



JUNE 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

We are two months in with the Xero/Dotgolf component and we are ironing out the bugs we have. The remainder of the software, Kounta and Vend went live Monday, 20 May and as it happened the week was an extremely busy one in the Café with many different functions. The staff have handled this amazingly well under the circumstances but it has been disappointing when we have asked for some leniency, some members have chosen to vent their disapproval. All staff are working extremely hard to make the change as seamless as possible. We are certainly appreciative of the members that have come forward and can see the advantages. The old system is out and unfortunately the new system does not allow members to run overdrawn accounts. If you wish to put something on your account you will need to have sufficient funds in your account to cover this. Should you wish to make a large ProShop purchase please discuss payment options with Alan. You will earn loyalty on all eligible purchases weather you pay by eftpos, credit, cash or on account.

Competition wise, the MacLennan Cup competition is almost at the business end with the top 16 being decided by Saturday June 8. As always interest in this event is high and we wish all those combinations who remain in the competition all the best.

There is not much to report regarding the Wallace Development next door. As stated at the “Information Night”, the emphasis is on installing all the services and it is hoped this will be completed by the end of July. WDCL will then apply to LINZ for titles. It is only then that the Club will receive back from WDCL payment from the cellphone tower and funds from the 7th section sold. You will be well informed when we meet some of these milestones. Another item raised at the “Information Evening” was the possible river land sale. We will be going back to PNCC shortly and will then inform the membership of the next steps. As mentioned on the night, this is a very complex situation which is taking time to resolve.

I speak to many Managers of other clubs throughout the country and one of their main issues is the decline in member patronage. The Trivia Night under the guidance of Rachel and Paul Otway was not only a credit to them but to you the members as the night was a great success. Credit must go to Kath and her team who dished up the meal in the usual professional manner along with Dana and her team for keeping everyone served. These comments are not rare, but have in fact become the norm, and just confirm how spoilt we are with all our staff. This is a very special golf club.

Ben Harwood handed in his resignation and will have his last day on Friday 5 July. Ben has been an asset to the Club and the work he has done with the Juniors has been excellent. Ben has been given an opportunity to work at the club where he is originally from, Whangamata. Ben was a valuable part of our team here in the golf shop and was very popular with the members – his presence will certainly be missed.

Good golfing everybody - Warren Collett and Brent Cawthray



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Pro Shop

What a busy last few weeks we have had in the shop with the introduction of the new software and point of sale. It's a great new system for the club and will make everything more efficient. Thank you to all the members that have been patient through this time as we have been learning the system on the run. Also a big thanks to Lisa, Tim & Ben in the shop for all their hard work over the last few weeks learning and dealing with everything that goes on with the new software and especially Lisa who has been working on this new system for the last few months. Great work Team!!

Tim Wilkinson Update: It has been a while since I have given an update on how Timmy who flies our flag in the USA on the Web.com Tour. Two weeks ago Tim had his best placing this year finishing two shots off the lead in a T3 finish. He has been playing really well of late and sits 24th on the points list where the top 25 at the end of the season go through to the PGA Tour.



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

A message from the Club Captain

Men's A Pennant team's run to the finals

The Men's A pennant team's run to the finals started with a hiccup when they were beaten 5½-3½ by Feilding at Hawkestone on April 28th. Trailing Feilding 2-1 in the morning foursomes, they had to win four singles. However, only Reid Perry and Greg Shaw won, while No 6 Matt Francis halved. At the top, Feilding No 1 Liam Finlayson beat Regan McConaghty 2 up, veteran Tony Chettleburgh, who doubles as a Manawatu member, beat Ewan Westergaard 1 up, and James Humphrey beat Manawatu's Josh Sedgwick 4 and 2. After this round Manawatu, Palmerston North and Feilding were all tied on 15 points before the last qualifying round in Levin on May 12.

At the final round robin at Levin the A's bounced back from the loss to Feilding to beat Palmerston North 5½-3½. We were 2 -1 up after the foursomes then wins by Craig Nash 3 and 2, Reid Perry 4 and 3 and Greg Shaw 1 up and a half by Regan McConaghty over Junior Tatana in the afternoon singles sealed the win. This left us tied with Feilding on 18 points after the round robins but our superior games margin, 48½ to 43 meant we hosted the final the following weekend.

