

Once again it's my pleasure to write my first article as President for 2017 and I look forward to the year ahead.

2017 will be another big year for our club with the Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Tournament being held in early March. While I'm sure this will be a highly competitive event we are pleased to announce former club member Grant Waite will be competing and will also be the guest speaker at the Tuesday night dinner.

Our membership numbers remain positive however we must continue to look at all avenues so that membership numbers for both genders continue to grow.

Late last year with regret we accepted the resignation of Michael Williams as General Manager as he has accepted the position of General Manager at Mt Maunganui. Mike has done a fantastic job in the 6 years he has been GM and we wish him & Megan all the best for the future. We are currently in the process of finding a replacement for Mike.

I would like to also welcome Caroline McCartin & Rachel Hogan who have joined us in the office replacing Melanie Phillips & Steph Dench.

Finally I would like to acknowledge retiring committee members Karen Manninen & Charlotte Bedford. Both have made an outstanding contribution to the club during their term and can be very proud of what they have achieved. We welcome Warren Vining & Rob Green to the committee.

I wish members all the best for 2017.

Peter McRedmond - Club President



General Manager

We are into February already and another golfing season awaits us as Opening Day is on Saturday 11 February. I hope all members had a great Xmas and New Year and look forward to another busy year that involves a bit of golf.

The Club held it's AGM on Monday 30 January and 115 members were in attendance. We thank them all for coming along and they heard reports from another successful year for the Club. We welcome back Peter McRedmond as the President and new comers Warren Vining and Rob Green to the committee. See the next page for photos and a list of your committee members for 2017.

The Lawnmaster Horizon NZPGA is fast approaching and there are a number of ways you can be involved. If you would like to volunteer for the event please contact me and I can point you in the right direction for where we need help. We still have spaces in the morning Pro Am field if you would like to enter a team, see later in the newsletter for further details. We are also requesting members to take billets for the event as we have a number of players coming from Australia for the event. The expectation when taking a billet is providing a bed and breakfast and that is all. Anything else is totally at the discretion of the host. If you are able to take a billet please go onto our website under our 'NZPGA' tab and then click on 'volunteers' and fill out the form.

Programme Books will be out shortly now that the AGM has been and they will be able to be collected from the Club.

Also as many of you will now be aware, I am moving to Mount Maunganui where I will take up the position as General Manager at the Mount Maunganui Golf Club. It has been an honour to be the General Manager of such a great Golf Club and I look forward to seeing as many members as I can before my departure (particularly at the NZPGA) on 8 March.

For now happy Golfing.

Michael Williams - General Manager



2017 Committee Members



Nathan Hopcroft – Vice President



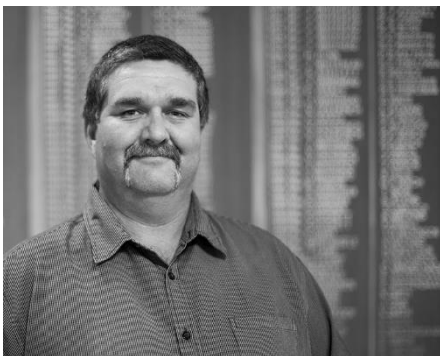
Scott Haumaha - Treasurer



Brent Cawthray – Men's Club Captain



Vicki Worker – Women's Representative



Rodney Thomas – Committee Member



Rob Green – Committee Member



Warren Vining – Committee Member



Richard Shaw – Committee Member

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Timetable for the day

AM Pro-Am	PM Pro-Am
Shotgun start 8.00am	Shotgun start 1.00pm
Prize giving 1.30pm	Prize giving 6.30pm

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NZPGA Dinner

Special Guest - Grant Waite

The NZPGA Dinner will be held on Tuesday 28th February, and this year features PGA Tour winner Grant Waite as the guest speaker.

Grant Waite, born in Palmerston North, learned to play golf as a junior member at Manawatu Golf Club, before heading to the US under a golf scholarship at Oklahoma State University. Waite would go on from there to become a regular PGA Tour member, which included a win at the 1993 Kemper Open.

Among other highlights of his golfing career includes winning the 1992 New Zealand Open, held at Paraparaumu Beach. A plaque sits on the 18th fairway where he holed a 2 iron for an albatross during that event.

