB IDEMARU, ERIC McKEE & SAM SMITH



Lily Griffin Age 15,
current handicap 12



The first informal meeting with the group took place on Wednesday October 12. This was to ensure that everyone knew each other and it touched briefly on the way forward for the Academy.

A more formal meeting took place on Wednesday November 16. Parents were invited and a large number turned up.

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I explained how important it was that Academy members communicated when asked as having to chase members for responses was time consuming and counter productive. I've had to switch on to MESSENGER as this is the younger person's communication choice. A challenge for someone at the other end of the age spectrum!

Each member was issued with Academy branded golf clothing and a photo of members in this gear accompanies this article.

James Amon, from the Sport and Rugby Institute, addressed the members on the relationship between physical fitness and their golf swings.

Alan Hyatt, Director of Golf, talked to the members about coaching plans going forward.

The first coaching clinic was set for Tuesday November 22, the second for Monday December 12.

An away golf trip has been set for Tuesday December 20, with the members and management visiting the Paraparaumu Golf Club for a round of golf.

Members of the Academy were involved in fundraising activities for the Academy, raising over \$400 at the SHAMROCK TOURNAMENT and another \$375 with a raffle at the B GRADE OPEN.

I am delighted with the Sponsor's support we have achieved. Our major fundraising golf tournament was postponed due to inclement weather and we plan to now hold this in February.

All in all a very good start to the Academy year, we will keep club members posted with regular updates in the monthly newsletter.

John R Garrett
 Academy Chairman

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MIXED 9 HOLE

We have had a busy month of Open Days and round robins. We won the Leslie Cup for results over the year and we found our new Champions Margaret Birchall and Guy Sextus. Well done to you both.

We played the final of our Tri Series with Palmerston North and Feilding which we won the trophy by 0.1 from Palmerston North. A bit close but a win is a win! Well done to all our players for participating in this fun event.

On Sunday we were to have a golf fun day but the weather put a stop to that. Despite this 90 people attended our lovely dinner (well done café) and presentation night. There were a few surprised people that received awards, well done to you all.

I would like to thank my team of helpers for the great work they have done over the year and our group of nine holers for being such a great group resulting in us having a very successful year.

I hope you all enjoy the summer competitions and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Colleen Fraser

COURSE REPORT

As 2016 comes near the end, we the greenkeepers hope all members and visitors had a great golfing year and enjoyed Manawatu Golf Club and it's facilities. Thankyou to all for the understanding with interruptions throughout the year, we appreciate it.

Greens have been dethatched as well as over seeded with brown top and top-dressed with sand. Fertiliser has been applied also.

Tees have been sprayed for weeds and remain to have good cover. Surrounds have been solid tined to help with aeration as well as a wetting granule to help retain moisture.

Fairways and rough are growing rapidly with dense cover and are in great condition.

While you are out playing or practicing please continue to repair pitch marks and replace divots.

The greenkeepers wish all staff, members and visitors well over the festive season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Golf humour: Two long time golf buddies were standing on a tee box overlooking a river, getting ready to hit their tee shots. One golfer pointed down the river, turned to the other golfer and said "Look at those idiots fishing in the rain!"

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm their acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in October 2016.

Full playing men – Gerhard Van den Berg, Tony Lee

Under 30 Men – Villi Tosi, Cameron Marshall, Andrew McNie

Under 25 Men – Cameron Thompson

Tertiary Men – Chiu Yeung Lee

9 hole Senior men – Jae Sung Cha

Full playing women – Anna Hammington, Penelope Walker

9 hole women – Hye Ryun Shin

Social women – Lara Huh

During this same period, 10 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1008 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.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

The following individuals have recently applied for membership to the Club and been granted temporary membership status while their applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee.

If accepted, membership will be confirmed once these applications have been ratified by the Main Committee later this month.

