



July 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Life Member Aileen Nash this week. I understand Aileen was quite a character and well known in golfing circles over a long period of time. She won the NZ Ladies Championship in 1954 at Miramar and represented the Club on many occasions. Retiring from international golf in 1960 did not stop her continuing to play local golf and she played silver pennants for the Club until 1992. Clearly a very talented sportswoman, Aileen also represented Manawatu at tennis, basketball, badminton and squash. Earlier this year, she was added to Sport Manawatu's Legends of Sport.

Further to last month's report with regard to the proposed development of Centennial Park the Club has lodged their submission with the PNCC as required to do so. From here, the subcommittee will be working on its presentation that they will be making to the independent Commission in August. At this stage I have nothing further to report but I can assure the members that you will be kept fully up to date with any progress that is forthcoming.

The recent Information Evening was attended by around 35 members. It gave the committee a chance to update the membership on current issues. As a committee we see great benefit in such evenings continuing to be held.

We are currently still in negotiations with the NZPGA regarding hosting the tournament next year. We still have a bit of work to do with regard to sponsorship and I would hope to be able to update you either way by the next newsletter.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of frost delays affecting the morning players. The Match Committee with the help of Warren Collett have prepared a frost policy which can be viewed in the card room. Please ensure you are familiar with this policy.

The Men's MacLennan matchplay is now getting to the business end of the competition and all quarter finalists will be known within the next week.

Following on from the men's recent success, our Women's Pennants teams are also performing extremely well. The Women's Championship team are playing Palmerston North at Rangitikei this Sunday. If they gain the full five points they will win the Pennant, while our Weekend Pennants team is currently fourth on the table, five points behind Rangitikei.

On the staffing front Damien Walker has joined the greenkeeping team.

Enjoy your golf.

Peter McRedmond - Club President

GENERAL MANAGER

We are into the middle of winter and golfing conditions are difficult. The course is wet and Malcolm and his team have been doing a fantastic job to keep the course playable.

It is a timely reminder if you are involved in any health & safety issues at the golf club, please inform either the Pro Shop or the Office of the situation you have encountered. It is very important we have a record on file of any accident and meet all our legal requirements.

Obviously in the winter conditions please remember to be careful where you walk and avoid steep banks. Stick to paths and steps wherever possible. Now is the perfect time to see the Pro Shop and check that your spikes are indeed suitable for these conditions. The staff can inspect your spikes and shoes at no cost and offer options if you need to upgrade either.

This month we welcome nine new members to Manawatu Golf Club and trust they are all enjoying their golf and the facilities. Membership is key in any organisation and we ask that every member does their best to persuade friends, acquaintances to join Manawatu Golf Club. Numbers consistently move up and down with the challenge to retain more than we lose. The Manawatu Golf Club has the best facilities on offer and something we should all be proud of.

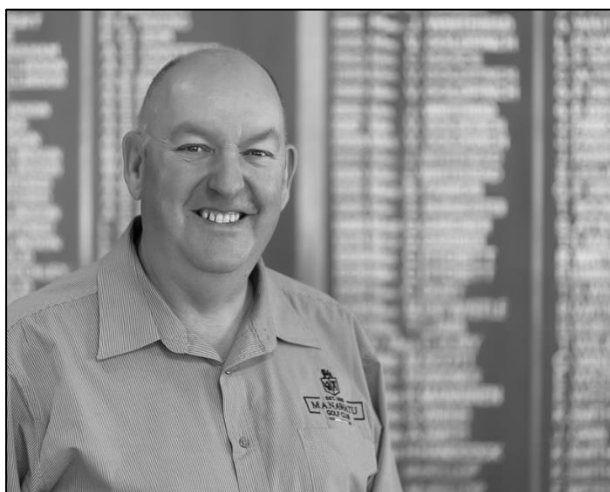
With new members arriving, it is timely we recognise our new sponsors as well. We welcome Landmark Homes and McNae Electrical to our club as tee sign sponsors and trust they will enjoy our club. Sponsors are very important to the Manawatu Golf Club and as always, we ask the membership to support our sponsors whenever you can.

It certainly has been a pleasure dealing with all the club sponsors during the renewal process.

And finally on the week that the monthly newsletter hits your inbox, there will be no Wednesday weekly update.

Good golfing everyone and please enjoy your club.