At the final on Sunday May 19th we were down 2 to 1 after the morning foursomes. Craig Nash & Matt Francis lost 3 and 1 while Ewan Westergaard and Reid Perry had a half as did Regan McConaghty and Greg Shaw.

In the afternoon the matches between the 5s & 6s, Craig Nash won 3 and 1 against Trevor Ward while Matt Francis halved with one of our greenskeepers, Damian Walker. The number 1s and 2s fought solid matches with both Ewan and Regan winning 3 and 2 on the 16th against Tony Chettleburgh and Liam Finlayson respectively. Ewan playing some of his best golf over the closing 9 holes.

This left the 3s and 4s playing two very tight matches with Reid Perry battling against Mike Atkins and Greg Shaw against James Humphrey. For the second week in a row Greg Shaw found himself three down with six to play but battled back with wins on 13 and 15. Playing the 17th with the gathering crowd following the top groups finishing on the 16th, Reid was square and Greg 1 down. Having to take a free drop from the garden behind the 17th Reid played the perfect bump-and-run to smack the middle of the flag and hole the shot for birdie to go one up. A minute later the spectators were cheering again as Greg Shaw holed a long birdie putt to go back to square. Greg finished the 18th square while a birdie to Reid saw him win 2 up. Final result Manawatu 6, Feilding 3 and the 2019 pennant was ours! This is our 12th title in 15 years!

It was great to see so many supporters for both sides especially for the afternoon singles. Well done to Ewan & Nashy who have built a superb team spirit amongst the squad.



A message from the Club Captain

Other Men's Interclub results

The Men's B pennant team qualified in the top 4 and travelled to Rangitira for the semi-final but were dealt to by Marton 2-7. Marton went to win the B pennant beating Feilding in the final, 5 games to 4.

The President's team played their quarter final match on May 5th against Apiti at Marton. Unfortunately, they went down to our country cousins 5 to 7.

Changes to next year's Pennant competitions

In 2020 the Men's pennants format will change to 3 divisions of 6 teams. Following discussions with the current A and B team selectors it has been decided that we will field 3 pennant teams in next year's competition. The Handicap pennants will also change with at least two divisions involving a maximum of 6 teams each. However, each round will be only 18 holes instead of the previous 2 x 18 hole rounds. **We are keen to know of members who would be interested in playing handicap pennants next year with just 5 rounds of 18 holes.** If enough interest is shown we may enter two teams.

Club competition results

Tony Webster won the B&A singles match-play trophy over Leigh Thomas 2 and 1. The Presidents team Manager John Clapperton won the Watson Cup singles Match-play trophy over Ian Craig 5 and 4. Bill Barber won the May Craigs Investment Partners Tankard with 44 points, narrowly by count-back from Peter Balfour.

The annual Captains versus Presidents match saw the President's win for the second year in a row by the close margin of 24 to 18.5.



The annual Inter-Club match with Feilding sees us hosting the men while the women travel. This will be a club draw for the afternoon golfers so enter via the usual process. You will have the option of being in the interclub or not. If there is someone from Feilding you would like to play against and you know they are playing put this information in when you enter and I'll see what I can do.

We are looking to reinstate the Memorial day Foursomes trophy. This was last played for in 2010. To open up the numbers of members who could play for this trophy we are looking at a Sunday perhaps mid-Summer. Feedback on this would be most welcome.

Next MWGA Order-of-Merit event – The Horowhenua Open is on Sunday 16th June at Levin Golf Club. \$60 entry includes lunch 7.45am Shotgun start. Enter at www.mgwa.co.nz

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

May has been a month of celebration for the Mid-Week Ladies. On The 7th May we celebrated our Life Member Lorna Willis' 80th birthday. She kindly provided a delicious cake and some bubbles with which we could toast her milestone.



On May 21st we all wore pink to celebrate breast cancer survivors and to raise money for research into the treatment of this disease. We managed to raise \$275 for this cause. Lesley Martin won the prize for the best dressed.



