



JULY 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

July already, where has the year gone! It has certainly been a busy year to date.

Work on the realignment of the 12th was going well until the torrential rain came during June, washing away the seed and fertiliser. All this has done however, is postpone the opening of the hole, which is now looking at being in late Spring. We have no problem with this. The tee block surrounds and path are looking really good, and when finished, this area is going to be one of the features of the course.

Planning is underway for the Jubilee 125 next year. While we did not receive the response we were looking for to the recent survey (around 10% of those sent the survey), there was enough indication allowing the Jubilee 125 Committee to get on and commence firming up the program. About 130 people indicated they would like to play in an 18-hole tournament on the Friday, with similar numbers for the Saturday 18-hole ambrose.

The café has been busy as always. Our café is now one of the more popular places in the city. We recently hosted a two-day function from a major Palmerston North organisation with a dinner attached and they informed us, the Manawatu Golf Club was now the hub of the city, these comments make you very proud to be associated here. This is due entirely to Kath and her wonderful team. The people of Palmy know that the quality of the food, and friendly staff make it a great place to go for a coffee and chat during the day, or take in a superb meal on a Friday night.

The proposed sale of the land adjacent to the 7th fairway is still going on behind the scenes. Rob Green and Warren Collett are doing an excellent job on this. We are just tidying up a couple of clauses with Council and when this is done, we will be calling a Special General Meeting to decide whether to proceed or not. One of the great benefits to come from the sale should it gain members approval, will be to look at retiring some debt.

Work is progressing on updating the club's new strategic plan. This is such an important document for the future of the Club, with Chris Edsall and his team putting hours into this project. At the June Committee Meeting a draft document was presented based on current information but it did highlight five key pillars (The Golf Club, Golf Course, Pro Shop, Café & Bar and Events Venue) which will be developed into a working document. Work will now commence on putting strategies around these.

Good golfing everybody - Warren Collett and Brent Cawthray

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FUNCTIONS & EVENTS

12th Realignment

The major part of the realignment has been completed and there is a fair amount of talk around its final completion, when is it going to be open etc.

During the process we have had some issues to deal with, particularly around weather and unfortunately the timings have not gone to plan. The luxury we have is members have not been impacted in the meantime, as they have been playing the 12th hole from its current position.

We will need to wait until the weather and ground conditions improve to fully complete everything included in the contract.

Yet to be completed are as follows;

- Bunker face cut in, filled with bunker sand. Once grass coverage is achieved.
- Tee off areas to have growth with good coverage
- Drainage issues sorted
- Grass edging around path on 11th Green end
- Piles of rubbish (dirt, roots) removed or dealt with.
- Any ruts/ wheel marks repaired
- Sealing and asphaltting the path



Through the major part of winter, the new areas on the 12th will be left to grow in. Any issues that arise through this period will be dealt with in spring. When the weather improves, the tee areas will be over seeded and top dressed along with the shaping of the bunker face and application of sand. Any wash outs that occur will be repaired and seeded during this period.

We believe opening of the new 12th hole should be a real feature. Closing Day is in November and our aim is for the hole to be open for this event.



Pro Shop

Hope you are all managing to get out on the golf course between rain and frost delays!!!

As you are all aware Ben is finishing up here on the 5th of July. Ben has been a great addition to our club over last 3 years. He is extremely well liked by his fellow employees and also the membership and we are all sad to see him go. I wish Ben, his wife Eshla and 13 month old son Bruno all the best in Whangamata where I'm sure he will do really well and enjoy being around his family. Because of Bens departure we have been looking for the right person to join our team. Guy Perry, who a lot of you may already know, will be starting on the 24th of July and will begin his traineeship at the start of 2020.



Tip of the Month:

“Muddy Golf Balls” How can mud on my golf ball effect my shot?. We have all heard players on TV say “Mud Ball” then followed by a some expletives 😏. The mud can make the ball do funny things in the air and if you have had this happen to you before, it is not nice to see the ball start at your target then suddenly, like a massive gust of wind hits it, and it flies drastically off line. This is when the expletives happen 😏!!!!!! So “what do I do if my golf ball has a big chunk of mud on it” (like photo below) and you are in the rough and you can't clean it? Here's some advice to follow that can save you from a lot of confusion and maybe looking like this!

1. If the mud is on the left side of the ball (like photo below) the ball will move to the right in the air.
2. If the mud is on the Right side of the ball the ball will move to the left in the air.
3. If you have mud on the back of the ball where your club will strike the ball make sure you take an extra club. Because the mud will be between the club face and ball at impact: this will soften the strike and the ball will not go as far.

