



June 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

Covid-19 has been well documented and as we move out of each alert level, I am sure all members will have their own stories to tell. It was very sad driving out on the 25th March, locking the gates and not knowing when we would be allowed back to the Club. Course maintenance was a huge issue initially and we were very fortunate the three weeks we had with no maintenance didn't cause Kiel and his team too many issues.

When we shifted to Alert level 3, we must make mention of the staff that responded extremely well to the situation. The golf and the start sheets right through to the team that put together food for sale. This is a special Club and we thank them for their concerted efforts in what was truly difficult times. Special mention must be made of our wonderful GM Warren Collett. Warren has been absolutely massive throughout these tough times. Not only did he have to reassure staff that the club would support them (top priority for the committee) but has also had to come up with plans as we moved through the different Covid19 levels. This was not easy, and has been hugely stressful, but I can only say on behalf of the club/committee, thanks so much Warren, we are very lucky to have you.

The Brian Green Property Group NZ Super 6's was certainly overshadowed by Covid-19. The tournament and format, a first of its kind in New Zealand was a huge success with players full of praise for the new initiative. This was a great start to a new event. It had the feel of a very big golf tournament with all the added extras including the big screen showing the match play scores hole by hole and the end results.

A big thank you to Brian Green, Sport Manawatu, Robertson Prestige Audi for their involvement in the two Pro Am's and all the hole sponsors that supported the tournament. Once again a huge contingent of club volunteers which made this a success. We can't run tournaments of this quality without the support of the membership.

Brian Green has confirmed his support again in 2021 which we certainly appreciate. This tournament has the potential to be something special in the golfing calendar.

The two big outstanding issues the Committee are dealing with at present are the Riverland Sale and the WDCL next door. The Riverland Sale has lingered far too long with pressure now placed on the Council to get this all finalised. Rest assured we are putting pressure on them for closure.

WDCL has advised us compliance is progressing extremely well on the site now with the titles likely to be applied for in early June. We are not entirely sure how long this will take to turn these over in post-Covid times, however under normal circumstances it is usually a week. The streetlights have gone in and the roading has commenced. You sure need to be patient with these types of developments.

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT Continued

Unfortunately the Jubilee 125 celebrations had to be postponed. The Jubilee Committee are meeting shortly and will roll out a new shortened revised program for the event. The books and merchandise are here onsite. Peter Lampp has put together a top product book and we are receiving many favourable comments. For those of you who hadn't ordered a Jubilee book, no problems, we have spare copies available to be purchased from the Office at \$45 each.

Brent Cawthray & Warren Collett



**BRIAN GREEN
PROPERTY GROUP
NZ SUPER 6'S
MANAWATU**

Wednesday 4th – Sunday 9th March

The Manawatu Golf Club hosted the 2020 Brian Green Property Group NZ Super 6's. This was the first year a tournament of this type has been played in New Zealand. Both men and women competed for the same purse another first for New Zealand.

**Congratulations to winner
Daniel Hillier**



Thanks to our main sponsor Brian Green. Pictured above is Brian Green, John Sullivan, Don Burmeister and Daniel Hillier at the ProAm

"Thank you for your significant support and contributions towards the Brian Green Property Manawatu Super 6's on our Charles Tour. The NZPGA and its pro am circuit serves as a tremendous platform for us professionals to sharpen our games while also getting involved and giving back to the communities that have helped develop us. I personally found out about the tournament quite late and jumped at the opportunity - the Super 6's is a fun, new and exciting way for us professionals to compete. I hope that yourself, the tournament officials and the community enjoyed watching us pro's as much as we enjoyed competing! I was beyond excited hearing Brian's news on the 18th green on Sunday. I think that the tournament is heading in the right direction and can really turn into something special! I've definitely pencilled in the dates for next year (the week after the Open). I know that any event with your name associated with it will turn out fabulous - its a pleasure for me to be a part of it!" – Nick Voke, USA based NZ Professional

"That was a great tournament - you should be very proud of that"

- Dean Murphy, CEO New Zealand Golf



"I would like to thank you and your team for the amazing work you did with the tournament. You should be incredibly proud of how the event went as we all enjoyed the days spent at your club. I am looking forward to another great event next year!" – Taylor Gill, NZ Professional



BRIAN GREEN PROPERTY GROUP NZ SUPER 6'S MANAWATU



"Just wanted to say thanks again for running such a great event last week. You guys are really doing such an amazing job creating opportunities for us to play. I hope the club and the local community got everything they wanted from the event." – Mike Hendry, NZ Professional

"Thanks for a great week down there, we had a great time. Awesome to see the buzz amongst the members on Sunday trying to work out the matches and draw, something unique and exciting. Thanks again mate, look forward to next time"
– Mark Brown, NZ Professional

