



JUNE 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is just around the corner and Keil and his team are committed to keeping the course in top condition. We've recently appointed a 2IC to Keil and this will bring our greenkeeping staff back to a full complement of 6. James Hart, who hails from Levin, and has most recently has been working on courses in Australia commences with us on Monday 11 June. Please be aware of Keil's updates of course conditions and use of carts on the website – I must reiterate if carts are in use in the softer course conditions please use common sense and be mindful of the state of the course.

I have very little to report on the proposed Centennial Park development at this stage. The Hearing into this was reconvened on April 24 and we are awaiting a decision from the Commissioners as to whether the rezoning to residential will proceed. As I was not involved in this second Hearing, Warren will cover this off in his report.

After hosting a very successful NZPGA championship in February this year the NZPGA have changed their stance on providing funding for this event. As a result of this, we have declined their offer of hosting the 2019 NZPGA. I would like to thank all the sponsors, golf club staff, and volunteers who made the 2017 and 2018 events so successful.

On Sunday the Manawatu Golf Club and Palmerston North Golf Club's A Pennants teams contested the 2018 Final at Palmerston North Golf Club. As expected, it was an extremely competitive final with Palmerston North sneaking through to win their first A Grade Pennant in 58 years. Congratulations to them for a well deserved victory and also congratulations to our boys for a hard fought and entertaining season. One thing that did impress me was the amount of support for both teams at the Final and I thank our members who turned out to support the team.

Competition wise, the MacLennan Cup competition is almost at the business end with the top 16 being decided by June 9th. As always interest in this event is high and I wish all those combinations who remain in the competition all the best.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the Captains v Presidents match played on Saturday May 12. I was certainly keen to see this once again played during the season and have more members participating. We ended up with 48 players playing both singles and four ball matchplay. After domination over the last few years by the Club Captain I was delighted to see the President's team come through this year for a well-deserved victory. Hopefully we can build on this for next year and get more involved.

Enjoy your winter golf!

Peter McRedmond - President

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Winter has arrived and after a great summer and autumn, the golfing conditions have changed. The course received 100mm of rain over a few days and our green staff have been doing a fantastic job to keep in great shape and playable.

In these conditions please remember to be careful where you walk and avoid any steep banks. Stick to paths and steps wherever possible. Now is the perfect time to see the Pro Shop and check that your footwear is up to scratch for playing in these conditions. They can inspect your spikes and shoes at no cost and offer options if you need to upgrade either.

The Club will celebrate in 2020 a great milestone of 125 years. We are looking for exuberant, enthusiastic people to form part of the Organising Committee. If this is something you are interested in then please contact me here at the Office. 125 years of existence is a major achievement and this is something the Committee are very keen to get right. A book will be published for the occasion with Peter Lampp well underway in writing the last 25 years.

As Peter has eluded to, it is a disappointment the Club won't be hosting the PGA in 2019. It was a thrill to be involved in this but circumstances do change. I feel a couple of key components of the tournament need to be mentioned.

- Close on \$240,000 was raised from sponsorship
- \$125,000 paid out in prizemoney
- \$12,000 spent on extra staff hours and that didn't include myself. \$6,500 of this was in additional green staff hours so you can see the cost to keep the course in the condition presented at the NZPGA is extremely high.

The 2nd hearing for the Plan Change was held late April and now the Commissioners are tasked deliberating on submissions to the proposed plan change with an expected outcome in June. Once the Commissioners have made their decision, appeals can then be made within 30 working days. If there are any appeals this may take up to 12 months to be heard so the process is a long one. However if there are no appeals then Wallace Development will be able to apply for a sub divisional plan and then work can get started.

Good golfing

Warren Collett – General Manager

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Thank you to all of our sponsors for the continued support of the club. Congratulations to Brendan and his team from Hotel Coachman for taking out the top prize at our annual Sponsors day!