Regards
Warren Collett-General Manager



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Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

I hope the month of June has been a good golfing month for you. It has been a pretty hectic month for us. We have been a man down this month while André has been living life up on the PGA Tour with Tim. He arrives back to work on Monday the 3rd of July so no doubt he will have plenty of stories from the PGA Tour.

This past week Ben has been away at PGA Trainee school in Auckland. Twice a year all the Trainees from around the country get together for a week of training, which involves guest speakers and also Exams as well (Fun!!!) Hopefully when Ben gets back he can teach Andre & me a few things!!!



What's New in the Shop: If you don't have a GPS or a Range finder and have always wondered if it can help your game or if you are wanting to try something new we have a GPS demo and a Range Finder demo in the shop for you to try. So next time you're playing just pop into the shop and you can take one out for a round.



Pro shop cont..

Tip of the Month: Wedge Game: As we all know, in winter time the course gets very wet and muddy - this puts more importance on how you strike the ball. In summer time the ground is firmer and more forgiving in terms of how the sole of the club reacts with the ground. In winter we are not so lucky - If you impact the ground just a little behind the ball then the club head will dig into the ground and take all the momentum out of the shot. This is very easy to do when the ground is soft!! Below are a few tips to get around this problem in regards to your wedge game.

#1: Do you have the right wedge for your game? Have you gone through a wedge fitting? It is very important that you have the right type of wedges for you. Everyone is different and swings the club differently so having the right type of wedges with the right type of sole and bounce for you is vital. Come see us in the shop if you have any questions regarding your current wedges.

#2: Try changing you ball position. If the ball position gets too far forward your chances of hitting the ground before the ball are high. You want the ball position ideally around the middle of your stance. But be careful you don't put it too far back as well because this can lead to hitting it thin or even more heavy (ground before ball).

#3: More weight on left side (Right handed golfer). Try having more weight on your left side at address (60% of your weight) this will help you to stay in front of the ball and get cleaner contact

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

Your Pro Shop team

Alan, André, Ben & Maraea



MEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

The first Saturday of the month saw the playing of the highly sought after Craigs Investments Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by Ewan Westergaard. This was decided on count back with Tony (Slide) Rule getting the nod over an unlucky Alan Bailey. Both had 40 pts. A very popular winner.



Tony (Slide) Rule – Winner of the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard



Paul Clapperton

The final of the B&A has now been played, and congratulations go to Paul Clapperton. Clappers triumphed over a gritty Jeff Clayton. Well done Clappers, and a great effort in making the final Jeff.

The Saturday Men recently hosted Feilding in the annual interclub for the Centenary Cup. The format was match play singles and fourball. Manawatu triumphed 26.5 to 21.5 Well done, a good battle against a really good bunch of guys. Our next interclub is AWAY to Palmerston North on Saturday 15 July.



Peter McRedmond accepting the Centenary Cup

REMINDER – if you hit the competition button when getting your card that means you are agreeing to PUTTING OUT. If the competition of the day is par, and you are already minus on the hole, or if it is stableford and you can't get a point, then by all means don't putt out.

The Match Committee are getting reports of players who are doing well in the FedEx points, but who are NOT putting out. If you are not willing to accept these basic rules of golf then please DON'T ENTER.

Remember you are playing the field, and there are trophies up for grabs for the various comps that run all season.

All the best to those of you left in the MacLennan. Exciting times.

Good golfing everyone and may the weather gods keep smiling - BC

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

This month has flown by yet again and pleased to say there were not as many rain disruptions as last month.

We are now into our Qualifying rounds. The 1st qualifying round was held on Tuesday 20th June. The weather was great which showed through the very good scoring on the day. The good weather did not stay for the Saturday players on the 24th June. Some braved it and managed very good scoring for the Qualifying. You only need 1 score from the 3 rounds of qualifying, so it does give everybody a chance, especially the Saturday players. If you said no to qualifying last week, you may change your mind and get a score in on the next 2 qualifying rounds. This is the most important competition in your golfing calendar and the more who take part the better. Good luck.

The mid-week committee have set up another competition alongside the Qualifying and LGU rounds to keep an interest in these rounds. Many players didn't wish to qualify because of dates, travel or other commitments, so we have now reinstated the Cinema Gold Cup. This cup will be presented for the best 3 stableford scores on the qualifying rounds (open to mid-week women only). It will be presented at our annual prizegiving. We had fun finding this cup which was down in a box in the "dungeon room" along with many other deleted cups. The Saturday Committee decided they had enough competitions and matches without adding anymore.