Waite represented New Zealand as a professional in the 1997 World Cup, and multiple Alfred Dunhill Cup teams. His lowest score in professional competition was a 60 during the final round of the 1996 Pheonix Open.

One of his more well known performances was during the 2000 Canadian Open where Waite battled toe to toe with Tiger Woods down the stretch, only for Tiger to pull off arguably the best ever PGA Tour shot, on the final hole, resulting in a one shot victory.

Waite was also well regarded as one of the better ball strikers during his career on tour, and would often feature near the top of ball striking stats. Now Waite still very much remains involved in golf as both a golf coach, and player on the over 50's Champions Tour.

During his time in New Zealand Waite will play in the NZPGA Pro-Am on Wednesday and the Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA from 2 - 5 March. He will then travel to Queenstown and play in the NZ Open. He will also find time during his stay to enjoy relaxing family time in Palmerston North.

Register for the NZPGA dinner now at www.manawatugolfclub.com

Please enter online at www.manawatugolfclub.com,
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 Online banking payment can be made when entering through the website, or to the following bank account:
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- Team of 3 players

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Entry Conditions:

- The maximum handicap for players that do not have an official New Zealand Golf handicap is 24.
- Confirmation of team members must be sent to the tournament organising committee by Tuesday 21 February 2017. A separate team sheet will be forwarded to entrants in February.

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Grant Waite

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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.



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.



New Office Team Members...



Caroline McCartin – Finance & Admin Manager

I am very excited to be working for the Manawatu Golf Club because the job combines 2 of my passions – numbers and sport!

I have lived in many places over my short life, starting in Yorkshire (Wakefield & Harrogate) then Scotland (St Andrews & Edinburgh) and then onto NZ - Taihape, Levin, New Plymouth, Nelson and finally Palmerston North where I intend staying! Consequently, I have a range of

experience in different financial and administration jobs which should stand me in good stead for my new role.

I play lots of different sports – hockey being my passion, although I have now given that up for sailing, swimming, cycling and bridge and look forward to dusting off my ½ set of clubs and joining you all on the golf course!

Meanwhile if I haven't already had the pleasure of meeting you, I look forward to doing so when you next pop into the office.

Rachel Hogan – Marketing and Functions Manager

I grew up locally in Palmerston North and stayed here to study at Massey University to complete my Bachelor of Business. After completing my studies I spent time in Tongariro National Park managing a lodge and then went on to Auckland where I have been for the past four years. In Auckland I was an events coordinator for one of the large universities which really cemented my love for events.



After saving for our first house my partner and I decided to move back to Palmerston North where the houses are still attainable! I am enjoying being back in my home town closer to family and friends and also the commute is much easier!

I am looking forward to having some great events at the club and growing the club and clubhouse. From what I have seen so far I am also looking forward to being a part of a great team and the club community.



On behalf of the Pro Shop I hope everyone had a great break over the holiday period and managed to play some holiday golf – in between the two weather bombs that hit the country through January!

What a start to the year on the PGA Tour with two 59's in as many tournaments. These guys are good!!!. Our own Tim Wilkinson has had a solid start to year with T21, T36, T25 and this past week he has made a cut at an event he has never made a cut at and also beating Tiger, Jason Day and Dustin Johnson who all missed the cut.

New Equipment in store

Each year the golf industry really kicks off around the end of January with the PGA Merchandise show in Florida USA. This is where a lot of the companies release their new range of equipment. Three of our major brands have some really exciting stuff coming out that will be hitting our store in the next few weeks. Callaway is releasing the new EPIC drivers and woods, which the likes of Rory McIlroy have put in the bag. Taylormade has the new range of M1 & M2 clubs coming, which Tiger Woods has just signed with over the weekend. And Cobra have just released their new range of F7 drivers/woods and irons, which includes a very cool technology called Cobra connect. This technology allows you to track your distances and your accuracy with every driver you hit. For all the info on the new and exciting products arriving into your proshop click on the links below.

Taylormade video -<https://youtu.be/72se1v74LZo>

Callaway Video - <https://youtu.be/euzxO6nENdo>

Cobra Video - <https://youtu.be/jeYR1Z7DDUQ>

Best Buys In the Proshop

Titleist Pro V1 & Pro V1X Sale: \$79.95 per dozen, normally \$99.95 per dozen. Be in quick as we have limited stock!