"I just wanted to say thank you to you and all involved in the Manawatu 6's. The course was in fantastic condition. With the organisation and preparation it was like being at an Australian Tour event. The matching bibs that all of the volunteers were wearing was a nice touch. Please pass on my congratulations and best wishes to all involved. Look forward to seeing you again next year."
– Richard Lee, NZ Professional

"I would just like to write this email to thank you for letting us play on the beautiful Manawatu golf club during the Brian Green Property Manawatu Super 6's. I really enjoyed playing last week even though I have gotten many tree marks on my golf balls! I can imagine how much work the green keepers' must have put in for the course to be in such good condition so I would like to thank them as well." – Juliana Hung, NZ

"Just wanted to send you a quick thank you for all the work you have put into the Big 6 last week. It was an amazing week and I really enjoyed playing against such a quality field. You should be very proud with how the week turned out."
– David Klein, NZ Professional

Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

It's awesome to be back and it has been great to catch up with most of you and to hear how you have spent your time in Lockdown.

News from The Golf Shop:

Brydie Hodge: A lot of you would have noticed over the last few weeks that Brydie has started working in the shop. Brydie has taken over from Guy and was supposed to start at the beginning of April. Brydie is a well-known golfer in our district. She has been representing Manawatu Wanganui golf for the past 10 + years. Brydie will be starting her NZPGA Traineeship in 2021.



We have been really busy since we have been back. The lesson calendar each week has been fully booked and I don't think the course has ever seen this much traffic at this time of the year. It is really awesome to see our members playing and practising so much and supporting their Golf Shop and Cafe over this time.

Tip of the Month:

One issue that we have heard from a few people regarding the new Covid-19 golf rules is when they are putting the ball is sometimes bouncing out because the very shallow depth of the cups. While we are in level two this will not be changing so "what can we do to help prevent this very frustrating problem?" The good news is that you can help fix it yourself. It's all to do with the speed the ball travels into the hole. Even better news is that this will help your putting going forward when the cups return to normal. What you can do to help stop this from happening!!!

1. Play for more break: if you aim for more break you will have to hit the putt softer for it to take the break and curve towards the hole.
2. If the ball misses the hole you want it to travel no more than a foot/12inches past the hole this will give you the optimal holing speed.
3. Practice on the main putting green. Because we are not allowed to put pins on the practice green at the moment the holes on the practice green don't have a pin to help wedge the ball in the hole. You will find the ball bounces out very easily hence your speed has to be very good to get the ball to stay in the hole.

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, Lisa, Tim & Brydie.



A message from the Club Captain

Club Captain Report

With the successes achieved by the team of 5 million, we can move closer to getting back to normal with golf. It surely has been very different and interesting times for us all.

Big call out to Kiel and his team for the work they did before lockdown which included spraying a growth regulator over the course and coring the fairways. Then the work they did getting the course up and running has been amazing. I'm finding the greens are running as true as I have ever played them.

Photos above: The 17th green after several weeks of lock down and Kiel punching the 4th just before we went to level 2.

I wish to comment on the initial decision to not open the golf course under Covid-19 level 3. The guidelines provided by the government were in part quite complicated for a large club like ours to hope that all members would strictly follow them but also lacked detail for some situations we faced. Following the committee's initial decision, I worked with the General Manager to come up with solutions to the many sticking points. Thankfully the committee were happy with the solutions provided and thus the original decision was quickly overturned.



For the most part I think golf through level 3 and then level 2 has gone well. An issue I have had to deal with on and off over the last few years is people not removing their bookings from the system when they decide they cannot play. This occurred on several occasions during level 3 which is very frustrating when we had maximal use of the available tee slots on most days. On one day I played, the person ahead of me and 2 behind me didn't turn up, yet only one had removed their name from the booking system!!

The "gimme rule" currently in play under level 2 appears to have had a favourable impact on the speed of golf despite the very full fields we have had on some days. The first Saturday back saw the field absolutely full with 228 cards issued or activated with the new Dotgolf App. This is 20% more than normal mid-May fields!

The Manawatu-Wanganui Golf Association have decided to cancel all pennant competitions for 2020. This is rather disappointing as there were only 2 rounds left and all of our teams but especially the Mens' A & B teams were in the hunt for top 2 places.

All men's competitions start officially from the first week in June. Points to note:

- Qualification for the Men's shootout is now based on your 6 best stableford scores
- As the MacLennan has a shortened season there is NO room for extensions! There is also no excuse for not putting the result of your match up in the Card room either. If your result isn't entered you will most definitely risk disqualification!

A message from the Club Captain Continued...

- There will now be a Calcutta for the MacLennan to be held on July 11th. No round 3 matches are to be played until after the Calcutta. The round 2 matches play by date is reduced by one day to July 11th.
- There is no away interclub with Feilding nor will we be hosting Palmerston North as this clashes with the MacLennan Calcutta.
- If you miss your tee time, even if its just by a few minutes you cannot enter the field until the next spare slot. This also applies when we have a frost and your original tee slot is before the course opens.