Here is a cool video that demonstrates how the mud on a ball can effect the flight: [Please click HERE](#)

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



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

A message from the Club Captain

Interclub versus Feilding

This year we hosted the Feilding men with 30 golfers coming over to enjoy our fantastic course. Playing both singles and a four-ball, the final result was very close. The singles went in our favour with 16.5 points to 13.5 while the four-balls went Feildings way 9.5 to 5.5. The final result was a narrow win to Feilding 23 points to 22. Thanks to all who played in the inter-club.

Our next inter-club sees the Men away at Palmerston North on July 13th. It would be awesome to have a big turn out for this. Please register online via the website to play in the interclub. Remember there is no Shootout or Fedex cup scores collected when we have an away Interclub!

Saturday competition winners

Winner of the June Craig Investment Partners Tankard was Don Cleland who mastered weather-wise the worst Saturday this year when over 6mm of rain falling during the cold & breezy day. Don had 39 points while carding a fine 76 gross score.

During June we also played for the Lionel Abraham trophy for lowest net score. This was won by Mark Smith who shot 90, net 64, a great score for winter conditions!

Recently NZ Golf surveyed golf clubs around the impact of Preferred lie versus Play the Lie in relationship to scoring/handicaps. As you will know, over the last 3 seasons we have had "Clean and Place through the green" (now known officially as "Clean and Place in the general area") available when conditions dictate. To gauge the effect "Clean and Place in the general area" has on golf we have been recording the percentage of Saturday men who play to their handicap or better (men who enter the club competition which averages 105 men during the Feb-Oct season), short name "Playability of the course".

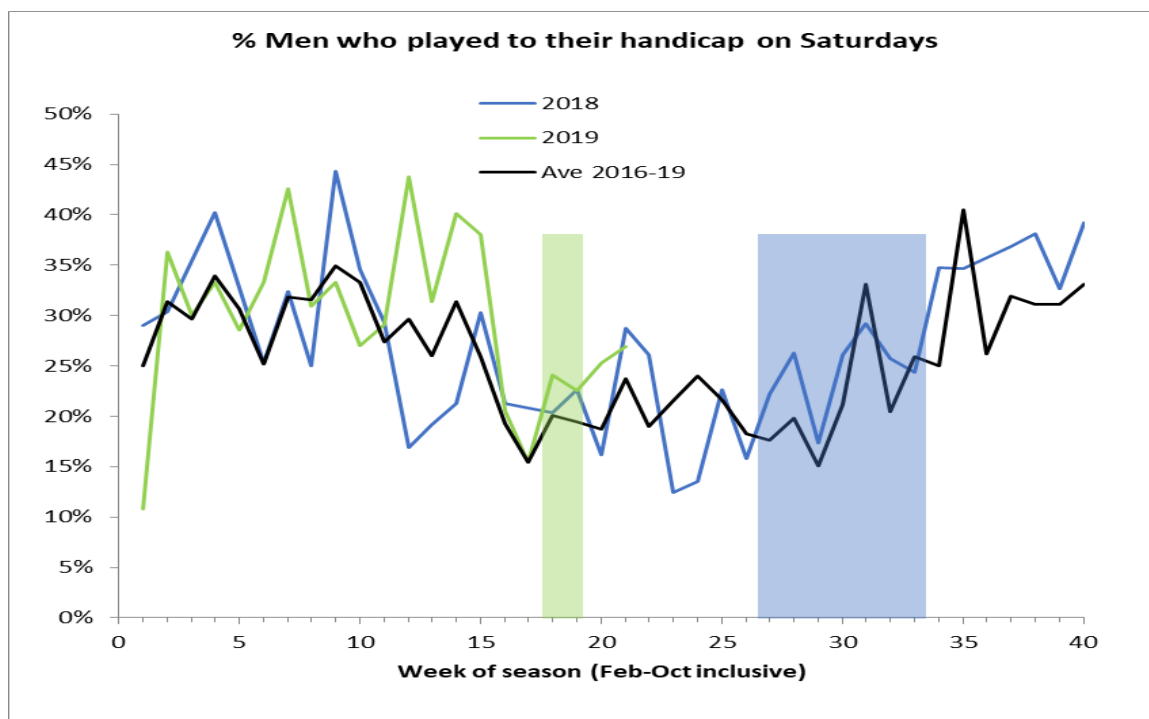
The graph on the next page shows that winter golf results in a poorer golfing experience i.e. the "Playability of the course" in the winter months (mid-May to mid-September) averages 21% compared with 30-32% in the dryer months. Interestingly "Playability of the course" deteriorates consistently around the 2nd or 3rd week in May over the last 4 years. One could argue that wet winter weather golf has more of an effect on handicaps than the use of placing or placing through the green. The use of placing and especially placing through the green is seen to help with the enjoyment of the game in the wetter months. Maintaining good numbers playing (and enjoying their golfing experience) in the face of wet conditions is just as important as any effects various placing rules may have on handicaps, if at all.