Regan Leaving

As some of you may be aware Regan is moving on. His last day will be the 12th of February. Over the last few months Regan has come to the decision that he would like to take a different career path and working in the golf industry wasn't for him.

We have really enjoyed having Regan as part of our team and we will be very sad to see him go, as I'm sure all of the members will be as well. On behalf of the Pro Shop and Club we wish Regan all the best in his future endeavours. Regan will still be a member of Manawatu and will be playing Pennants as well so you will still be seeing him around the club.

Mens Golf

Welcome back everybody to the start of the new season.

Scary that we have reached the end of January and Summer hasn't even started!

Saturday 28th January saw qualifying for the B&A and Watson Cups, matchplay competitions. The top qualifier and winner of the Kenneth Neal Memorial trophy was Euan Avery with a net 67. The first trophy Euan has won, congratulations on a top round. Peter Steer was runner up with a net 68.

What a welcome change to be playing a round of golf in warm, sunny weather with a gentle breeze instead of a howling bloody gale!

Waitangi Saturday sees the playing of the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard. The first for the new season, and a club draw. Thanks to Ewan Westergaard for his sponsorship of this highly sought after prize.

Opening Day is on Saturday 11 February, and the start sheet is up in the card room. Format will be mixed Canadian Foursomes for the Queenan Memorial Salver, played in sixes. Those not wanting to take part in this can just put their names down in fours.

We are always receiving reports of people playing in various comps NOT PUTTING OUT!! If you are playing in the Pros comp, or any Club Comp (where scores count towards the end of season trophies) you must always putt out, otherwise you are gaining an unfair advantage over the rest of us who do putt out. Speed of play is no excuse as a Gimme should be a tap in, so tap it in please.

For those in the annual shootout, Warren Williams is back running it this year. Richard will be doing the results.

Cheers

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain



Mens Golf

Saturday Men Season Long Competitions

This golfing season (28th January to 28th October 2017) men playing 18 hole rounds on Saturdays will have the option of choosing Yes or No for entering the traditional Saturday men's competitions (Stroke, Stableford or Par). See Strokeplay details in the programme book for more information on these competitions. Each Saturday points will be allocated across two divisions (Division 1 handicaps +5.0 to 16, Division 2 handicaps greater than 16) based on "fedex cup" points with 1st place in each division getting 500 points down to 70th place which gets 1 point. We will publish the Overall fedex cups points throughout the season so that members can see where they sit compared with their peers. The overall points table will be used to assist in selection of the Presidents V Club Captain match play teams at the end of the year.

2017 Men's Shootout

Men playing on Saturdays who wish to enter the season long Shootout qualifying competition can do so by paying the entry fee of \$30 to Warren Williams or Brent Cawthray or the office by Friday March 17th 2016. This must be paid in cash (not eftpos). The top 19 golfers entered in the shootout at the end of the season will then play off over 18 holes on Sunday October 29th. In the final the player with the worst net score on each hole is eliminated. Ties are decided by a chip-off.

2017 qualification will be based on the entrant's **8 best Saturday Stableford** scores over the season. Please note though that "gimmes" should only be accepted once zero points are available.

Qualifying starts **Saturday 28th January** and ends on **Saturday October 21st**. If a tie exists for the 19th position there will be a playoff down the 18th after play on Saturday 28th October 2017.

Every Saturday round (am or pm) will be eligible, except for Saturdays with an away inter-club fixture and Opening day. **When getting your card you must enter Yes for entry into the Men's Saturday competition for your scores to be included in the shootout table.**

If you play twice on a Saturday, only the first round will be eligible.

Players entered in 2016 are provisionally entered for 2017. If your entry fee is paid before March 17th rounds played between January 28th and March 11th will be used for qualification. You may enter later in the season but qualifying rounds start from when the entry fee is paid.

Mens Golf

Craigs Investment Partners Tankard Club Draw Information

On the first Saturday of every month (February to December) the Men play for a Craigs Investment Partners Tankard. This is a Stableford competition but for afternoon tee slots a club draw is carried out i.e. members are randomly allocated playing partners. To enter go to The Manawatu Golf Clubs public web page and choose MEMBER ACCESS – EVENT REGISTRATION
<http://www.manawatugolfclub.com/members-area/>

Entries close at 5pm the preceding Wednesday and the draw is generally loaded onto the booking system later that evening.

