

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Winter Golf, this message from the President has both a warm welcome and a heartfelt farewell. On behalf of the MGC we welcome our new General Manager, James Lovegrove. And it is a sincere thank you and heartfelt farewell to Rachel Huxtable who has been a wonderful Events and Marketing Manager since 2017.

Rachel has had a huge impact on every part of the Golf Club hospitality experience and we have all benefited and enjoyed the fantastic events that she has organised. Her bright and positive attitude has endeared her to the membership and she leaves the Golf Club with our warm wishes and sincere thanks. Rachel finishes on July 14th and she is taking a well earned break before starting her next adventure. She is not sure yet where that will be but whichever team she joins will benefit from her talent, her commitment and her great personality.

Speaking of committed and valued staff, it has been my pleasure this week to celebrate 10 years of service from Kiel and Ian in the Greens team. The Manawatu Golf Club really does value our staff and it's been our pleasure to recognise their long service.



Thanks to all who attended the Winter Music Series on Sunday and to Bos and his team for making it happen. I've heard the music was outstanding, the food delicious and the company wasn't half bad either. The next date in this series is the 24th of July, I hope to see you there. And one final social event that I am looking forward to is 'A Night with the Relatives' on July 9th. I am assured this is nothing like a night with my relatives this is a top band and tickets are selling fast for the July 9th dance. The best thing about the band is their ability to get everyone up dancing, my dancing is like my golf highly entertaining.

At the committee meeting on Tuesday 28th June, it was decided not to replace James' (our new GM) position on the committee as there is only 5 more meetings for the year.

Enjoy your golf, make the most of the great social opportunities planned by the club and most importantly drop in to say welcome to James and thank you and best wishes to Rachel before she leaves.

Brent Cawthray - President

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Thank you for the warm welcome to the Manawatu Golf Club

Having only officially completed 4 Wednesday's in the GM role, it may seem premature to share a GM's report with the members. Rather than a report, this is more of an update on the first month and sharing important progress the team has made in June.

I have had the opportunity to meet and enjoy engagement with our 9 hole group, our Wednesday 18 holers, our Saturday 18 holers and our Business House golfers. I have been overwhelmed by the warm and generous welcome extended and am looking forward to building relationships with these and all other membership groups over the next few months.

The welcome from staff has also been very warm and friendly. It is not too much of a cliché to say that our staff are indeed our greatest asset and I have been so impressed by their level of commitment and professionalism. I have really been amazed at the impact and the level of involvement of volunteers in our club and I have become increasingly aware of their importance to the successful functioning of almost all parts of MGC operation.

The number of hours the committee gives and the support they offer is quite humbling for me and for all MGC staff. Outside of the committee there is a large group of volunteers who also make a great contribution to the success of the club - both in an official and unofficial capacity. I look forward to working with these people and showing my and the club's appreciation to them as I become more familiar with what they do.

Updates

Greenkeepers: Scott Hamilton, from Hamilton, will join the Greenkeepers team on August 1st. Scott completed his Greenkeepers qualifications at North Shore Golf Club and impressed both Kiel and I in a two stage interview process. Scott is moving to Feilding with his partner over the next 3-4 weeks.

Events and Marketing Manager: Rachel is a huge loss to MGC, but this presents a great opportunity for someone to join this team. We had 20+ applicants for the Events and Marketing role. The stand out candidate was Hayley Underwood. Hayley is currently working at Netball Manawatu and has also had recent success with the Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club. Our selection criteria included the ability to perform the Events, Marketing and Communications roles and most importantly the ability to work with the existing team both in the office and with the Cafe. Not part of the selection criteria, but perhaps something of high interest is the fact that Hayley is an amazing endurance swimmer who last year swam the length of Lake Taupo - 42 km - in 14 hours! Hayley's start date is July 25th and we are very grateful that Hayley will be able to spend some time with Rachel before she finishes. We plan for Hayley to take on a greater Marketing and Comms role (including increasing our Social Media presence) and for some of the existing internal golf event management to be taken on by Christine Rose - specifically the Super 6s and Manawatu Open.

Speaking of the Super 6's they return to the Manawatu Golf Club next year and the proposed date is Feb 16-19, 2023. We look forward to a massive MGC volunteer team delivering another outstanding event.