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Hi Everyone,

Congratulations to Eshla and Ben (Ben is a DAD!!!). Bruno Wolf Harwood was born at 11:11am on Tuesday the 22nd of May weighing 6lb 2oz.

Eshla, Ben and Bruno are doing great and Ben is loving been a Dad - maybe not the sleepless nights though 😊

Tip of the month: Winter Golf, key things to do.



Baby Bruno Wolf Harwood

#1: More club, this is one a lot of us know but I still see it happen regularly and I make the same mistake myself. When it is colder take an extra club. The ball is cold so doesn't fly as far and our bodies are colder so we don't swing as freely which means the ball goes shorter. Take a club that you feel will go past the flag in order to get it to the flag!

#2: Warm up, this one can make a massive difference. Set aside an extra 20 minutes before you play to hit some balls on the range. That is all it takes. Your body will be starting the round nice and warmed up and ready to go. It is something very simple but has a big impact on the first few holes of your round, especially in cold conditions.

#3: Rain Gloves, this tip is my favourite! I always at least carry one or sometimes two for both hands. The wetter they get the more grip they have and they feel just like a normal golf glove. You can also get ones that are warmer as well!

#4: Winter clothing, make sure you have a good rain suit, rain hat and water proof shoes with healthy grip.

#5: Hybrids, if you haven't already, then you should invest in some hybrids. They are much easier to hit than longer irons and a big plus for winter because they are a lot easier to hit higher in the air which means they will carry further and go longer than an iron in winter time.

If you would like more information or what to purchase on some of the tips above come see us in the shop. 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 and Lisa

MEN'S GOLF

Men's Club Captain's Report

The Craigs Investment Partners Tankard was won by newcomer to the club in Simon Rowney. Simon had 42pts and won on countback from Rob Green and Mark Smith. Simon had not played for about three months, due to having a broken thumb. He had a lesson with Alan Hyatt that morning, and the rest is history!! Well done Al, I might have to try that myself!

Play was curtailed by the elements for the afternoon field on the 19th. Torrential rain arrived mid-morning, which left the course virtually unplayable.

Saturday 26th saw the final of the Watson Cup played. This was an absorbing contest which was finally decided on the 19th hole. Richard Pratt triumphing over Lew Hirini. Well done Richard.

The final of the B&A was played on Sunday, between Martyn Nail and David Smith. Martyn continued his great form and took the match out. This follows on from his winning the Nolan Rosebowl (Summer Singles)

Congratulations to our Mens A Grade Pennants team on making the final yet again. This year they came up against the hot team of the season, in Palmerston North, where the final was played. There were plenty of supporters following all the matches, which were played in cool weather with the odd shower. Palmerston triumphed 6.5 to 5.5, to win their first ever A Grade pennant.

An interesting stat with the respective team's handicaps, is Palmerston averaged two shots lower handicap than our guys. That is significant in matchplay off the stick, and shows just how well our team played in pushing P/Nth all the way.

The after match took place in a pretty full clubhouse, and we all enjoyed free tap beer!! Thanks to Norm and his team for the wonderful hospitality.

We can all be really proud of our guys for their efforts during the season, and especially for the way they handled losing the final. Their giving the Palmy boys a standing ovation when the trophy was presented, went down a treat with all who were there.

Rumour has it that Palmy won the boat racing... but we have inside knowledge that our MGC boys comfortably won!

I believe there were a few young men worse for wear on Monday morning.



Simon Rowney winner of the Craigs Tankard



Richard Pratt with the Watson Cup



MEN'S GOLF CONT....

The 2nd round of the MacLennan is now underway, with all matches to be played by Saturday 9 June.

The annual function will take place at 5:30pm that night, and only lasts for an hour, so there will be ample time to get home for the All Blacks.

With many matches currently being played plus the wet and cold weather please be mindful of your speed-of-play. It is not nice for the late timeslot golfers finishing Saturday play in the dark at this time of the year!

