

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Winter Golf is well and truly here, with temperatures dropping and wind picking up. Our handicaps may take a beating, but the company and café will still be great – and for many of us, that is really why we play golf, and belong to the Manawatu Golf Club. How lucky are we, to still be playing on firm fairways and putting on amazing Greens - I know I say it every newsletter – but gee-whiz I am so grateful for our course and our staff!

There is a lot happening at the club and it is important that Members are aware, and have their say, as the decisions we make in June have the potential to move the club in a very positive direction – if they have the support of the membership.

The MGC committee unanimously voted to support the Governance Review Proposal and the committee has called a Special General Meeting for June 19th. Please ensure you read the 5 page summary of the proposal before the SGM and please encourage all the members you know to attend the SGM. This is an exciting opportunity to make a decision that has the potential to set our club up for success for the foreseeable future.

The committee has also made some pretty significant decisions around the Driving Range. These are Health and Safety (H&S) based decisions which ultimately the committee will be held accountable for. The H&S environment has changed a lot since I was first part of the governance of the club and the decisions, and the changes made, will protect our members and the committee – both physically and legally - from a high risk environment. I also think that the unintended consequences of these decisions will include a massive improvement in speed of play and reduce the number of balls leaving the course on the 9th.

We are really delighted to welcome a new group of sponsors to the Club – James will go into more detail in his GM report, but on behalf of the membership please let me extend a warm welcome to Steve Price from Hedley Electrical (Cards), Matt and Hayley Nieper from Semtex and we are so pleased to welcome back FMG as a major sponsor of the club (thanks to Cam Hadfield and Charlotte Cooley from FMG in Palmerston

North for your support). Sponsorship is a partnership, so if our members have the opportunity to choose, please do consider one of the 24 local companies – including the three above – who support our club.

This Presidents report is a little briefer than normal, I write it from the MGC Bali Office where I have escaped for a couple of weeks of R&R with Karen. I have also been competing in a Masters Swim event which has been very enjoyable; for the record my freestyle ability is at a similar level to my golf scores. Luckily the events are in a relatively shallow pool, rather than the Ocean. In my absence I'm grateful to the VP Stuart Robbie for stepping in to lead the club and to Alan Savell who continues to do an outstanding job in his Club Captain role.

It would be a lie to say I am looking forward to returning to the Manawatu's winter next week, but I am looking forward to being back at the Club as soon as we get back to Palmy, to see some great people, and play some great golf.

See you at the SGM on the 19th.

Titiang lungsur mapamit dumun.

Brent Cawthray
MGC President



GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

May has been a really busy time for the club and the course. There are lots of 'news' and there is lots of news!

We hosted a successful Gilmours Manawatu Open including a new course record on the 'new' course. We've employed a new Finance and Admin Manager, signed a new Chef to join the Kitchen team, we have new FOH Staff starting, and we are advertising for a new Events Manager. The club have the opportunity to move in a new governance direction and there are new rules in place around the driving range to protect the Health and Safety of our staff and members. We are trialling a new bunker system on Hole 11, and we have a new naming sponsor for the new 'FMG Lounge' on the 3rd Floor.

In the next newsletter we will farewell Finance and Admin Manager Caroline McCartin. Caroline's knowledge, professionalism and integrity will be very hard to replace. Caroline will manage the debenture repayments in June (\$50k of debentures to be repaid in 2023) before she finishes at the end of the month. I'm delighted to announce we have made an appointment for the new Finance and Admin Manager; Braden Rowe will start in the position on June 26th. Braden comes to MGC after 3 years at Allan McNeill Accounting where he is completing his CA qualifications. Braden is a graduate of Massey University Business School (Bachelor of Commerce: Accounting) and he is excited about the varied and challenging role ahead of him at MGC. Braden is a keen golfer and has proven himself to be both a team player and team leader in a variety of sports and clubs, including being the Captain and Treasurer of the United Cricket Club. Braden is looking forward to working with Caroline during a transition period in late June and we are grateful to Caroline for ensuring this transition is smooth.