Richard Shaw - Club Captain

Right: Winners of the Summer Fourball,
Anthony Dahlkamp and Mike Kellett



Far Right: Stu Jenkinson winner of the
Craigs Investment Tankard pictured with
Ewan Westergaard



NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in February, March and April 2020

7 Day Member - James Cornelius, Allen Green, James Haerewa, Jeremy Lewis, Sathish Shanmuganathan, Japie Stassen

Under 30 - Nick Forrest

Under 25 - Liam Boyle, Michael Butcher, Heath Champion, Liam Outtrim, Julz Ruaine-Prattley

Tertiary - Matt Hall, Joel Roke

6 Day Member - Jen Fee, Lorraine Sixtus, Kelvin Tane

5 Day Member - James Adkins, Jaco Dorfling, Michelle Stassen

9 Hole - Diane Anderson, Neville Brown, Bruce Christie, Prue Drake, Anne Flipp, Bill Flipp, Eunjoo Han, Yumi Jung, Jeong Park, Soo Young Park, Yeon Joo Shin

Full Playing Junior - Joshua Hillman

Restricted Junior - Tiaan Dorfling, William Dunsmore, Max Fagan, Stella Kim, Brandon Lee, Haneol Park, Hanseul Park, Dominic Stassen, Michael Stassen, Millane Stassen

During this same period, 66 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 970 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.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Judging by the numbers of ladies playing golf over the past two weeks, it is obvious they were missing the beautiful fairways and greens of the Manawatu Golf Club. It has been great to see everyone again and to catch up on how people coped with lockdown.

During lockdown the ladies' spirits were communally lifted by a weekly missive from Deb Archer. Her lyrical text made people smile and generally feel better.

Naturally there hasn't been much golf activity to report on. The Tuesday Ladies Committee decided not to compete for the usual cups this year except for the **Edith Cooper Fourball Cup**. Saturday cups are the Clarke, Werner, Watson Bros and the Dawn Matthews Memorial.



Thursday Club will proceed as set out in the programme book, but we have reduced the number of rounds to 10 and the qualifiers will be selected on the best of 4 rounds and not 5.

The **Club Championships** will go ahead as set out in the programme book. That means you can qualify with the best game of 3 rounds. This started on Saturday May 23rd and Tuesday May 26th. The second round will be on Saturday June 20th and Tuesday June 23rd and the third round on Saturday July 18th and Tuesday July 21st. In order to qualify, Saturday ladies will need to play with the Saturday morning group. The handicap divisions for Club Championships are:

Silver	18.4
Bronze 1	18.5 – 26.4
Bronze 2	26.5 – 40.4

As you already know, pennants for the 2020 season has been cancelled and there will possibly be District Day at Manawatu 10th July. Champion of Champions will be held at this stage.

On a personal level, we were happy to help Julie Verry celebrate her 80th birthday. On Tuesday March 17 (a week before lockdown), she kindly provided delicious cake and wine for all the ladies who played that day. We were able to toast her milestone and talk about her years at the club. Unfortunately, since then, she has had a couple of falls. On May 19, she fell and broke her humerus and two days later fell again and broke her hip. She is now recuperating and is in good spirits. I'm sure all the ladies wish her a speedy recovery.



WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED...

Club Captain's Report

Golf in June

The Winter start time of 9:15 am will commence on June 9, will be at 9:30 am on June 16 and then back to 9:15 am on June 23.

The Senior 9 holers will be able to hit off both the 1st and 10th tees at 9:58 am.

Thursday Club will be on June 11 and June 25.

LGU and 2nd Qualifying round for Club Championships will be on June 20 and 23.

Round 1 of Edith Cooper Fourball to be played by July 2.

Lost Property

Just before lockdown Sharen Port lost her Callaway pitching wedge. It has not been handed in so she was wondering if someone had picked it up, put it in their bag and then forgotten it. Would you mind checking your bags to see if you have an extra club there? Thanks.

Happy and Safe Golfing

Jill Clifton
Women's Club Captain

Saturday Ladies

While some may say lockdown was a waste of some great golfing weather, the general consensus was that it wasn't too bad, with many projects started, quite a few completed, new recipes tried out, and oh yes, lots of gardening and lots of walking.

All that meant that when we did return we truly appreciated that our course was in great condition, we had the novelty of a new game "Bubble Golf" and now we even have the added benefit of Gimmes for LGU!! So it wasn't all gloom.

Now we are in full swing for the various club competitions, and will just have to trust that the weather gods play their part.

Helen Wilkinson

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COVID-19**

Thank you to all of our members who have supported the club through the café, proshop and subscriptions through the last few months.

It is wonderful to be apart of such a supportive club and community.