Some notes:

No requests for playing partners will be accepted unless you are playing a designated singles or 4-ball match.

Please arrange your matches prior to entering your Club draw booking.

Every attempt will be made to enter designated matches off the 1st tee but otherwise requests for starting off the 1st tee will be ignored.

We will attempt to honour playing time requests i.e. early (11.14 to 11.42), around midday (11.49 to 12.10) or later (after 12.17), but these cannot always be acknowledged. Providing a reason for a specific tee time may assist your request.

We attempt to mix up members teeing off the 1st or 10th tees over the season but please appreciate that this is rather difficult to do in a consistent manner.

B&A and Watson Cups

This is a Men's singles match play competition based on handicap. It is open to men (and juniors) with full playing rights. There is one qualifying round (**net**) played on **28th January 2017**. The top qualifier wins the Kenneth Neal Cup. The top 32 players compete for the B&A Cup and the second 32 compete for the Watson Cup. Draw will be prepared based on qualifying round ranking and displayed in the Card room and on the Club's website. Matches must then be played by:

Round 1 by Sunday 12th March

Round 2 by Sunday 9th April

Round 3 by Sunday 30th April

Semi-finals by Sunday 14th May

Final by Saturday 3th June

Please see the Programme book for information on arranging matches. If you know that you will struggle to play any matches by due dates then please do not enter.

Handicap Matchplay: In a handicap match, the lower net score wins the hole. The handicapping system in Match Play is based on the difference between the players handicaps, so that a player on a handicap of 10 would have to give an 18 handicapper 8 strokes. These strokes would be allocated on the 8 hardest stroke holes. Where there is more than eighteen strokes difference between handicaps, players receive two strokes per hole where applicable. Matches all square after 18 holes continue from the No 1 tee irrespective of where the match was started, until a hole is won!

WOMENS GOLF

Welcome to the New Year of 2017!

Our numbers during the “Summer!!! Autumn?” Golf Season have been very good and a big thanks to Gloria Campbell for organising starters etc.

We have had some very low scores with high stableford points so obviously some of us are enjoying the course and handicaps are coming down

Welcome!

Welcome to Patricia Moore and Jacquie Wakeford to our Tuesday Mid-Week section.

Some exciting news

Last Thursday Elizabeth Lander started a round of golf in not so good weather and couldn't get off the 2nd tee so then had a pick up. Only to get a hole in 1 on the 4th.



She was so excited and went running up to the hole leaving her trundler unattended and of course with all the wind the trundler ended up in the bunker.



Lucky their golf is better than their photography!
Mind the finger in the corner of the picture!

Congratulations Elizabeth. Her very good friend Philippa Carne showed her how this was achieved just a week before getting a hole in 1 also on the 4th.

Updates

We have had our 1st Convenors Meeting and the Tuesday Mid-week Women had their 1st meeting on Tues 23rd January. I am looking forward to working with our new committee members Sue Burmeister and Jill Clifton. The Convenor is Rosie Honeyfield and along with Sue Fletcher, Helen Weber, Jenny Wilson and Lorraine Stachurski, we have an excellent team on board. I also had our 1st mixed match committee meeting and it has been suggested the Tuesday women book online as do most members these days so any visitors and members can book on a Tuesday as well. The Tuesday Women will have a trial run of entering in the slots booked for women and on arrival the committee will still do a draw. Rosie Honeyfield will be sending you all an email re the new format. We will be back to a gam start on Opening Day on the 14th February, cards in by 8.45am.

WOMENS GOLF

Programme

The programme is currently at the printers so it shouldn't be too long till the books arrive. We will be getting a copy of the February and March programme soon so you will know what's going on.

Saturday Women

Eva Heinrich is the new Convenor and looking forward to her new role along with her committee of Ann Jackson, Janine Healey, Linda Hill and Kathy Gibson. The first committee meeting is scheduled and the group is looking forward to building on the great work of their predecessors.

Before getting seriously into the new golf season the Saturday Women started the year off with a social outing to the Palmerston North Bowling club. Sixteen participated in a roll up. I must say it was a fun evening but I think I'll stick to the game of golf. The jury is out on what is more challenging, bowls or golf! All had a good time and finished off the evening with a meal at Eminem.

Pennants are starting early in February and the selectors are onto it already, so let's hope for really good results.