After almost a year in the Events Manager Role, we

are farewelling Hayley on June 16th. Every MGC member, and staff member, has enjoyed Hayley's lovely warm nature, sense of humour and calm disposition. The newsletters and club coms have really developed under Hayley's leadership, and we all wish her well for the next challenge after a pre-planned trip to Europe in June/July.

Fortunately for MGC, Hayley is happy to return on a casual basis during the transition period so I am sure you will see her around the club for the rest of the year. We are currently advertising for a new Events Manager via seek.co.nz, if any member would like to refer someone great, please contact me directly as this is a crucial role for the MGC. With the change in personnel, we have decided to put the MGC Ball on hold until 2024. The planned date for the Ball was September 9, this will now be the date for the wine match dinner.

We have welcomed Lilli to the FOH team. Lilli is an award winning FOH team member and comes to us from Provenance Restaurant. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Lilli this month. Lilli is replacing Charlotte who is about to give birth to her first child in the next couple of weeks. Kauri is also away for a couple of weeks pending the birth of his first child in June.

At the end of June, we will have a new Chef Halleluia! Tushar joins us from the Millennium Hotel in Taupo. Tushar has a wealth of experience in both a la carte and Sous Chef roles, and we are really looking forward to welcoming Tushar to the MGC community this month. Tushar is moving to Palmerston North mid-June and is currently looking for reasonably priced accommodation for himself and his partner - who just happens to be an experienced FOH Barista If you know of a cheap house or perhaps a self-contained sleep out, please let me know as we would like to make Tushar's transition as

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smooth as possible. I would like to pass on my thanks to Kath, Tim, Nikki, Rebecca, and everyone in the kitchen team who has performed above and beyond during this period of being short staffed. I would also like to thank the membership for their support and understanding when we had to offer reduced services at times over the last 6 months.

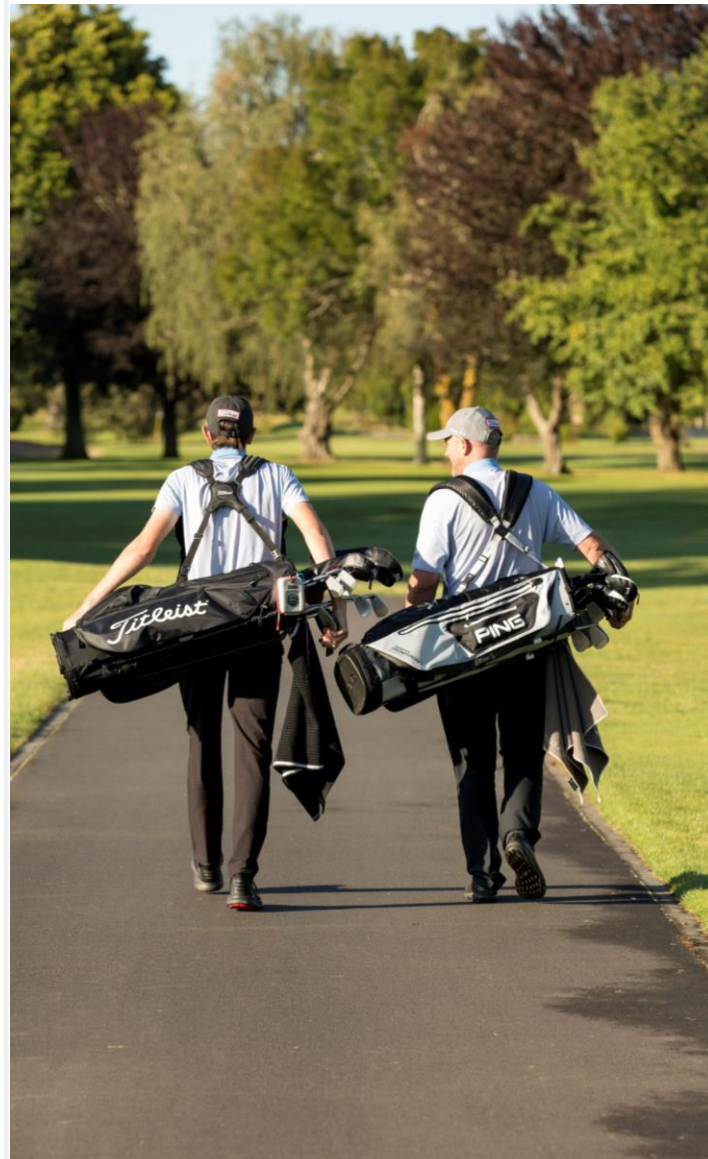
Please take time to read the information in this newsletter about the new rules relating to the Driving Range. In summary the driving range is now a 'No Entry' area for all golfers. The red stakes will show the Penalty Area and you must take a drop at point of entry following rule 17.1. You do not – and please don't – need to enter the driving range to find your ball. This will ensure that members and guests are not put into a danger zone as the level of risk for golfers is not considered 'reasonable risk'. All changes take effect from Tuesday 20th June and these changes will result in a safer experience for all and will have a positive effect on speed of play. The changes to the driving range are not restricted to players playing the course. If you are using the driving range during the hours of play on the course (9am-5pm in Winter, 8am – 6pm in Summer) the rules have change and you now cannot use a Driver or any club that you can hit 200m plus on the range*. This rule is introduced to protect the golfers playing 18 and 9. Each month we are averaging 16 near misses and 1.5 injuries relating to balls exiting the range – this is not reasonable risk and change is necessary. The third and final stage is a commitment to a 12 month review of the range and how we can continue to protect the safety of staff and members using the practice facility and golfers on the course. All options are being explored and these include the installation of fences or nets, to new operating procedures to the expansion of virtual golf. Members will be updated and included in the decision making process.