Finally, great work Kiel and your team on the condition of the course. It is in wonderful order, especially considering the humungous amount of rain we have had. I have had numerous comments about just how good the greens are too. You guys are awesome.

Good golfing everybody.

BC

As mentioned in the May Newsletter, Congratulations to William Leipnik, Keith Towers, and Tim Belcher, on winning the Schweppes Club Team Trophy at the recent National "Lefties" Tournament. Pictured is President of the Left Hand Association and winners Tim and William



Ray Barnett Hole in One

JUNIOR GOLF

Some of our juniors have been busy over the couple months, here is a summary.

Kaleb Idemaru and Ethan Dodds competed in the South Island Under 19s played at Templeton near Christchurch in April. Kaleb came 46th with scores of 81, 77, 73 and Ethan came 49th with 78, 75 & 80. There were 118 in the field. Back in January Kaleb put a good effort in at the Danny Lee Springfield Open at Rotorua with scores of 73 & 79 to come 41st. At the same tournament Tim Berry had scores of 80 & 79 to come 55th.

Ethan and Kaleb along with Anthony Ilton-Mayer (Foxton) and Bradley McSherry (Palmerston North) were picked in the districts Shand Salver team that was played for at Rangitikei Golf Club in April. The Shand Salver played between Manawatu-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay, Wellington and Taranaki is normally played in September but this year clashed with the Junior Interprovincial. The local team with wins over Hawkes Bay & Wellington and a draw with Taranaki won the trophy for 2018. At the same time Lily Griffin played in the districts Junior Development team which came 2nd against the same districts. In April Lily had a go at the Carrus Open played at Tauranga shooting 84 & 85 to miss the cut.

Events for all juniors have been held recently at Manawatu, Palmerston North and Levin and were well attended by juniors from our club. Keep an eye out on the clubs Facebook page and the MWGA website for future Junior events.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

We have had a very good month weather wise but now “winter” has arrived.

Saturday 19th we played the Challenge Cup between the Mid-Week and Sat players. Thank you to the 6 Mid-Week women who played in this event. As the weather turned to cats and dogs, it was a unanimous decision between Ann-Marie and myself that we call it a day and decide the winners over 9 Holes. Congratulations to the Mid-Week players winning this Cup yet again.

Our group of Senior 9 Holers who play every Tuesday morning had a great celebration this month with Dawn Lavender having a very “special” birthday. There was a very big gathering of these “girls” with lots of laughter and chat. Dawn celebrated with a beautiful chocolate gateau cake and coffee which she shared with the Mid-Week Women as well. Thank you so much for sharing your day with your golfing friends.



Tuesday 22nd May Pink Ribbon Day

Deb Archer suggested we had this day to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Research Fund. As you know the month of May is to raise monies with a breakfast.

Lunch was more suitable for the golfers so raffles and donations raised funds towards this worthy charity. Many thanks to Deb and Helen Weber who ran the day and many thanks to all those members who donated raffle prizes as did the Snr 9 Hole women with 2 beautiful baskets of goodies. Thank you to you all. We raised \$600 for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

Kath came on board with the pink theme with some fancy pink food items. The meringues were also a delicious treat. Many thanks to the chefs Nikki and Kath.

So a fun day was had and all the players came to the party dressing up in their best “Pink” outfits. Helen Weber very kindly drove around brightening up our day with her goodies. The winner of the best dressed judged by Kath and her helpers was Leslie Martin who was a stunner in her outfit. Congratulations Leslie.

The winners of the golf were the team of S. Burmeister, D Archer, T Melody and A Boag being up on par. The winner of the Snr 9 Hole Stableford was M. Armitage. Well done. And hats off to those players who managed to play well in their pink wigs!

This was a first for the club and maybe this will be a yearly event. All the pink on the course made a colourful show from all the dull blacks.



WOMEN'S GOLF CONT...