Course: I'm enjoying working with Kiel and over the last 3 weeks we have identified our course priorities. The immediate focuses for the Course team are:

- Short term solution to the drainage problems and bunker on hole 16. (Work started last week)
- Share a long term plan and solution for all bunkers on the course, prioritising those most in need of work.
- Present a plan to the course committee for work on the area between the 6th tee and 7th fairway where trees were removed.
- Planting of native trees along the 15th hole
- A short term solution for the paths (lime) which will allow us time to make a decision and present a plan on resurfacing our pathways.

Priorities for me in the GM role:

- Developing a working knowledge of the GM role at MGC and continuing to build relationships with members and all stakeholders.
- Sponsorship plan and engagement with sponsors
- Earning trust and building relationships with the staff
- Supporting Kiel to build the Greenkeepers team with one new team member and one more likely addition to the team in the near future.
- Onboarding the new Events and Marketing person with an immediate focus on upcoming events and increasing our presence via social media
- Ensuring there are visible signs of development on the course with a specific focus on bunkers, Hole 6/7, planting around hole 15 and paths
- Exploring tee booking opportunities to ensure equitable access to all members
- Engagement with Rangitāne and working through the process of renewing water bore access
- Attending the Golf Course Managers conference in Chch in early August
- Coordinate a members and friends working bee in July to help with the 'liming' of the paths - thanks in advance if you are able to help (more details to come asap)

The above is a brief summary of my first month in the role - in a part time capacity. I can't wait to come on board in a full time role from July 25th and I am very excited about the opportunities the General Manager's role presents. I am confident, with the excellent team of staff and volunteers who surround me, that we definitely can achieve our goal of being a Golf Club that members are proud of and enjoy belonging to.

See you on the course, or in the cafe or on the dance floor at "A Night with the Relatives" on July 9th!

Nga Mihi

James





A Night with the Relatives

The Relatives Band live at the Manawatu Golf Club

Saturday 9th July

7:00pm - Happy hour

8:00pm - Band starts

Tickets \$30 per person includes light supper

TICKETS ONLINE or AT THE OFFICE

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GOLF CLUB

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all well and enjoying winter golf and the frosty starts ☺.

From all here in the Golf Shop, we would like to say farewell and a big thank you to Rachel for all her hard work and for being such an awesome team member over the last five years! All the best for your future endeavours!!!!

Interesting Golf News in June:

1. Did you know that 2022 US Open Champion Matthew Fitzpatrick records every shot he hits on the course on his note pad! That takes some serious commitment. He has charted every single golf shot he has hit since he was 15 years old. For example: say he's 165 yards out and hitting an 8 iron, but he wants to land it 161 yards, 8 yards left of the flag. If he hits it 165 and it lands in the hole, he'll chart that as a 4-yard miss on distance and 8 yards on line. This gives him way more accurate data than ShotLink because he's measuring vs his target, not where the hole is.

2. Lydia Ko brings up her 100th top 10 in 210 starts with 17 victories. To put that into context, Jordan Spieth has played 232 events on the PGA Tour had 77 top 10s and 13 victories.

3. All aboard the Liv Golf money train: You would have to be living in another galaxy to not have heard or read about LIV Golf this past month. The latest players supposedly to join will be Matt Wolf and Eugenio Chacarra (#2 ranked men's amateur golfer in the world). What's most interesting is that the DP World Tour (Formally the European Tour) has only banned LIV Golf Players from playing in their co-sanctioned events on the PGA Tour. Only 3 events.

This will be interesting to follow because you may find the LIV Golf players, such as DJ and co, signing up to the DP World Tour to get world ranking points and to qualify for the Majors & WGC events if needed. The DP World Tour could be the big winner in all of this, maybe???

4. Congratulations Tara Raj; Tara won her first offshore-event on Tuesday, winning the Adidas Junior 6's event at Cromer Golf Club in Sydney by one shot.