Thanks

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

Life Member Jean Whitehead

We were very sorry to hear that our very special Life Member Jean Whitehead died recently. We were well represented at her service with 10 women from our club and the family was so pleased to see them. It was also great to see Ross and Dawn Green there as well. Phil Aickin from NZ Golf was also there. We were able to get the Manawatu Golf Van for the day and many thanks to our able driver, Deborah Archer. Deborah also made a great tribute which is below and on the next page

"Hello I'm Deb Archer Chair of the Manawatu Wanganui Women's Golf and a member of the Manawatu Golf Club. I am privileged to have known Jean briefly and would like to share with you some of the details of her significant golfing career.

As most of you probably already know Jean was blessed with great determination, tenacity and a will to win, which obviously held her in great stead for golf.

Because Nationally Jeans distinguished career started in 1955 when she won the NZ Plate and the National Foursomes title. In 1958 & 1959 she was runner-up in the NZ Amateur Championship which she then won in 1967, was runner-up in 1970 and winner again in 1973.



Jean Whitehead tribute cont....

In 1961, Jean won the NZ Stroke play Championship and followed this up with a further 5 wins.

Internationally Jean took her first of many overseas trips in 1959 – representing New Zealand at the inaugural Commonwealth Tournament at St Andrews Scotland. She went on to play in 2 other Commonwealth teams in 63 & 71 and was in the Tasman Cup team 3 times 1962, 64 & 68. 1968 was the year Jean sunk the putt that enabled NZ to win the tie. Jean was also playing captain of the Espirito Santo Team in 1964 and 1968 and the World Tournament Team in 1965 and 1968. She also played in the British Open twice. I am not sure which year Jean chose the Team uniforms but they certainly looked very stylish. Jean showed me the photos to prove it!!

Her successes were acknowledged when she won the Manawatu Sports person of the year in 1968. In 1974 she was named the Marilyn Smith Golfer of the year which is presented to the player who has accumulated the most points at the end of the calendar year. This same year she was also awarded the prestigious title of New Zealand golfer of the year by the New Zealand Eagles; an award that recognises contribution to the sport.

At District level Jean was President of the District Association, was selector for the District and also selector for NZ Golf. She played in the Manawatu-Wanganui Inter Provincial Team 26 times.

At the Manawatu Golf Club she was the Ladies President from 1969 to 1971 and was made a life member in 1982. Jeans name can be found numerous times on the honour boards as Club Champion, Manawatu Open Champion and Manawatu 54 Hole Stroke play Champion, and of course she played for the Silver Pennant Team.

But her golf didn't stop there as at the NZ Veterans Tournament in 1997 she was top qualifier and winner of the over 70's Nett.

Jean has always been an enthusiastic member of our Club with her encouragement for both young and old, those with promise and those of us with not so much promise. She could be a little daunting when she was watching you as you just hoped your shoes were clean and you had chosen the right club. But she would be the first to compliment you on your golf or give you some helpful tips.

Jean took a great interest in what was happening in the golfing world at National level, District level and her own club. Known for her accuracy off the tee and precision chipping and putting she didn't lose her touch, she could be away fishing for a couple of months come back and be the same as ever. At the opening of the Clubs new 4th hole Jean hit her easy 7 iron shot onto the new par three and it landed just a few feet from the pin.

In 2001 Jean was deservedly made a Life Member of NZ Golf. And then in 2012 inducted into the Manawatu Legends of Sport.

Jean was certainly a Champion and a Legend.”





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from the ACADEMY ...



The Academy commenced it's Coaching programme for the 2016/ 2017 season.

Under the watchful eyes of Alan Hyatt and Andre White the first clinic took place on November 22. The members were introduced, at length, to an online practice diary.

This diary allows for the entry of all practice and all rounds. All academy members, coaches and myself can see the diaries at any given time. We are giving of our time so we reinforce to the members that they must fulfill certain obligations to us. The last coaching clinic had a 100% turnout so we are achieving a "give and take" attitude with the Academy members.

The second clinic took place on December 12 and dealt with the long game. The third clinic on January 16 covered putting.

There is also an informal and bonding aspect of the Academy so, on December 20, ten of us packed up the club vehicle and spent a day at the Paraparaumu Golf Club. A beautiful day, a number of lost golf balls and a lesson learned. When playing Paraparaumu stay on the fairways! As Chairman, it was the first time I had spent a full day in the company of the Academy members. A wonderful group of young people who love their golf and who know how to have some fun.