Full playing men – Jarrad Boyle, Trevor Shailer

Non Competiton men – Yuan Zhe Xu

Tertiary Men – Stefan van Ryn

Full playing junior boys – Duyeong Jung

Restricted junior boys – Viliami Vakapuna, Jack Clarke

Tertiary women – Abby Boyer



Wade Cup winner – Hugh Glendinning

PROGROUP B GRADE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The ProGroup B Grade was played on Sunday November 20 in fine conditions but the course was very wet from the week leading up to the tournament. This was the fourth year this tournament has been back on the Manawatu Golf Club calendar and proved a success with a limited field of 64 being called for and achieved. The handicap range was for male players between 8.8 and 22.5 and the format was stableford over 27 holes.

9 holes was played in the morning before a break for lunch was held. The winner of the morning 9 holes was Club Captain Brent Cawthray with 22 points. Ian Anderson, Aaron Kibblewhite and Maurice Plimmer were close behind on 21 points. Allan Bailey was one point further back on 20.

The afternoon field was reseeded with the leaders playing with each other and starting from the first tee so they could all keep an eye on each other!

After 27 holes it was Allan Bailey who came through as a clear winner with an outstanding afternoon round of 44 points to go with his 20 from the morning. Allan won a round of Golf for four at Cape Kidnappers with Carts and a dozen Pro V Golf Balls. Second place was Ian Anderson with a combined table of 62. Third place was Dave Griffin on 61 points. Both Ian and Dave picked up a round of Golf for two at Royal Wellington Golf Club and a dozen Pro V Golf Balls.

A big thank you to new sponsor ProGroup for supporting the day.

John R Garrett - Tournament Director



Club Captain Brent Cawthray receiving the top qualifier trophy for the morning 9 holes



Winner Alan Bailey (left) being presented with his trophy from last years winner Geoff Dury (middle) and sponsor Baz Woodcock (right)

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2016 SPONSORS DAY

A successful sponsors day tournament was held on Thursday November 3.

Congratulations to this year's winners Tracgrip, lead by long time sponsor Geoff Dury.

Thank you to all our sponsors support again in 2016!



Tracgrip team
Peter Balfour, Geoff Dury, John Stevens, Paul Clapperton

THIS MONTH IN THE HOKOWHITU CAFÉ & BAR

December is a busy month in the café with many members and visiting groups celebrating the end of the year Christmas functions. Our fantastic kitchen and front of house team will be busy making sure that everyone has a great experience here at the Club so please be patient if they are not immediately available.

Friday Dining

Friday dining is very popular this time of the year so if you are thinking of coming down, please make sure you phone and book a table to avoid disappointment. Phone one of the team on 357 8793 ext 3.

Christmas Goodies

There is a fantastic range of Christmas treats available from the café. Last year we sold out of many items so if you are wanting to pick something up to enjoy over the Christmas break, get in now and make your purchase or place an order for pickup closer to Christmas.

On offer this year are:

- Christmas Cakes, - small or large
- Christmas Mince Tarts –mini, medium or gluten free
- Mazurka slab
- Chilli nuts
- Candy can gluten free meringues
- Christmas Biscotti
- Christmas mince pies
- Shortbread stars



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.

EVENT

MIXED

WOMEN

MEN

December

SUNDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
4 Par 3 Challenge	3 Captains v Presidents	2 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	1	7	6 Summer Golf	5 Manawatu Monday Club 11.30am start
11	10	9 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	8	14	13 Summer Golf	12
18	17	16 Twilight Golf 3pm - 5.30pm start	15 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House (pm)	21	20 Summer Golf	19
25 Christmas Day	24	23	22	28	27	26 Boxing Day
	31	30	29			

KEY DATES FOR EARLY 2017

The 2017 Programme is almost finalised and members will be advised by email when these are ready for collection.

Below are the key dates for next year:

Sat 28 Jan: Men's B & A Qualifying

Wed 8 Feb: 9 Hole Opening Day

Sat 11 Feb: Club Opening Day

Tue 14 Feb: Women's Opening Day

Sat 18 Feb: Women's Opening Day

Christmas and New Year
Opening Hours

HOKOWHITU CAFÉ AND BAR

25, 26, 27 Dec – Closed
 28 Dec – Open from 11am*
 29, 30, 31 Dec – Open usual hours
 1, 2, 3 Jan – Closed
 4 Jan – Open from 11am*
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