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Newsletter Golfing Tip: How do you play out of wet compact sand???? We get this question a lot in the shop and while coaching. There are two different things you must do when the sand is wet and more compact than usual:

1. Don't open or add loft to the clubface as much at address. What does this mean? This will allow the club to dig into the sand (yes, I know this sounds counterintuitive as we are always told in bunkers, "open the face and let the bounce of the club work so the club doesn't dig into the sand to much". Well, if we do open the clubface like normal, the club will bounce off the hard sand and the ball will either cannon into the lip of the bunker or cannon over the green! You won't have the same height on the shot but you will get the ball out and on the green! See pictures below - one is set up for a normal soft sand bunker shot with clubface open/more loft. The other is for wet/compact sand clubface set at a normal address position.



2. Impact closer to the ball: Because the sand is firmer we need to impact the sand closer to the ball. Think 1 inch behind the ball is what we need to do!!! See picture lines indicate where you want to enter the into the sand. Black = normal/fluffy sand, Green = when sand is compacted.



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

Your Proshop team - Alan, André, Tim, Brydie and Guy

A message from the Club Captain

Firstly I would like to welcome James Lovegrove to the role as General Manager to the Club and look forward to having his knowledge and skills making this great Club an even better one.

Here we are half way through the year already and it's amazing how time passes by.

The men's McLennan competition has found its last 16 teams and the Calcutta proved to be another popular attachment to this longstanding pair's event.

June Men's Tankard

Congratulations to Anthony Dahlkamp who was the June Craigs Investment Partners Tankard winner with 41 stableford points. Mark Pene was unlucky and just missed out by countback

From the Match policy Document

I have had it mentioned to me about the lack of etiquette on the golf course from golfers of various abilities. It must be remembered that good manners and etiquette are an important part of playing golf to make the golfing experience pleasurable for all members on the course.

So I have attached below a section from the Match Committee Policy Document.

Please take a moment to read it.



Golf Etiquette

The Match committee is expected to encourage following of appropriate golfing etiquette.

- Start from the correct tee at the appropriate time
- Keep up with the group in front, not just ahead of the group behind. If you are unable to do this, stand back for a few minutes and allow the group following to come through.
- Repair pitch marks on greens.
- Replace divots firmly on fairways.
- Rake bunkers and replace the rake outside of the bunker
- Abide by the Club's dress code standards.

If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, it is recommended that the Committee considers taking appropriate disciplinary action against the offending player.

A message from the Club Captain

Manawatu Men's Handicap Pennants

The team comprised of Bert Chang, Ezra Burt Jack Clarke, Adrian Christie, Brian Spencer and Steve Aburn played Palmerston North at Feilding on Sunday 19th June in the 2nd round after having a bye in the 1st round. They all played well and looked the best looking team as well, to win 5 to 4.

Palmerston North v Manawatu 9th July Interclub

The club participates in several interclub events. These are to be encouraged as they engender good will between clubs, builds relationships, offer members the opportunity to play at other clubs at minimal cost and addresses issues of exclusiveness within the wider golfing community.

To encourage participation in away interclub fixtures event, scores gained by club members who choose to play at home on these days will not be eligible for season long stroke play competitions e.g., competitions utilizing "FedEx Cup" points and the Men's Shootout.

Have a great July and may the golfing gods be with you.

Alan Savell – Club Captain

Sunday Winter Live Music Series!

Winter series of Sunday afternoons at the Manawatu Golf Club
Live Music, platters and drinks
3:00pm – 5:30pm

Get a group of friends together and enjoy a wonderful Sunday
afternoon in the clubhouse

Get your tickets now from the office

\$50 table of four | \$100 table of eight
includes antipasto platter and live music

19 June | 24 July | 21 August

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

It seems that June has pushed us a little with a couple of frosts, rain and wind. But we persevere and continue with our golf! There are some good scores out there so it can't be too bad!

Unfortunately the interclub with Feilding had to go by the wayside, so fingers crossed for the Palmerston North Interclub which is on Saturday 9th July, with the women playing at Palmerston North. Names need to be in by Wednesday 6th July.

For 18 hole golfers two rounds of qualifying for club champs have been played. Thank you to Kiel for allowing the Tuesday women to play the 16th with GUR for their second round. The 3rd round will be played the 16th or 19th July. Remember you only need one round to count for the qualifying and it is played on your designated competition day – Saturday or Tuesday.