Then on May 28th there was great excitement in the club to celebrate the Hole in One shot by Gael Elmes on the 4th. We also celebrated the Eagle shot by Sue Fletcher on the 3rd. Great achievements ladies.



On May 3rd Deborah Archer, Janine Healey, Gloria Campbell and Maxine Whittfield represented Manawatu in the National Team District Final held at Marton. The competition was won by Marton. Manawatu came 5th but were only 2 points away from the 3rd place getter so it was a close competition.

On Saturday 18th May the Saturday Ladies did battle with the Mid Week Ladies for the Hokowhitu Cup. The Mid Week Ladies were soundly beaten. Congratulations to the Saturday Ladies.

Women's Championship and Weekend Pennant Results.

It was a good day at Feilding on Sunday 19th May for all three teams! Eva and Janine had a clean sweep against Castlecliff for the Weekend team so, although remaining at the bottom, there is an opportunity to jump ahead of Palmerston North who are just one point ahead.

Manawatu White, Lisa and Leander, had a tremendous win against Palmerston North bringing in 4 points and giving them a half point lead over Wanganui. Palmerston North drop to third. Manawatu Red, Lily and Mudra, also brought home 4 points against Rangitikei/Marton jumping them up to 4th ahead of Levin.

The final round is to be played at Marton on Sunday 9th June. The Weekend team will be up against Feilding and our White team will be playing our Red team.

Silver and District Pennants

On Monday May 27th, the Silver team won a tight game (31/2 - 2 1/2) against Pahiatua at Feilding. That result puts them equal 3rd on 8 points with Pahiatua and Eketahuna, behind Rangatira Blue on 9 and Rangatira Pink on 10. The Silver team will next play Marton at Rangitikei on June 17th so it should be a closely contested match. The District team had a strong win (4 -1) against Levin at Feilding. They will now play for 5th or 6th against Marton in the Final playoff at Rangitikei on June 17th. Well played everyone.

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED...

Thursday Club continues to attract strong fields. We have had 3 Thursday Clubs in May. In June, the Thursday Club will be on the 6th and the 27th.

The raffle is proving to be popular and the last frozen meals were won by Viv Gillespie and Trish Moore.

Golf for June

June 4th Proshop Stableford and 2's.

June 11th Par Orange tees

June 18th Bisque Par White tees

June 25th LGU 2nd qualifying

Winter Starting Time

We will commence winter starting time 9:30 am in July and carry it through to the end of August to try to avoid any frosts and chilly morning starts.

Upcoming Events

Rangatira Open Day - Thursday June 6th

The Interclub Competition against Feilding - Saturday June 15th at Feilding

The Race to the Shield is looking interesting. Although Eketahuna are still in the lead, Manawatu have performed well in the last two open days at Marton and Palmerston North so we are slowly catching up to them. A good turnout and performance at Rangatira will help the cause.

Happy Golfing - Jill Clifton, Women's Captain

Saturday Women

The Autumn weather continues to be kind which has encouraged a good turnout most weeks.

Top score for par was Helen Wilkinson +6. Frances Clark had 30 putts in the LGU competition.

Midweek women versus Saturday women saw the trophy regained by our Saturday group after 2 years residing with the Midweek group.

The top Stableford prize went to Toni Stout- 49.

First Round of qualifying for club champs has been held.

Competitions are progressing well with some hard fought and close matches. No social outings this month but we have some future golf related fun in the pipeline.

Sue Spiers - Saturday Committee



NINE HOLE NEWS

We have been very lucky with the weather so far. I guess winter will be here soon enough.

We have been busy with Open Days and Round Robins with some of our players having good winning streaks -well done.

The Final of the Walker/Georgel Cup has been won by Vicki Bryson and Andrew Jewett. Runners Up Judy & Murray Crawford. Well done the four of you. Congratulations to Vicki & Andrew.

Our Sue Bunt winner is Rachael Anderson. Well done Rachael.

Our Gillespie and Lavender Cups are well under way. Good golfing to those players still in.

We are also running a stableford competition. Draw is up in card room.