The Club captains Damien Walker from Feilding and Richard Shaw from Manawatu with the trophy



A message from the Club Captain Continued



Men's Club Championships

With the change to the course rating back in March, the Men's Club Championship divisions will be different from those that are printed in the Members Hand Book on Page 7. The following will be the divisions for the 2019 Club Championships.

Black Tees

Seniors: up to 8.5 (course handicap 9) handicap index

Blue Tees

Intermediate: 8.6 (course handicap 9) to 14.1 (course handicap 15) handicap index

Juniors: 14.2 (course handicap 16) to 18.6 (course handicap 20) handicap index

C Grade: 18.7 (Course handicap 21) to 36.9 (course handicap 40) handicap index

Please note: Divisions are decided off handicap index. Best one of two qualifying rounds on dates shown. Second 16 play off for Handicap cups, on handicap. All matches to be played on or before the dates set in the programme:

Qualifying rounds: Saturday 10 & 17 August

Matches to be played by:

Round 1 by Sunday 15 September

Round 2 and round 1 Flights by Saturday 12 October

Semi Final and Semi Final Flight by Saturday 26 October

All finals to be played on Sunday 3 November at the times provided by the Match Committee.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Several frosty mornings in June have led to great golf-playing days and very good numbers for our mid-week competitions.

The annual inter-club competition against Feilding was held on June 15th. This year, 13 women travelled to Feilding to try to retain the salver on a very cold and wet day. Fortunately, we managed to hold on to the salver by a mere point. Well done ladies.

The next inter-club competition will be held on July 13th against Palmerston North when the women will be playing at Manawatu competing for the Joan Prout Salver.

Pennants

The final round of the Women's Weekend and Championship pennants was held at Marton Golf Course on June 9th. A win and a loss saw the weekend pennants team finish in last place.

In the last round of the Championship our White team (Lisa & Leander in 1st place) played the Red team (Lily & Mudra in 4th place). The Red team won the morning foursomes 2 up. This meant the White team probably needed 2 wins to have any chance of taking the pennant. Lisa was soon 2 up to Lily and at halfway 3 up; however, Leander was quickly down to Mudra and at the turn 2 down. The matches then stayed at around similar margins for most of the afternoon with Mudra eventually winning 4 and 3 and Lisa winning 4 and 2. Well done to Tara Raj & Carron Thompson (Wanganui) who won the 2019 pennant. Our girls came 3rd & 4th.

The District Pennant team won their final match against Pahiatua to finish 5th overall. Well done ladies.

The Silver team has two matches to play and, although they probably can't win the pennant, they will try hard to finish in the top third of the table.

Club Championships

There have already been 2 qualifying rounds with the 3rd to be played on Saturday 20th July and Tuesday 23rd July so if you wish to play in the club Champs you must have your cards in by those dates.

Our July golf is:

2nd Stableford and twos (different from that stated in the programme book)

9th Par

16th Stableford

23rd LGU & 3rd Qualifying for Club Champs (you only need one card entered)

30th Stableford

Thursday Club is:

27th June

3rd July (Change from that stated in programme book)

25th July

The last Thursday Club raffle winner was Alicia Boag

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED...

Gael Elmes receiving her Trophy and badge for her Hole in One achieved on the 4th hole on Tuesday May 28.

Happy Golfing - Jill Clifton, Women's Captain

Saturday Women

The wet and wintry weather has not deterred the keen golfers from turning up on Saturdays.

The highlight of the month was the annual interclub against Feilding which was held at Feilding .

Saturday convenors, past and present, Anne-Marie 35 stableford points and Eva 40, led our Manawatu women to a victory over Feilding with the salver retained at an average of 28 stableford points against 27 points. The low average reflected the struggle in wet and soggy conditions.

We would like to congratulate Jules on the safe arrival of her twin grandsons.

Our thoughts go to Eva who is currently in Germany helping her daughter and family after the birth of a premature granddaughter.

Sue Spiers - Saturday Committee

Congratulations also to Shengyi Ye who got a hole in one on the 5th of May on the 4th Hole.



The Fantastic MGC Team



NINE HOLE NEWS

We have been very lucky with weather on Wednesdays with our first serious frost delay on the 26th June meaning some players couldn't play. But the stayers waited it out and played on the glorious day

Our Lavender and Gillespie Cup games are well on the way with some real upsets so well done you players still in.