For 9 hole golfers your club champs are open to those with an established handicap. There are two qualifying stroke play rounds with the best round counting for a seeded draw. From there it is match play off the stick (that is without handicap). The qualifying rounds are held a little later on the 3rd/6th and 17th/20th August. Play on your designated competition day – Wednesday or Saturday.

Coming up we have our women's mid-winter dinner. You would all have received an invite via email and some of you have replied "Yes coming!" and some are "to confirm" so look out for a reminder email coming your way and let us know if you can join us on Friday 29th July. This is our get together where we can have a catch up and meal without having to worry about the weather!

Lets have a dry July for golf!

Deb Archer – Women's Club Captain

I wanted to write a quick message of thanks. The last 5.5 years here at the club have been so much fun. I wanted to thank you all for welcoming me in and having me as a part of your wonderful community. The Manawatu Golf Club is a very special place, full of very special people. I have many fond memories from my time here and will be back to visit

Rachel



NINE HOLE NEWS

The weather has been quite kind to us so far. There is still some run and no frosts as such to deal with yet. Placing through the green is pretty handy.

We went to Feilding Golf Club's Open Day. The weather forecast was for 100% rain so an awful lot of players had pulled out. It started off ok for a few holes then became very wet so not good scores.

Castlecliff rescheduled their Round Robin, but sadly although not wet was very cold and windy. Not good scores again but Barbara Smith got Best Gross for Ladies and Tony Watts for men. We are sorry to see Tony leave us, but they are shifting to Napier.

Gillespie and Lavender Cup and Odd Couples competitions are down to finals. Good luck to those still in!

Linton Golf Club are having their Open Day this Friday (1st July). Always a great day! They cook up a storm for lunch and everyone gets a prize

Our Sue Bunt winner was Barbara MacDonald. Her best two cards have now been entered in the National Competition. Well done Barbara!

Murray has organised a one day "Roadie" to Rangitikei. Good to play there as they are not in our circuit for competitions. Thanks Murray.

We still have some new players joining us on Wednesday and Saturday. Welcome to you all, just enjoy your golf!

Good golfing everyone

Colleen Fraser/Natasha Meyer - Wednesday & Saturday Convenors

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in May 2022

7 Day Member: Jodie Busbridge, Brent Haami, Susan Harris, Jason Maraku

Under 30: Travis Hart, Keegan Ormsby

Under 25: Troye Aitken

Country: Toa Kaleopa

9 Hole: Joy Kim, Linda Leong

5 Day: Rebecca Paewai

Full Playing Junior: Rhys Workman

Social: Thomas Carr, Jethro Pack

Welcome



During this same period, 4 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1110 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

Halfway through 2022 already, the year is flying by as the world keeps on changing. Seeing so many people using the facilities at Manawatu Golf Club is great to see 😊. Welcome aboard to James Lovegrove. Over the past few Wednesdays having worked with James, I must say that James adds a spring to our step with a positive can-do attitude as well as huge motivation, we as a club are looking forward to the coming years. In the last month we have started work on the 16th hole. This is to repair the bunker & to try dry up the surround. Progress is moving along well, I understand it is taking its time, we are just a couple of staff down. We will continue to complete the drain, once the drain is filled to the top we will then work on the bunker. We will lay turf closer to the end of July to allow the drain to work, or to fix anything we need to.

We are close to replacing staff that have left, this will help us get more tasks completed. I want to say thank you to many of the volunteers who put their hands up and help on the course and elsewhere in the club. This work is invaluable to us as staff members and members who love playing the course.

In the next month we will have the 16th finished and in play, paths will be topped up with lime and we will start the bunkers. Bunkers are a huge part of our maintenance every week, when you are staff down, we try to prioritise what is important. With the rainfall we had early June it is hard to beautify the bunkers, you can't fluff up the sand. With the stones in the bunkers, we need to sieve these out. If anyone out there has an old bed base with the spring, they act as a good sieve, sing out if we can grab it to make a sieve out of it.

Just a few things we are seeing around the course, scuff marks around the hole, please be aware when the weather is damp, when you twist or scuff your shoes they mark the ground and the person behind you must putt through this. Divots on the Tees, with the cold weather we don't have the growth for recovery, the Par 3 tees are quite bad. When playing the Par 3's, can you please not have a practice swing, this is to stop as many divots. We also see damage on the greens from a club being slammed into the green or a little divot taken out, please be aware that it affects everyone. Please continue to repair pitch marks and replace your divots 😊, we do appreciate this. Continue to watch where you walk your trundlers and drive your carts also, please 😊.