****The exception to this rule is, you may use a driver if you are under the direct supervision of an MGC Pro during a scheduled lesson or fitting.**

The lounge on the 3rd floor – previously known as the ANZ Lounge - will become the FMG Lounge from July 1st. We are thrilled to welcome FMG as a major sponsor of the Club and the naming rights to the FMG Lounge is a feature of this partnership. FMG have been a long time supporter of the Manawatu

Golf Club including supporting the 125th Celebrations, the MGC Ball and a number of other initiatives. It is so good to welcome them back to the club with this 3 year partnership.

The course was presented in outstanding condition for the 2023 Gilmours Manawatu Open. A strong field of 80 golfers (including a number of past champions) played the 36 hole tournament on May 28th. The Manawatu Open Winner (Men's) was Zack Swanwick from Napier Golf Club. Zach shot a 62 on the course and this is a new record as it is played off the new course (post changes to the 12th hole realignment). Congratulations to MGC Member Lisa Herbert who was the winner of the Female Manawatu Open (Manawatu Open photos in the Club Captains report).



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Speaking of major Golf events at MGC, we are working with Golf NZ to confirm the dates for the 2024 Brian Green Property Group Super 6's. We hope to be able to confirm in the next few weeks that the 4-7th of April are the dates for the 2024 event. We are also working toward a proposal for MGC to host the NZ Amateur in 2025 – I will keep you posted once each of these events is confirmed.

Thank you to Paul Otway and congratulations to everyone involved, in organising and competing in the annual Trivia Night. Paul was again superb in the role of Quizmaster and the evening was a great success and enjoyed by all.



A lot of news and new initiatives are highlighted in this Newsletter, but rest assured we still have the same Mission and Vision focusing on ensuring our Manawatu Golf Club is a place that members enjoy and are proud of.

Enjoy your club and course this winter.

Nga mihi
James



GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Notice of Special General Meeting of the Manawatu Golf Club

6.15pm on Monday, June 19th at the Manawatu Golf Club.

TAKE NOTICE the Committee of the Manawatu Golf Club has called a Special General Meeting to discuss the Proposal put forward by the Governance Review Subcommittee ("The Proposal").

After discussing The Proposal, the meeting will vote on the following Resolution:

a. That the Club proceed to draft a new Constitution for the Club in accordance with the recommendations contained in The Proposal and the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 which will include establishment of a Board and a reconstituted Golf Committee to have the composition and responsibilities set out in the document below.