During this month we had the annual Interclub with Feilding with our women travelling to Feilding.

We had a team of 13 with some mid-week women taking part as well. Thank you to all those who took part and you will see the results from the report from the Saturday Convenor Ann-Marie Jackson. Many thanks to Ann-Marie for organizing and a big thank you to Jill Clifton who did the vote of thanks to the host club Feilding.

Saturday Convenor Report – Linda Hill

June has been a quiet month with winter weather putting something of a dampener on golf. Unfortunately we couldn't blame the weather for our interclub loss to Feilding, as it turned out a cracker day once the early chill lifted. There was a good turnout with evenly-matched numbers, but the Feilding ladies took full advantage of home course knowledge to record an average 31 stableford points to our 28. Jill Clifton made a gracious speech in handing the salver over and Christine Rose picked up a prize in the raffle but otherwise we have room for improvement in next year's event. The month's highlight though was the final of the Dawn Matthews Memorial fourball, with great teamwork from Anne Eggers and Christine Rose sealing the match at the 18th from Chrys Cabraal and Linda Hill.

WOMEN'S GOLF cont..

Thursday Club

Thursday Club is well underway now with a few changes this month to the programme. There is also a change to the days in July. We have Thursday Club on:

6th July

13th July

27th July

Please note these dates

Pennants Report - Marlene Judd

The Championship Pennants are now in the lead with one game left to play so well done to our championship team. The Weekend Girls are well up the ladder. Good luck to the teams on the 2nd July at Rangitikei. The results are always posted on the "news" website, and many thanks to Deborah Archer for selecting and organizing the teams.

Saturday 15th July Palmerton North v Manawatu Interclub

Our club will be the hosts to the Palmerston North women on Saturday 15th July and you are all welcome to play on this day regardless of your membership status. A sheet will be up on the Tournament Board so please add your name and details if you wish to play. Details of a start time will be on the sheet.

Background History of this Event.

During 1992 the P.Nth course was badly flooded and subsequently closed for several months. The Manawatu Golf club warmly welcomed P.Nth women to join them for their club days until the P.Nth course was available for play.

As a result of this goodwill and to maintain the friendship that had been established, it was suggested that we have an annual interclub competition. The Joan Prout Salver was donated by Lyn Register and named after her late mother who, for many years had been a golfer at P.Nth.

We look forward to welcoming back our mid-week Convenor Rosie Honeyfield and many thanks to Jill Clifton for stepping in and making sure all our players were kept up to date.

It is with great sadness that we learnt Aileen Nash died on Sunday 25th June. She has been a Life Member of this club for a very long time.

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

Aileen Nash – Life Member



Manawatu Golf Club life member Aileen Nash died in Palmerston North on Sunday 25th June aged 94.

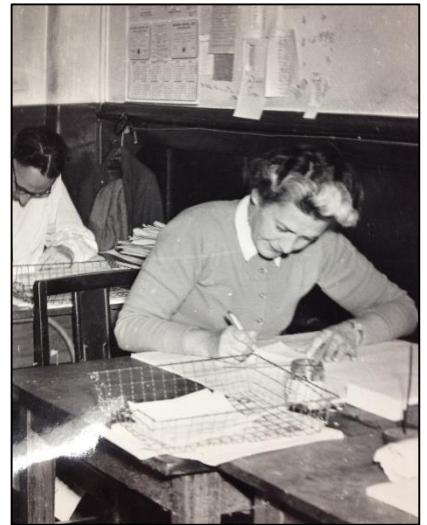
Born on April 23, 1923, she was a daughter of one of Palmerston North's gentrified families and went on to play golf for New Zealand.

In February, she was anointed a Manawatu legend of sport and was presented with a plaque by Sport Manawatu at the rest home where she had lived in recent years.

Back in her day, playing golf was almost breaking the mould for women because men very much ruled. She didn't excel at Terrace End Primary School and Palmerston North Girls' High School. That didn't faze her because sport was her thing. She went on to play for Manawatu in tennis, basketball, badminton and squash.