More great news. The Thursday Club was played on the 24th with the winter blast suddenly upon us but our brave players were out there playing but some not bothering (like myself) and others pulling out along the way. But Congratulations to Pam Lamberton who managed her 1st hole in one on the 11th. A real thrill.

Pennants

Championship and Weekend

Deb our selector is doing a great job and we will be having a tight finish on the final day on 10th June at Rangitikei. Team Red, Mudra and Lily, (The Young Guns) are in the lead with 26 pnts. Red play Palmerston North this day so we wish them all the best.

The White Team Lisa and Rebecca with a win against Levin last week have now jumped up to second place on 25 pnts. White now play Rangitikei/Marton on the 10th June.

The Weekend Team are in 3rd place but with the teams ahead of them having a bye on the 10th our team with a win against Palmerston North could jump to the lead. Good luck to the team. As Deb says it can be done.

If you would like to support these teams a drive out to Rangitikei could be a nice way to spend your Sunday. Good Luck to all the teams.

The Silver and District teams have quite a few more rnds to go and are right there in the mix. Many thanks to all our Pennant players who get out there and do their best.

Dates to note

Saturday June 16th: Interclub with Feilding at Manawatu. Entry form is on the website, do come and play, Mid-week women are permitted to play on this day.

June 19th and 23rd: 1st Qualifying Round for the Club Championships. Please study the monitor when getting your card and say No to qualifying if you do not wish to take part in this championship. You must be available to play on Finals Day (4th November) and play your matches on time. We would like you to be available also for the Champion of Champions Day on 11th Nov at Wanganui Golf Club. Please note: Silver and Bronze 1 Divisions play 36 holes on Finals Day and Champion of Champions Day. This is the most important competition within your club so we would like everyone to enter and make this a great championship. All these dates and rules on this Comp are in your programme book on pages 41 -43.

Happy Golfing

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

WOMEN'S GOLF CONT...

Saturday Convener Report

Our first competition for the month was Bisque Par, which required a bit of strategic thought into which holes to use the precious strokes on. Rosie McEvoy did a good job with her thinking, coming out a clear winner on 8 up. The following weekend Elizabeth Leong and Gill Vining shared the honours in the putting competition, both with 31 putts, while Evelyn Trass won a bottle of wine for the LGU lucky card draw.

Unfortunately the usually hotly contested annual Mid-Week vs Saturday women event suffered from the worst weather conditions of the year so far, with torrential rain leading to the course being closed partway through. The competition was reduced to a 9-hole stableford event and taken out by the Mid-Weekers. Perversely the following weekend the sun shone so intently that clothing layers were being peeled off all over the place. Rebecca Hopper and Sue Spiers were joint winners of the par competition, both ending up square.

The monthly raffle was won by Jill Clifton, with Janine Healey second.

Linda Hill – Saturday Women's Committee



Photo moments. Left - Glenda Petre picking up her hole in one. Middle – Glenda displaying the trophy she won for a hole in one at Royal Wellington, playing in the Mercedes Benz tournament back in March. Right - Angela Pivac accepting the cup from Ann-Marie Jackson on behalf of the Mid-Week Women

Manawatu Wanganui Order of Merit Event

Sunday 17th June – Levin Golf Club

36 Hole Strokeplay

7:45am Shotgun start - \$50 entry fee includes lunch

Restricted to lowest handicap entries (75 males and 21 females)

Enter online at mwga.co.nz/entry_results



NINE HOLE NEWS

Winter is here golf is getting harder but still good numbers turning out to give it a go. Well done to the greenkeepers for keeping the course in good condition.

Our Walker/Georgel Cup competition has been completed well done to the winners Carmen Fraser and Wayne Revell.

We are now playing the Gillespie and Lavender Cups good luck to those players participating in these Competitions.