The full document can be found on the MGC website front page, or click on the document below:

[**MCG GOVERNANCE – A PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE**](#)

CHANGES TO PENALTY AREA TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT H&S AND SPEED OF PLAY

Due to new requirements that will no longer allow golfers to enter the driving range area, we are presented with the perfect opportunity to make other areas around the driving range safer for all. It also allows us the opportunity to readdress all areas around the Clubhouse, Carpark and Green Keepers shed and practice areas, to offer further safety zones and help speed up play.

Dangerous areas:

- Players entering the range from the course, particularly from both the 9th and 18th holes .
- Golfers using the range and/or getting lessons .
- Putting green directly behind the driving range and the chipping green beside 9th Green
- 12th green - 13th tee block and new pitching green tee block area

Slow play areas:

- OB left of the 13th fairway behind the Green Keepers shed
- OB around clubhouse from the 18th hole

Solution:

MGC Match Committee have created a “Red Penalty Area” encompassing all of these areas, so that any player hitting into them is not required to return to the tee and take a stroke and distance penalty. They simply proceed under rule 17.1 and play from where the ball last crossed the margin of the area (Option 3 in diagram #2).

This solution has the benefit of providing a safer area for players on all of our practice putting greens and new pitching tees behind the 13th tee. The penalty area will include the putting and chipping greens and extend beside the 13th tee and right of the 12 green. This will discourage players on the 9th and 12th tees from teeing off with the sole intention of hitting as close to the green as possible.

This strategy endangers players on the practise greens, walking to the 12th green, walking from the 12th green to the 13th tee , as well as players on the 13th tee. To further improve safety the current 12th fairway bunker will shift to behind the 13th tee and be replaced with mounding. This new bunker will be shaped to be penal in nature and is solely designed to catch tee shots off the 12th before getting the 13th

tee. As such it will not be positioned with the intention of catching club golfers playing their 2nd or 3rd shots into 12. At this same time the red penalty area will then be made slightly smaller.

Furthermore, the small trees on the immediate left of the 12th tee could be looked at with a view of removal/repositioning. This would be to “open up” the sight line further left off the 12th tee for longer hitters and encourage/ reward aiming further left away from the 13th tee area.

Upside:

- This makes areas simple, clean and unambiguous, with the outside of the course boundary being OB and the inside a red penalty area.
- The drop option used in a red penalty area, vs our current OB, could also help speed up play while still penalising wayward shots.
- Increased safety for playing using the range. Currently as there is no downside to hitting into the range from the 9th tee many balls come close to hitting players using the range and/or getting lessons on the range.
- Far safer areas for players to practise from, and better protection for the 13th tee from longer hitters trying to drive the 9th or 12th greens.

Downside:

- The only real downside is the re-education of players familiar with the current definitions, and for this a concerted and prolonged strategy will need to be put in place.



Immediate plan

NOTE: Penalty Area lines are indicative only and not exact



A.S.A.P plan

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

May turned out to be a relatively warm month weatherwise compared to the usual late autumn cold winds and rain. We had a couple of all day course closures which is not unusual for May. The course remains in good condition and again credit must go to the green staff and the weather gods.

Placing through the green is will probably be in place through the winter months depending on conditions. It tricky for the decision makers who open or close the course as well. It is not easy when deciding the playing conditions etc, but common sense generally applies.

The men's B&A and Watson cups have been now completed and all players are to be congratulated for getting all the matches played on time.

June sees the pointy end of the men's McLennan matches starting, as well as the McLennan consolation competition starting in full earnest.

Where to find if the course is closed

1. The main page on the MGC internet site. Also whether carts may be used.
2. MGC Facebook page updates
3. Ring the Pro Shop
4. Chat with your friends or playing partners that may already have checked.