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A quick resume of each of the Academy member's golf over the last two months.

LILY GRIFFIN

Lily is 15 and is on a handicap of 10.9. A very keen golfer, Lily played at number 6 in the Toro Interprovincial team, practices extensively and recently received high performance coaching from the NZ Golf coaches. Lily recently played 54 holes in the Hastings Open.

REGAN McCONAGHTY

Regan played number 3 in the men's Toro Interprovincial team achieving a solid result, 3 wins, a half and 2 losses. At 21 with a current handicap of +0.4 his future in golf looks bright.

SAM SMITH

Sam is nearly always practicing or on the course. I played some holes with him recently, he gives it heaps and loves the game. She played in the North Island under 19s, shot 90, 87, but missed the cut. Sam is 16 and his handicap is 4.8



ETHAN DODDS

Ethan spends a huge amount of time practicing at the club. Ethan is 16 and has a handicap of 6.7. Ethan played in the North Island under 19s and the Hawkes Bay Open.



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Lily Griffin Age 15,
current handicap 12

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A quick resume of each of the Academy member's golf cont.

GREG SHAW

Greg played number 5 in the men's Toro Interprovincial team. In his first appearance Greg won 3 of his 6 matches. Grey recently worked with Jay Carter and Liz McKinnon from NZ Golf on strategies to improve his game and professionalism on and off the golf course. Greg will endeavour to qualify for the NZPGA which takes place at our course early in March. Greg is 16, handicap 0.6.

KALEB IDEMARU

Kaleb is another that spends a lot of time at the club, either practicing or playing golf. Kaleb played in the North Island under 19s and shot 80 and 84, missed the cut. He shot to place 3rd in the gross section of the under 19 Masterton Junior Open and tied 24th in the gross section of the Hastings Open shooting 80/ 81/ 82.

Kaleb is 16 and his handicap is 3.3



JAMIE CONNELL

Jamie continues to work extremely hard on all aspects of his golf. Jamie played in the North Island under 19s and shot 81, 80 to miss the cut. He also played in the Hastings Open and shot 80, 79, 79 to finish 21st. Jamie is 18, handicap 2.5.

ERIC MCKEE

Eric has left the Academy as his family have moved to Wellington. He now plays out of the Paraparaumu Golf Club

John R Garrett
Academy Chairman

MIXED 9 HOLE

Over the summer (still coming) months we ran a summer competition with nearly 50 people participating. Best 5 of 10 rounds, winners to be announced next week. There are two categories; Best Stableford and Best Gross.

Looking forward to another good year with increasing membership along the way starting with our opening day next week.

Our first "Roadie" planning is well underway and some of our players are playing in the Wanganui Masters Games this weekend. Good luck to these players!

Good golfing,
Colleen Fraser – 9 Hole Convenor



COURSE REPORT

Welcome to 2017, we hope you all had a great holiday period.

In the last couple of months we have leveled number 4 black tee and also leveled and re-turfed number 9 black tee. The 9th black tee has been reshaped and made a greater teeing area. 17th path has been completed. 10th teeing area has been edged and shaped up with soil added to promote grass growth.

Greens have been top dressed, fertilized and wetting agent has been applied. Greens are running smooth and consistent. Tees and surrounds have had wetting agent applied and have been fertilized.

Fairways have a great cover of turf, having rain at consistent intervals as well as irrigation has helped. Rough has also got great cover and growth for this time of the year.

The Golf course is shaping up well leading into the PGA tournament at the end of February.

Please continue to repair pitchmarks and replace all divots. Enjoy your next month golfing.

*Golf humour: What are the four worst words you could hear during a game of Golf?
"Its still your turn!"*

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

NEW MEMBERS

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

7 Day Member – Ora Kohe, Craig Purves, Stuart Keith, Kevin Price

6 Day Member – Toni Melody

Restricted Saturday Women – Patricia Moore, Linda Hill

Country – Chris Charlton

9 Hole Member – Rob Howard, Julie Aldridge, Karl Burgess, Shona Green, Sally Anne Sharpe, Linda Larsen, Chris Ricketts, Catherine Gavigan, Rosemary Heathcott

9 Hole Senior – Alan McClean, Prasada Boddapati

Tertiary – Brandon Keenan, Henry Collier, Orianne Thoinnet

Under 25 – Ben Anderson, Jack Lancaster

Restricted Junior – Ettiene Blignaut

During this same period, 17 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1015 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.