On Monday we had the 1st leg of our Tri-series with ourselves Feilding and Palm Nth. Big win to Manawatu. Great start team! Next leg will be played in Feilding. Many thanks to our players for the items they brought along to enable us to run some raffles which we made over \$300 profit.

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser and 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 April 2019

7 Day Member – Paul Johnson

Under 30 – Bradley Chin, Jayden Jaggard

Under 25 – Perry DalGLISH

5 Day Member – Myung Sung Kim (returning), John Lahey

9 Hole – Carl Baker, Bruce Graham (returning), Tracy Hale, Andrew Manderson (returning), Alan Marlow, Joanne Ogilvie, Susan Ramirez, Alison Thomas

Restricted junior – Bruce Donald

During this same period, 4 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 985 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

May has flown by and we start the month of June with a cold snap. We have had warmer weather so far. Course is looking good going into winter with great cover of turf. Autumn has come along with strong winds, which has put leaves over the course, as it does each year.

Greens have been fertilised as well as top dressed. Greens have a good cover and are rolling consistent. With the traffic and the moisture around they tend to get a little bobble, overall all good.

Tees have been dethatched, top dressed and fertiliser applied. They are due for a solid fertiliser. Good result despite the rain. Surrounds have been fertilised, they are due to be cored and tumble cored in June.

Fairways are looking great. We have just applied solid fertiliser to help with growth and cover in the winter. Few weeds out there, will look to treat over the winter.

12th hole re-alignment is coming along great, it is starting to take shape now. Drainage holes around the place are working so far. There are few more areas we have on our to-do list.

With the **WET** season upon us, can I please remind you to be aware of where you are driving your **GOLF CART**. Do not try and go up the stop bank, drive on tees, and stay well away from greens.

Please continue to repair your pitchmarks and replace your divots. We appreciate the effort.

On a good note, enjoy your coming month of golf, play well and achieve any goals you may have. Good luck to anyone playing club competitions.

No Golf humour this Month. A lot of people ask about why they cant go out and play when it's a frost, so here are the reasons;

- Kiel Stechman

Course Superintendent



Frost causes the dew on the outside of the leaf and the moisture within the leaf to freeze.

In colder parts of NZ the crown and soil surface will also freeze.

If this is left to melt naturally the damage to the turf is negligible.

However when you walk on frosted grass, namely:

- A surface frost (as shown) will 1 – 2 days later turn black and many of the leaves walked on will die. The result is a slight thinning of the turf. Now consider the number of golfers walking over the grass and worst yet several days of frost and the turf can thin considerably. To make this worst, limited (if any) recovery will occur during winter and the thin turf cover can last until spring.
- Frozen crowns/soil surface causes more severe thinning of the turf cover as you will crush and kill the grass plant (crown) and can cause the roots to be sheared from the plant.



Safety – we have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which you can enjoy your golf.

Walking/driving on frozen turf (particularly given most clubs now adopt spikeless footwear) increases the risk of crashes, slips and injury.

Rules Corner

Several members have just completed a course on the Rules of Golf and some sat the associated R&A Level 1 or Level 2 exams. I am delighted with the overall understanding of the new rules these members displayed in their exam results. While some members participated in this course with the aim of progressing on to become qualified golf referees, many did so to improve their understanding of the new rules and to assist them in applying the rules correctly during club and competition play.

The participating members were provided with preparation material appropriate for the Level (1 or 2) that they were intending to be examined on. Among this material were several sets of test questions and mock final exams to assist with their preparation for the actual test to be taken.

For the general membership, here is a sample set of these test questions (combination of Level 1 and 2 tests) to see how well you understand the new Rules of Golf.