Craigs Investment Partners Tankard 6th May

Congratulations to a very excited morning player Alex Ayerst for winning the May Craigs Investment Partners Tankard with 42 points. He won by countback from Richard Shaw. Both players did well to score so highly given the conditions



Congratulations to Simon Burton for his hole-in-one the 16th on May 6th



Men's B&A Cup Competition

Well done to Anthony White who beat Peter McRedmond on the 16th hole to win back to back years for the B&A Cup. A fine feat indeed



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Men's Watson Cup Competition

Congratulations to Paul Woodhead. He beat Trevor Shailer on the last putt on the 18th hole after leading by 4 with 6 holes to go. A great match to witness



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| Net Winner:- | Rhys Harold | 142 |
| 2 nd | Hamish McDonald | 145 |
| 3 rd | Apirana Ngarimu | 145 |

Men's Division 2

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| Gross Winner: | Scott Robinson | 163 |
| 2 nd | Jack Clarke | 164 |
| 3 rd | Jarrod Calkin | 166 |

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| Net Winner:- | Krishane Edmonds | 143 |
| 2 nd | Charles Pan | 144 |
| 3 rd | Brian Ouyang | 150 |

Gilmours 2023 Manawatu Golf Open Sunday 28th May

A beautiful cloudless windless day saw players from 23 different golf clubs contest this very historic top flight tournament. Mt Maunganui in the north, New Plymouth in the west, Napier in the east and Wellington in the south. A fantastic cross section of the North Island enjoyed the day. The format was 2 rounds off the BMW black tees with the competition being both gross and net.

Results were :

Women's Salver Plate

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| Gross Winner overall: | Lisa Herbert | 145 |
| Net Winner: | Sera Raj | 151 |

Men's Division 1 McHardy Cup

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| Gross Winner: | Zack Swanwick | 132 |
| 2 nd | Trent Munn | 136 |
| 3 rd | Angus Findlay | 147 |



Men's Interclub Results:- 2023 Pennants finals at Marton

A very mixed day for the club's teams.

The Men's D-team played Castlecliff in their final over 18 holes. Playing at Number 1, young Bradley Morgan won 5 & 4, No.2 Des Armstrong won 1 up, No.3. Michael Morris-Jenkins won 2 & 1, No.4 Richard Shaw won 3 & 2, last week's team savior Brian Spencer was allowed a day off today losing 2 & 1, and No.6 Mike Smith bet ex-member Baz Woodcock 3 & 2. End result was the team's biggest win for the season, 5 to 1 win and the D-grade pennant for 2023!!

The Men's B-grade had the tough ask of playing Marton at home. James Saywell-Summers & Brett Edmonds won their foursomes 3 & 2, But Kirk Brough & Mark Denton and Brett Doolan and Shane Hearn both lost 5 & 4. In the single Brett Edmonds got a half and Shane Hearn a 6 & 5 win, but the rest of the team couldn't match the home team losing 6.5 to 2.5 overall.

Big thanks to Grayson & Deb for their efforts as MWGA reps at the pennant rounds and the supporters who came out to Marton Golf Club today.



Some Rules Of Golf: Here are a few rules from the Golf NZ website.



Relief Without Penalty for Embedded Ball in Rough

Rule 16.3 will allow relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the "general area" (that is, the area currently known as "through the green"), except when embedded in sand.

But a Committee may adopt a Local Rule restricting relief to a ball embedded in those parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less. In taking relief, the player will drop the original ball or a substituted ball within one club-length of (but not nearer the hole than) the spot right behind where the ball was embedded.

Ball change always allowed when taking relief

2019 Rule: Under Rule 14.3, when taking relief, the player will always be allowed the choice to substitute a ball or to use the original ball, including: When taking penalty relief as well as when taking free relief (Rules 15-19).

Time reduced for ball search

2019 Rule: Under Rule 18.2, the time for a ball search (before the ball becomes lost) will be reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.

The Official App for the 2019 Rules of Golf includes nearly 30 diagrams and how-to videos that help to explain the Rules and gives guidance for many common situations. Other features include:

- A Visual Search – to help you quickly find the Rule you need
- Rules of Golf Quiz
- A Rules Essentials Section which includes animated videos of the Top 10 Rules
- The App is now available in more than 10 languages. Download on Google Play, or the App store

You can share this App that every club golfer needs to ensure they are up to date and ready to play by the Rules.

Up and Coming Events

Saturday 17th June :- Men's Interclub at Feilding. Please register your name on the form in the card room. No Club Points or Shootout scores will apply this day to encourage members to play in this longstanding interclub competition.