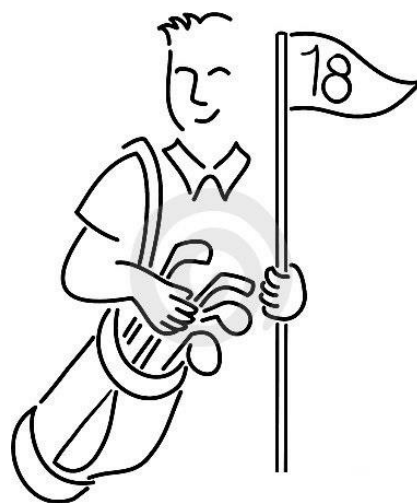
7 Day Member – Craig Robinson

9 Hole Member – Annette Durrant, Simon Durrant

5 Day Member – Paul Bailey, Nigel Barker

Under 25 – Andrew Jackson, Alexander Honore

Tertiary – Sam Connor



RULES CORNER

The R&A and USGA Rules of Golf committees announced in December, the introduction of a new Local Rule to the Rules of Golf that eliminates the penalty when a ball is accidentally moved on the putting green. The Local Rule may be posted for all levels of golf competitions (professional and amateur major events and for district and club golf competitions) commencing January 1, 2017. Both Rules Committees agreed that it was necessary to act immediately on this issue by way of a Local Rule, rather than wait for the next overall set of revisions to the Rule of Golf – not due until January 1, 2020.

Background to the introduction of this new Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Without this Local Rule, Rule 18-2 provides for a one-stroke penalty if a player causes his ball in play to move, unless certain exceptions apply. Decision 18-2/0.5 explains that when it is uncertain what caused a ball to move, all relevant information must be considered and the weight of the evidence must be evaluated. If it is more likely than not that the player caused the ball to move, the player incurs a one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 and the ball must be replaced. Otherwise, the player incurs no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies unless some other Rule applies (e.g. Rule 18-1). These penalties applied to a ball lying through the green or on a putting green.

The Committee of the Manawatu Golf Club have agreed to adopt the proposed new Local Rule that modifies Rule 18-2 by providing that there is **no penalty** if a player **accidentally causes his ball on the putting green to move**. For consistency, this Local Rule also modifies Rule 18-3 to eliminate the similar penalty in match play when an opponent accidentally causes the player's ball on the putting green to move.

As a related issue, this Local Rule also modifies Rule 20-1 by providing that there is no penalty if a player or his opponent accidentally causes the player's ball-marker on the putting green to move.

The New Local Rule will read as follows:

“Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green”

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

RULES CORNER Cont..

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

It is important for golfers to realise that this is a Local Rule and while it will almost certainly be in effect for major NZGA and local District events, it may not be adopted by all clubs – making it the player's responsibility to carefully check local rules applicable when playing in competitions on other courses.

Also note the Local Rule only applies to accidental movement of a ball on the putting green – if a player causes his/her ball to move when it is lying through the green the penalty(y)s under Rule 18-2 apply.

The new Local Rule does not apply to a ball on the putting green moved by the wind, water or any other natural cause – in these situations the ball must be played as it lies from its new location without penalty.

Examples of how the new Local Rule will work:

1. When preparing to play a stroke, a player accidentally cause his/her ball to move (eg, practice strokes near the ball, addressing the ball, accidentally moving the ball with putter other than during a stroke at the ball) – **No penalty and the ball must be replaced**
2. A player accidentally drops ball which hits and causes ball-marker to move – **No penalty and ball-marker must be replaced**
3. A player accidentally drops umbrella which hits and causes ball to move – **No penalty and ball must be replaced**
4. A player accidentally kicks ball – **No penalty and ball must be replaced**

Examples when the new Local Rule would NOT apply:

1. A player accidentally causes his/her ball to move that is lying through the green – **1 stroke penalty and ball must be replaced**
2. A player intentionally moves, rotates or lifts ball on the putting green without first marking its location – **1 stroke penalty and ball must be replaced**

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