We have attended Open Days at Feilding and Belmont with several players receiving prizes. On Monday Colleen Fraser and Barbara Smith played ambrose at Otaki in the Lyn Walker Memorial tournament. What a great day. The theme was pink and the amount of people who dressed up was incredible they raised over \$2000.00 for breast cancer. Well done Otaki

Sunday slots are really filling up it's an ideal opportunity for those that want a stress free game also giving an opportunity for new players to enjoy and mix with others willing to give a helping hand and help boost their confidence.

Many thanks to Ben for all he has done for our players. We are sad to see him go but wish him and his family all the best.

Colleen Fraser & Wayne Revell

Nine Hole Convenors



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in May 2019

7 Day Member – Michael Fagan

6 Day Member – Miyoung Jang

Under 30 – Elliot Maassen

Under 25 – Jamie Connell

Tertiary – Nick Portas

9 Hole – Olga Dubnytska, Elaine Fitzgerald, Philip Skoglund

Restricted junior – Kahukura Robinson

During this same period, 7 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 977 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.

COURSE REPORT

We are now in the second half of the year, as another year is flying by. Winter golf is well and truly upon us. We all notice the ball doesn't run on as much, ball plugs, shorter days and the temperatures are cold. The course in general is holding up well so far, with renovations both on the fairways and greens at the start of July to help with the drainage through winter. We still have two staff in the McClennan competition, we wish Cam & James well.

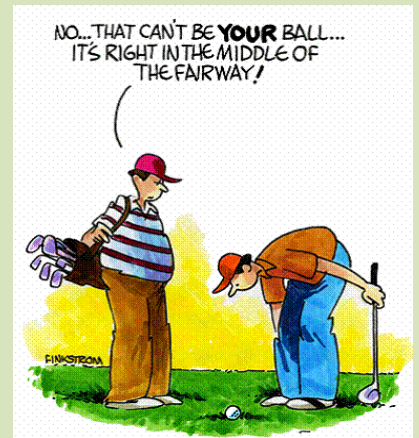
Greens will be fertilised, as well as top dressed if possible. Greens are due to be solid tined on July the 1st. This is to help with drainage as well as compaction. There is a good cover with good roll. Tees and surrounds will be sliced, as well as fertilised as per maintenance program. Fairways have been fertilised, they are also due to be solid tined/vertidraind as per maintenance program.

Drains have been re bored, the odd new one placed to try and improve drainage throughout. There are a couple more areas yet to do.

Please remember to repair pitch marks and replace your divots. Please be aware of where you are walking and driving your cart/pulling your trundler. Remember that conditions are wet and slippery this time of the year. We wish all members and visitors well in your up and coming games of golf. Good luck to those entering any competitions.

Enjoy your golfing month

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



Bill McPhail – 75 Years at the Manawatu Golf Club

In June Bill celebrated 75 continuous years as a member at the Manawatu Golf Club! Bill joined as a member in 1944 as a 14 year old. He is still a current 9 hole player and plays most Friday afternoons. His father was also a member at the club and his mother was from the Nash family, who were prominent members of the club.

Bill has been an active member of the club and served on the committee in 1974 – 1976 and was vice-president in 1977. He won the McLennan in 1959 and won intermediate championship in 1981 and 1986.

We thank Bill for his long and continued membership at the club



125 YEARS

MANAWATU GOLF CLUB



SAVE THE DATE

Manawatu Golf Club 125 Jubilee

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April 2020



Hokowhitu Café & Bar

News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar.....



Mid-Winter Christmas

AT THE MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

Get together with your colleagues or a group of friends and book into the club for a Mid-Winter Christmas meal. Lunch and Dinner bookings available. More info on the website or get into touch with Rachel

What's on in July...

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.

■ MEN
 ■ WOMEN
 ■ MIXED
 ■ EVENT

July

MONDAY	1	8	15	22	29
TUESDAY	2 18 Hole LGU & Putting 9 Hole Stableford	9 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: SPAR	16 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	23 18 Hole: LGU 3rd Qualifying Round Club Champs 9 Hole: Stableford	30 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford
WEDNESDAY	3 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	10 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	17 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Semi-Final Lavender/ Gillespie Cups to be completed	24 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees	31 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford
THURSDAY	4 Thursday Club	11 Manawatu Rugby Golf Day	18 Nuviev Wealth Solutions Business House	25 Thursday Club	
FRIDAY	5	12	19	26	
SATURDAY	6 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	13 Palmerston North Interclub – Men at Palm Nth. No MGC Competition 9 Hole: Par Palmerston North Interclub at Manawatu, Stableford	20 Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU 3rd Qualifying Round Club Championships	27 Par 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Stableford	
SUNDAY	7 MacLennan Round 2 Consolation to be completed	14 Imlay Saunders Round 2 and Consolation 1st Round to be completed	21	28 Round 4 MacLennan to be completed	



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