Thursday 22nd June :- Business House golf day.

Good golfing to all members.



ALAN SAVELL - CLUB CAPTAIN

WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

My goodness we are now up to June and Kings Birthday weekend. This means we are pretty close to the middle of the year so a good opportunity to have that mid-winter Christmas!

Look out for a fun 9-hole event for Sunday 25th June, details to come.

June also brings the interclub with Feilding into play for 18-hole golfers. The men are playing at Feilding, and the women are coming over to Manawatu. Book as per usual online and Janine will sort out a draw. There are more tee times to accommodate double the number of 18-hole women on Saturday morning so make a note in your diary for Saturday 17th June playing for your club!

Thanks to all the women who represented Manawatu over the pennant season. Championship, Weekend and Monday pennants are all completed for 2023. Our Championship team of Lisa and Leander gave it a good shot against Wanganui finishing the season as runners-up. Thanks to Lindy Wheeler for stepping in as super sub. Thanks also to Casey and Steph on coming 3rd in Championship pennants. Our Weekend team of Eva Heinrich and Jo Taylor had a good win for their final round and finished 2nd equal but 3rd on countback. This was in part due to the great play of Linda Hill and Rhea Hazners who were part of the Weekend squad over the season, well done. Monday pennants unfortunately struggled against Marton on our own course for the semi-final so were playing for 3rd at Marton against Rangatira Blue. This final hurdle was unable to be navigated so it was a fourth finish for 2023 which out of 12 teams is not too bad. Thanks to Angela Pivac and Pam Lamberton for working hard at selecting teams of 6 for each round, not easy having to consider the various handicap combinations. Big thanks to the squad of Deb Archer, Jill Clifton, Elizabeth Lander, Edna Short, Jill Dixon, Sue Harris, Robyn Higgins, Sue Spiers, Helen Wilkinson, Barb Stuckey, Shirlee Jenkinson, Ae Kyung Han, Lorraine Sixtus, Helen Weber, Chrys Cabraal and Claire Davis. Maybe 2024 will bring home the trophy.

Now that these pennants are over, club matches and Club Champ qualifying rounds are in the calendar so time to concentrate on these. If you are not sure on dates check your programme book or on the club website under member access and then competition and tournament info. Scroll down and find what you're looking for in the women's section. The hard copy of draws are posted in the locker room. The second qualifying round of Club Champs is Saturday 24th and Tuesday 27th June. Remember you just need one qualifying round so just press yes to everything in the meantime. We can then check on everyone's availability before we finalise the draws. The first match play rounds are not until August so who knows what we are doing by then!!





The Course has been Marshalled for the last 3 weeks and this has had a really positive impact on speed of play. Thank you to Wayne Revell for doing an outstanding job as MGC Marshall. Thank you to almost all members who have given the Course Marshalls the respect they deserve.

Over the next 3 months we would like to continue marshalling the course every weekend. This will help us embed the good habits like being on the tee 5 minutes before your tee time, ensuring you keep up with the group in front of you on the course, minimising time spent on course admin while on the greens and generally being considerate to all other players on the course.