In 1941, all of the young men had gone to war and players were in short supply at Hokowhitu. So families such as the Nashs turned to their daughters. While she hated giving up the other games she played, she grew to quickly embrace golf.

In the middle of her golfing career, someone at Hokowhitu told her father that Aileen should be writing sports, not playing. So her father brought her into the family-owned Manawatu Standard newspaper as sports editor from the late 1950s to 1968.



Aileen was set on her golfing career aged 18, a late start by these days. Considered a natural swinger of the club, she was taught the game mainly by the Manawatu club professional Jimmy Forrest and the great Andy Shaw of the Miramar Golf Club. That would have been about 1941. By 1950 she was down to a 5 handicap and won her first tournament, the Manawatu Open. Mentored by the great amateur Bessie Fullerton-Smith, Aileen was picked for Manawatu-Wanganui for her first Russell Grace interprovincial tournament in 1950. Only three years later she was wearing the silver fern and represented New Zealand from 1953.

She was angry when left out of the 1953 New Zealand team to England in favour of what she saw was a lesser player. "I had to play her at the Open at Wanganui the next year and I thrashed her."

Aileen Nash cont...

Aileen won the New Zealand Ladies Championship in 1954 in wind and rain at Miramar and yet by 1960 she had retired from international golf. She had played the first British Commonwealth tournament at St Andrew's in Scotland in 1959 where she won two singles out of three.

She played Russell Grace golf until 1965, a span of 15 seasons, and silver pennants for the club until 1992.

New Zealand players abounded at Manawatu then. There were Jean Horwell, Cath Collier (killed in a plane crash with her son), Jean Whitehead (who died in January aged 92) and Miss Nash, who out-lived them all.

When her opponents all "got too young" and assumed she was an official when she arrived at the course, she devoted herself to club golf.

We thank Aileen for her service to Golf and the Manawatu Golf Club



MIXED 9 HOLE

A few cold, wet or frosty mornings to contend with but still good numbers braving the weather. We are still welcoming a few new players to join us who seem to be enjoying their golf

We had a lovely day at Pahiatua Golf Club and the Pahiatua ladies really enjoyed playing with us and even joined us for lunch

Our Gillespie and Lavender Cup tournaments are nearly at the finals. Well played to those players still in

Our Sue Bunt winner was Christine Sextus well done Christine

We had a Round Robin at Rangitira on Monday which was very muddy and the rain stayed away till the end, nice day out as it always is at Rangitira

We have planned a "Roadie" for the end of July. There is lots of interest. We will play a Taupo course and Wairakei. It will be another fun trip away

Good luck to those players still in the Lavender/Gillespie Tournaments

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser

2017 Joe Kells Memorial (Men) and Palmerston North Classic (Women) at PNGC

The first order of merit event for the Manawatu-Wanganui district was the resurrected Joe Kells Memorial (men) and Palmerston North Classic (Women) at Palmerston North Golf Club. A good number of Manawatu Golf club members entered with many doing very well. Unfortunately the course was rather muddy and a green slime on some greens played with some golfers heads.

In the Men's event Regan McConaghty came 2nd equal, 3 shots behind winner Junior Tatana now playing out of Palmerston North Golf Club. Ewan Westergaard was a further 3 shots further back to come 5th. On the women's event Mudra Lakhani showed the fruits of some recent solid practice to come second, 4 shots behind Levin's Brydie Hodge who is back playing in NZ after a stint competing for a US university team. Tania Hook and Lily Griffin came 3rd and 4th respectively.

The next order of merit event is the Horowhenua Open at Levin GC on July 23rd. Enter at http://www.mwga.co.nz/2017_horowhenua_open

2017 Joe Kells Memorial

Pos	Men	Gross
1	Junior Tatana	142
2=	Regan McConaghty	145
2=	Regan Cording	145
5	Ewan Westergaard	148
7=	Guy Perry	151
9	Rhys Watkins	152
10=	Kaleb Idemaru	154
13=	Tim Berry	155
19	Matt Francis	159
22=	Simon Fowler	160
31	Angus Findlay	160
37	Greg Shaw	160
28=	Jonathan Salmon	162
41=	Chris Edsall	172
43=	Sam Smith	173
51	Ethan Dodds	182

2017 Palmerston North Classic

Pos	Women	Gross
1	Brydie Hodge	159
2	Mudra Lakhani	163
3	Tania Hook	165
4	Lily Griffin	176
6	Rebecca Hopper	183