Wish all members and visitors well in the coming month of golf 😊.

Kiel Stechman - Course superintendent



NEW BINS!

There are new bins on the course!
There is specific bins for rubbish and for recycling. Please make sure you put the correct waste in the correct bin

Rules Corner

I am regularly approached by members requesting a ruling on a particular Rules situation that they have encountered during regular play. This month I will look at one that I was recently asked.

“What are the consequences of hitting the ball when having a practice swing? Are there any penalties that may apply?”

The answer to this depends on where (which area of the course) this event occurs. Thus I will cover Rules that apply if this occurs in the teeing area, the general area, in bunkers and penalty areas and finally on the putting green.

The teeing area

If a player accidentally hits the ball while having a practice swing in the teeing area there is NO PENALTY and the practice swing that caused the ball to move is NOT counted as a stroke. The player has not put a ball in play (has not made a stroke at a ball from the teeing area – see definition of a stroke). The player must start over by playing a ball from within the teeing area which will be the player’s first stroke on that hole. Note: if the ball remains in the teeing area after being hit during a practice swing, the player may lift and re-tee the ball anywhere within the teeing area. For more information on this, members are advised to read Rule 6.1 and 6.2.

The General Area, Bunkers and Penalty areas

A ball at rest in any of these areas of the course is in play. Under Rule 9, if it is known or virtually certain that the player is responsible for the movement of a ball at rest in any of these areas, the player incurs a 1 stroke penalty. Accidentally hitting a ball during a practice swing clearly demonstrates that the player caused the ball to move. The player must replace the ball on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated). Failure to replace the ball on its original spot and playing the ball from its position at rest after being hit by practice swing incurs the general penalty (2 strokes in stroke play, loss of hole in match play). Note: none of the 4 exceptions listed in Rule 9.4b (that avoid penalty for a player causing the ball to move) apply in the case of a ball moved as a result of a practice swing. Members are advised to revise Rules 9.4a and 9.4b for more information on this topic.

The Putting Green

There is still some confusion among players (and even commentators covering major golf events worldwide) regarding the consequences of actions by a player which may cause a ball to move on the putting green. Under the new Rules effective since 2019, there is now NO PENALTY if a player ACCIDENTALLY causes the ball to move on the putting green. The movement of a ball by a practice putting stroke near the ball at rest on the putting green is deemed accidental. If the ball is moved by a practice putting stroke, there is NO PENALTY and the player must replace the ball on its original spot. Members are directed to Rules 9.4 Exception 3, and 13.1d for more information on this topic.

Members should note that in this discussion I have concentrated solely on the issue of a ball moved by a practice swing in the various areas of the course. Clearly there are many more situations where a ball at rest may move and a range of causes and possible penalties that might apply, that must be identified when this happens. I highly recommend members read the full versions of Rules 9 and 13 to assist the understanding of this important Rules of Golf section.

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.

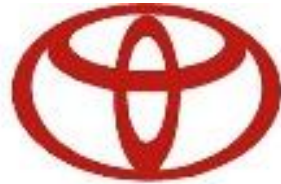
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4	5 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Par	6 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	7 Thursday Club	8	9 Par, Palmerston North Interclub, men at Manawatu 9 Hole: Par Palmerston North Interclub at Palmerston North, Stableford	10 Imlay Saunders Round 2 and Consolation 1st Round to be completed
11	12 18 Hole: Bisque Par Orange Tee 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	13 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Semi-Final Lavender/ Gillespie Cups to be completed	14	15	16 Stroke 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU 3rd Qualifying Round Club Championships	17
18	19 18 Hole: LGU 3rd Qualifying Round Club Champs 9 Hole: Stableford	20 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees	21 Yorb Business House	22	23 Par 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Stableford	24 Round 4 MacLennan to be completed
25	26 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	27 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	28	29	30 Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	31 MacLennan Round 3 Consolation to be completed. Imlay Saunders Consolation 2nd round to be completed.
1	2 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	3 MacLennan Round 3 & Round 2 Consolation to be completed	4	5	6	7



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