COURSE REPORT

Welcome back to golf to all members & visitors from the Greenkeepers. Good to see all your familiar faces again 😊. Hope everyone is well and looking forward to normality, hopefully soon. Feels great to be back providing surfaces for you all to enjoy.

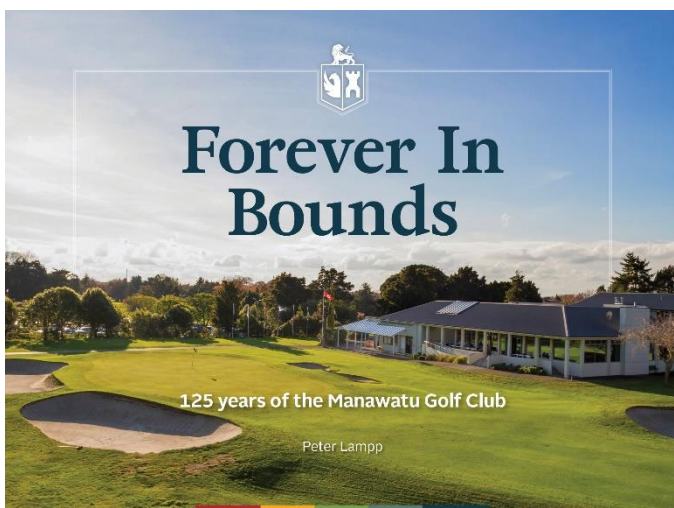
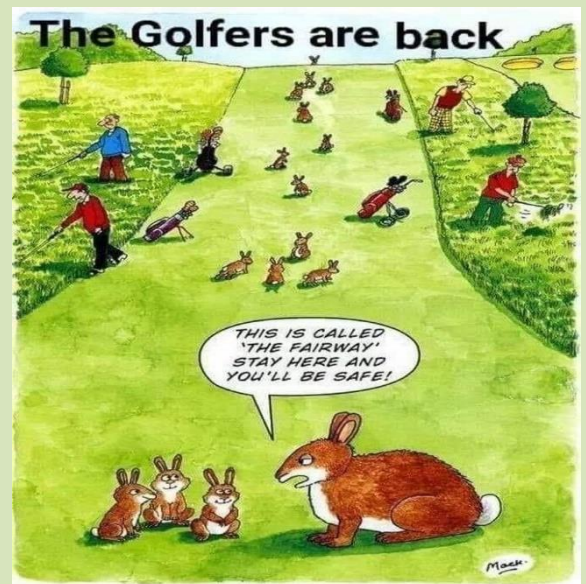
The course came through the lockdown break well. The main areas that are yet to be sorted are the bunkers. Over time we are working on the faces as well as pulling weeds, these are a work in progress. One good thing is that you can place the ball if you land in the bunker. Greens have great cover, they will be top dressed when the weather and time allows us. They are rolling nice and true heading into winter. Will look to verti-drain once or twice through the winter to allow the water to filter through.

Tees have a couple of holes to core still, surrounds are due to be cored on the 8th June by a contractor, so should be cleaned up in a day. Both the tees and surrounds have good cover, will be fed throughout the winter. Fairways will be regularly sliced throughout winter to help with aeration & infiltration. Grass cover throughout the course is great. The condition on the course now is excellent, going in to winter I am happy with the way the course is shaping up.

Over the winter main areas we will be working on are; bunkers, paths and a few irrigation areas that need work. A couple of drains to be placed in areas that hold a little bit of water.

I wish all Members well in their up & coming matches, enjoy being able to be out and about as we are all adopting to the new way of life at the moment. Please remember to fix your pitch marks & replace your divots. Please watch where you are driving your carts as the weather is getting damper & colder.

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



Now available!

125th Jubilee Book "Forever In Bounds" written by Peter Lampp is now available for purchase from the office.

A beautiful book - \$45 each

What's on in June...

Please note changes below

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
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June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Queen's Birthday	2 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice	3 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice Alternate Tees	4	5	6 Craig's Investment Tankard Draw, Rd 2 - MacLennan to be completed 9 Hole: Committee Choice Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Par	7
8	9 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	10 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	11 Thursday Club	12	13 Folding Interclub Men at Feilding 9 Hole: Stableford Folding Interclub Women at Manawatu 9 Hole: Stableford	14 MacLennan, Round 1 - Consolation to be completed Imlay Saunders Round 1 to be completed
15	16 18 Hole: Par, White Tees 9 Hole: Stroke	17 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	18 Yorb Business House	19	20 Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Champs	21 MacLennan, Round 1 to be completed Imlay Saunders Round 1 to be completed
22	23 18 Hole: LGU 2nd Qualifying Rd Club Champs 9 Hole: Par	24 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par, 2nd round Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed	25 Thursday Club	26	27 Par 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford	28 MacLennan, Round 3 to be completed
29	30 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford					

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