Safety at the Manawatu Golf Club

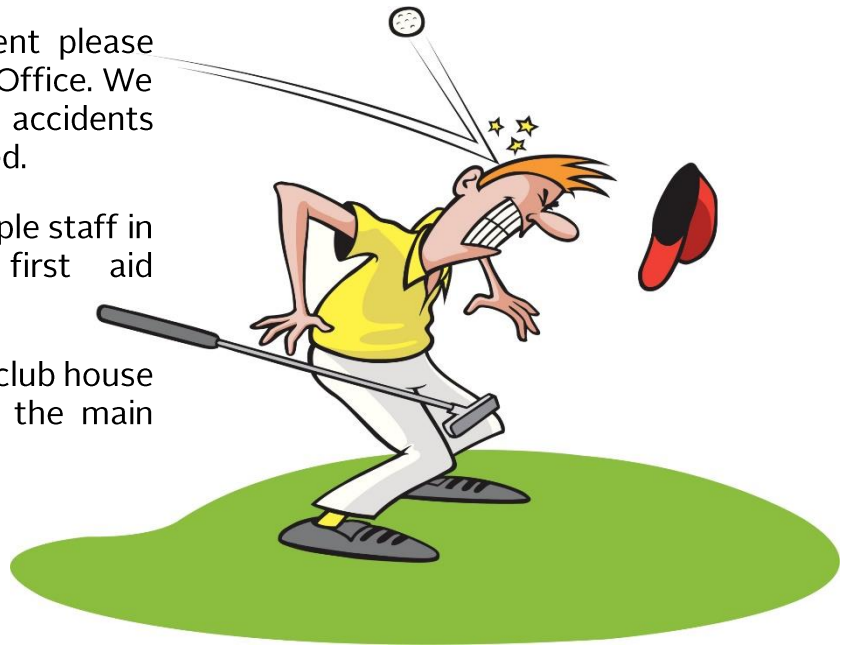
A friendly reminder that in this wet and frosty weather please stay safe out on the course and around the clubhouse.

Please also ensure you follow all of the rules regarding carts, playing etiquette and always keep behind the person playing the shot!

In the event of an accident please inform the Proshop or the Office. We need to be informed of accidents even if no first aid is required.

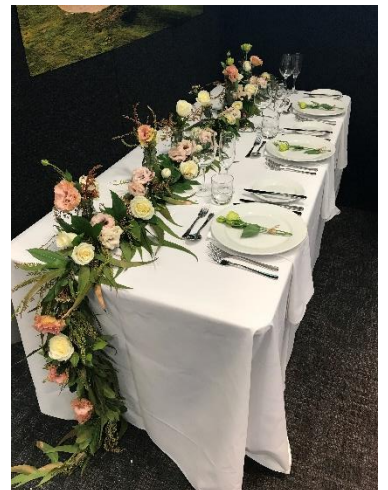
If first aid is required, multiple staff in the MGC team hold first aid certificates.

There is first aid kits in the club house and also a defibrillator in the main clubhouse lounge



Manawatu Golf Club stand at the Manawatu Wedding expo

If you know anyone who is getting married or needs a venue for a function, get in touch with Rachel in the office or head to our website for more information. We would love to help make your special occasion perfect!



COURSE REPORT

We are officially in the 2nd half of the year, 2017 is flying by!

Greens are rolling smooth and consistent. Growth has slowed down as temperatures have dropped. Greens have been fertilized and also sprayed for moss control

Tees and surrounds coring is now completed. Following this, solid fertilizer has been applied to aid recovery. Tees and surrounds are healing nicely with a great cover of turf.

Fairway height has been raised slightly. Fertilizer and worm control has been applied to all. Fairways remain in good condition. Soak holes have been added to certain areas to help with drainage.

Rough is being cut when the weather allows. Please be aware of any wet areas around, we barrier as many as we can without interruption.

3rd tee is being re-turfed and leveled as well as shaped for the better

Golf Cart Rules and Etiquette

The club rules and etiquette on golf carts are there for health and safety and also to protect our course.