1. A player's ball comes to rest against a rake which is outside the bunker. The player moves the rake and the player's ball moves as a result. Which of the following is true:
 - a) The player gets a 1 stroke penalty for causing the ball to move and the ball must be replaced
 - b) There is no penalty and the ball must be replaced
 - c) There is no penalty and the player must drop the ball as near as possible to where it lay, not nearer the hole

2. When playing a hole, the general area includes all of the course except the following:
 - a) All teeing areas, all penalty areas, all bunkers, and the putting green of the hole being played
 - b) All penalty areas, all bunkers, the teeing area and putting green of the hole being played
 - c) The teeing area, all penalty areas, all bunkers and all greens

3. A player plays her ball onto the 10th green on a windy westerly day. She marks and lifts her ball and when it is her turn to putt, replaces the ball correctly and removes the ball marker. While preparing to putt, a strong gust of wind causes her ball to start rolling and it comes to rest at the bottom of the slope in front of the green. What is the correct ruling ?
 - a) The player must play the ball without penalty from its new position at the bottom of the slope
 - b) The player gets a 1 stroke penalty and must replace the ball
 - c) The player must replace the ball on its original spot without penalty



Rules Corner

4. A player's ball lies on the bank in a penalty area (formerly called a water hazard). As the ball is not in any water, she decides to play the ball as it lies. Prior to making her stroke, she removes some loose leaves near her ball, then hits the ground with her club in making a practice swing. What is the ruling ?
- a) The player gets a 1 stroke penalty
 - b) The player gets a 2 stroke penalty
 - c) There is no penalty
5. In stroke play, a player plays from the teeing area on a par 3 hole. His ball strikes a tree and rebounds, coming to rest in the teeing area he had just played from. The player picks up his ball, re-tees it and plays the ball onto the green and then holes the putt. Which statement is true?
- a) The player has played 3 strokes
 - b) The player has played 4 strokes
 - c) The player has played 5 strokes



Rules Corner Answers

Question 1. (b) The rake is clearly a movable obstruction which may be removed if it interferes with a player's lie, stance, swing or direction of play. When a ball is resting against a movable obstruction, the player is entitled to remove the obstruction. If the ball moves, the ball must be replaced – see Rules 15.2 and 14.2.

Question 2. (b) Under the new rules the course has 5 defined areas – the general area, the teeing area of the hole being played, the putting green of the hole being played, all bunkers and all penalty areas. The general area covers the entire area of the course except the teeing area of the hole being played, all bunkers, all penalty areas and the putting green of the hole being played. See Rule 2.2

Question 3. (c) Under the new rules, if a ball at rest on a green has been marked, lifted and replaced and is then caused to move by natural forces (eg wind), the ball must be replaced on its original spot (if not known, it is estimated) without penalty. See Rule 13.1d. A ball moved by wind before it has been marked, lifted and replaced, must be played from its new spot.

Question 4. (c) Under the new rules, a player may play a ball as it lies in a penalty area under the same rules that apply to playing a ball in the general area – some of the actions now permitted under Rule 17.1b include removal of loose impediments, grounding the club in addressing the ball and making practice swings that touch the ground.

Question 5. (a) Rule 6.2 describes when Teeing Area Rules apply and what actions are permitted when playing from the teeing area. These rules apply whenever a player is required or allowed to play a ball from the teeing area and includes when a player's ball is in play after a stroke from the teeing area. Thus the player was playing his second stroke from the teeing area and was permitted to re-tee the ball anywhere in the teeing area for this stroke.



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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.

June

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MONDAY		3 Queen's Birthday	10 Verti Drain	17	24
TUESDAY		4 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice	11 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	18 18 Hole: Bisque Par, White Tees 9 Hole: Stroke	25 18 Hole: LGU 2nd Qualifying Round Club Champs 9 Hole: Par
WEDNESDAY		5 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice Alternate Tees	12 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	19 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	26 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par, 2nd round Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed
THURSDAY		6 Thursday Club	13	20 Nuview Wealth Solutions Business House	27 Thursday Club
FRIDAY		7	14	21	28
SATURDAY	1 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw B&A and Watson Final to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: Pro Shop S'ford	8 Stroke Lionel Abraham Cup, Rd 2 MacLennan to be completed 9 Hole: Committee Choice Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Par	15 Feilding Interclub Men at Manawatu, Stableford. 9 Hole: Stableford Feilding Interclub Women at Feilding; 9 Hole: S'ford	22 Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Champs	29 Par 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford
SUNDAY	2	9	16 MacLennan, Round 1 Consolation to be completed Imlay Saunders Round 1 to be completed	23	30 MacLennan, Round 3 to be completed



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