On Monday we held the first of our Tri Series between ourselves, Palmerston North and Feilding. Well done team we won by a good margin Manawatu 189, Feilding 160, Palmerston North 159. A good buffer for the next game at Feilding . It was a good turnout with 62 players and fairly even numbers from the three clubs.

We even made it easy for the visitors they didn't have to play out of the bunkers as they were GUR which is always a bugbear for them.

A big thankyou to the Café for coming in to cater for our tournament and our helpers who put the cards through for us

Continue the good golfing hope the weather improves

Colleen Fraser - Nine hole Convenor

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in April 2018

7 Day Member – James Irwin, Lou Walls, Dave Boswell

5 Day Member – Tama Tanerau

Under 25 – Sam McCracken

9 Hole – Robyn Naylor

Full Playing Junior – Scott Donald

Restricted Junior – Dylan Simpson, Max Herbert, Clara Holmes, Benjamin Irwin, Sophie Aburn, Bam Thipcharoen, Pascual Iniesta

During this same period, 17 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 948 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

Well it looks like a wet & cold winter is under way. We've had over 100mls of rain in the last 2 weeks & the temperatures have dropped quite markedly. The new drainage that has been put in around the course seems to be coping well & there are more soak-holes to be drilled in the coming weeks.

The spraying & topdressing of the greens continues as per the maintenance schedule. The greens mowing height has been lifted to give protection as the wet season kicks in. They have good ball roll with the wet conditions.

The tees & surrounds have been deep sliced & sprayed with fertilizer. We applied tea-seed pellets to tees & surrounds to help ease the issue of worm casts on the shorter grass areas so that there will be less mud to contend with as the ground becomes wetter.

Fairways are due to be fertilised, and have come back well after the dethatching. Verti-draining is booked in for the 11th of June, as well as tea seed pellets due around then to be applied for worm control.

Overall the course is playing well.

Please continue to replace your divots and repair any pitch marks. A big thing for the time of the year is where people are driving their golf carts. Please stay 10ft at least clear of the green and well away from the tee off areas which also which get a lot of traffic.

Happy Golfing

Kiel Stechman



Golf Humour

COURSE EXPENDITURE BENCHMARKS

Total course expenditure 16/17 year of **\$457,324**

Current estimated annual cost per hectare = \$24,500

*Manawatu Golf Club approx. playing surface of 18.6 hectares

Brendan Allen –Course Super & GM of the Hills

Course benchmarks:

50% course perfection - \$10,000 per hectare

75% course perfection - \$30,000 per hectare

99% course perfection - \$270,000 per hectare (i.e Augusta)

Hokowhitu Café & Bar



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

NEW CAFÉ MENU!

The new café menu will be available from the
Thursday 7th June.

FROZEN MEALS

Stuck for meal ideas? Cant be bothered cooking on these winter nights?
Need a gift for a friend?

Come and check out our frozen meals! All made onsite by the amazing
café team. Can be easily heated in the microwave or in the oven in the
special packaging.

Ask the café for more details or check out the blackboard for the menu!



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 June...

Please note this programme is subject to change. Please remember to always check and book via the tee sheets on the Club website or at the card room kiosk for available tee times.

EVENT

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June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 Queen's Birthday	5 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Committee Choice	6 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice	7 Thursday Club	8	9 Stroke Lionel Abraham Cup Round 2 McLennan to be completed 9 Hole: Committee Choice LGU & Putting	10
11	12 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	13 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	14	15	16 Feilding Interclub Men at Feilding 9 Hole: Stableford Feilding Interclub Women at Manawatu	17 MacLennan, Round 1 Consolation to be completed
18	19 18 Hole: LGU 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships 9 Hole: Par	20 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	21 Nuview Wealth Solutions Business House	22	23 Par 9 Hole: Par LGU 1st Qualifying Round Club Champs	24 Volunteers Day
25	26 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	27 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU. 2nd round Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed	28 Thursday Club	29	30 Stroke Pro Shop Stableford	



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