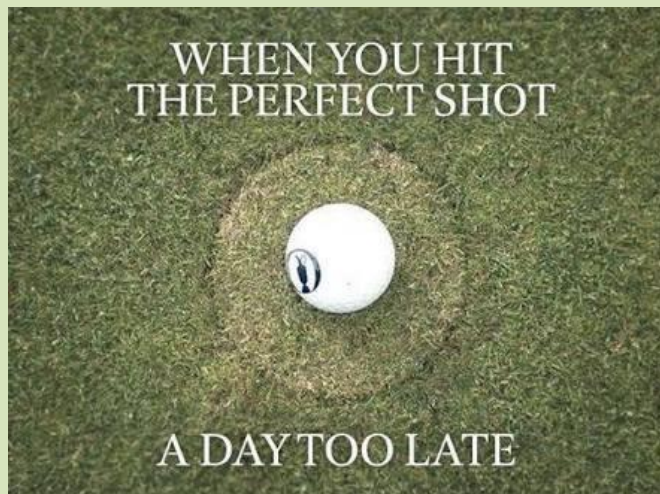


Please remember to keep away from tee boxes and 10 meters away from the greens. Keep away from bunkers to avoid damage. Stay on paths where available. Please avoid driving through wet or muddy areas.

Please continue to repair pitchmarks and replace divots. Please use the starting tees on the day (usually 1st and 10th). Too many people are using the 3rd and 13th and it disrupts the course work.

The greenkeepers wish you all well in the coming month

Golf humour



Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

Our Green Keepers:

This month we are getting to know Damian and Cambell...



Damian Walker (left)

Damien is our newest team member in the Greenskeepers. He has only been here for 5 weeks so if you see him around make him welcome! He has come from Feilding club. He is a golfer himself and is really happy to be apart of the great team we have here

Cambell Devaney (right)

Cambell has been with MGC for 18 months. He has recently received his National cert in Sports turf management. He is apparently good for a laugh so if you see him out on the course ask him for a good joke!

NEW MEMBERS –

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

7 Day Member – Steve Devaney, Stephen Maclean, Graham Squires

6 Day Member – Stacy Bishop

5 Day Member – Pak Mee Soo

9 Hole Senior Member – Kenneth Wilson

Restricted Junior – Lukhan Whittfield, Tylah Bishop

During this same period, 32 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 952 members. We wish our resigned members all the best and welcome our new members, we are sure you will enjoy your time at the Club.



RULES CORNER

As reported in the first newsletter this year, the MGC is to post the Local Rule which removes any penalty when a ball is accidentally moved if on a putting green. For clarification of this Local Rule, I am re-presenting the background information and details of how this Local Rule will operate.

The proposed new Local Rule modifies Rule 18-2 by providing that there is **no penalty** if a player **accidentally causes his/her 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 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, partner, 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.

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 penalt(y)s under Rule 18-2 apply.



RULES CORNER

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.

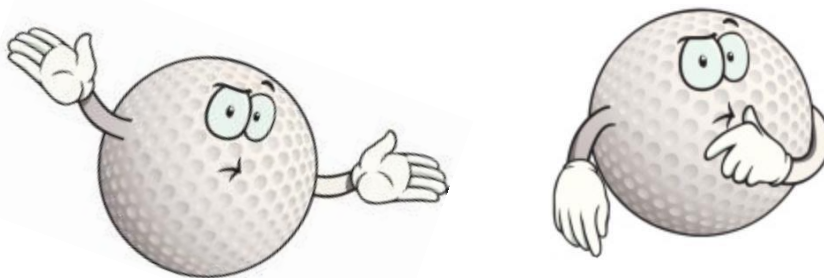
1. When preparing to play a stroke, a player accidentally cause his/her ball to move (eg, practice strokes near the ball, addressing the ball, accidentally moving the ball with putter other than during a stroke at the ball) – **No penalty and the ball must be replaced**
2. A player accidentally drops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

Members are directed to read the details of this new Local Rule as posted as an additional Local Rule on the Local Rules noticeboard(s) adjacent to the card room.

I would also like to draw our members attention to a Golf Rules day to be run by Helen Dickens and scheduled for July 16 at the Palmerston North Golf Club. Helen is a very well qualified Golf Rules administrator and does an excellent job in presenting seminars on Golf Rules. The day will include a “classroom” session in the morning (about 2 hours) followed by a practical “on course” series of practical situations covering golf rules. I highly recommend this day to all interested in furthering their understanding of the Rules of Golf.



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