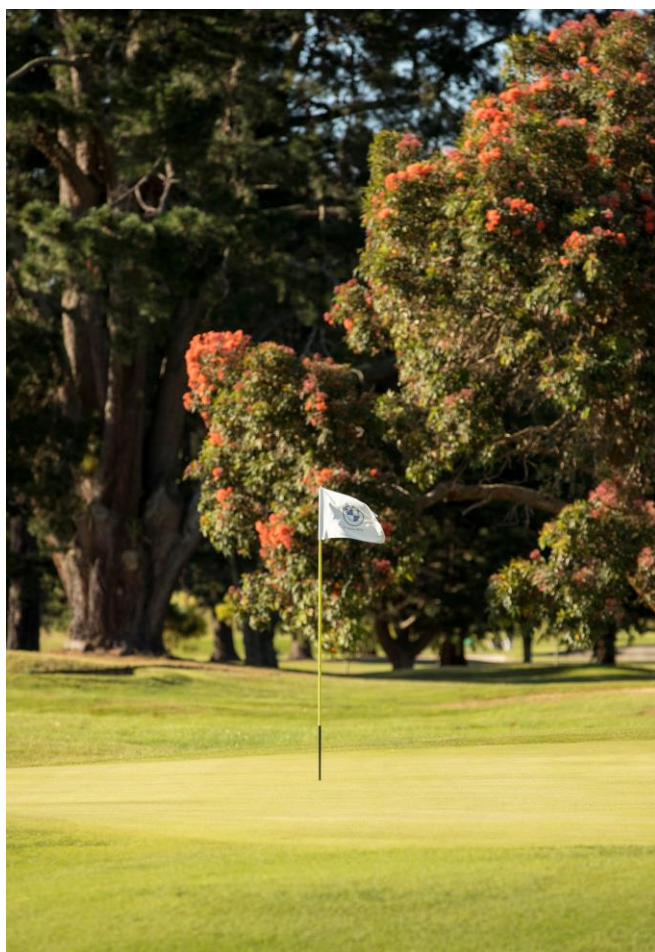
If you would like to give 3-4 hours a month (or a weekend) to the Course Marshal role, please contact James gm@manawatugolfclub.com to express an interest in the role. Here is a link to the Course Marshal's job description:

[Course Marshal Job Description](#)

Thursday Club is now halfway through the 14 rounds. Again, you can look up the ongoing results of this on the website. Look up member access, then competition results, and then look up the latest Thursday club round. This can then give you the list of the best 5 rounds for all those entered. Remember you still have another 7 rounds to go before the final placings for the Shootout. Plenty of time to make the top 13. The next round is 8th June!

Even though we may be heading into possible colder weather months still book online but remember to take your name off if you are unable to play. Who knows if the weather forecast is going to be correct so go with the saying "rain at 7 clears by 11", possibly. If the weather does turn to custard there are always some good books to borrow in the women's locker room, around the corner, have a look! Also, good coffee to be had in the café or a warming Pinot Noir and of course good company. Enjoy your month of June.

Deb Archer
Women's Club Captain



COURSE NEWS

May was a true Autumn month, we had all four seasons in a day. The temperatures have still been warm. The Manawatu open was successful, a lot of good comments for our course 😊, something that we all can be proud of. On course we have had 2 new staff members start, both Kyle & Corbyn are going well.

Our bunker renovations on the 11th are underway, this area will be GUR during this period. As this is our first time doing this, I want to make sure I am doing things thoroughly. I am hoping we have them completed & back in play by mid to late August.

Late May I went down to Nelson to look at some new machinery for the future as late next year our machinery lease ends. Machine I looked at was a Jacobsen Eclipse, full electric mower. Sustainable is what the club and myself want to be a part of. There are options out there that are fully electric or have hybrid options which I am currently looking into. Build times/delivery times are 18 months to 2 years, so we need to plan ahead of time. In the coming month we are awaiting the arrival of a new vertidrain machine. This is exciting as we can keep in house, instead of using other clubs' machines. This will solidify the greens to get air into the profile, top dress the greens when we can, slice Tees/Surrounds & fairways to open the surface to help with infiltration and getting air into the profile.

Cart use. This is an issue all year round but especially when it comes to winter. There are rules around cart use. Please if you aren't aware of these, please refresh your memory. Why are these necessary. Due to wear & tear from mowers the turf is already under stress. With carts adding to the stress, this is when the turf thins out. Main areas to stay clear of are, surrounds, stay 10m at a minimum away from the green no exception which includes the 9th surround, Tee off areas also. When there are paths available, please use these.

Please continue to repair your pitchmarks & replace your divots, we appreciate all those that do. Enjoy your month ahead of golf, good luck to all those playing matches. Hopefully, we see some settled weather 😊.

Below is the fully electric greens mower that I viewed & had the chance to try 😊, so quiet & smooth.



NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in **May 2023**.

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| 7 Day Member: | Brian Ouyang, Harry Taffs |
| Under 30: | Johnnie Hansen, Johan Kalp, Michael Peeti, Ben Pulman |
| Under 25: | Dan Benton |
| Tertiary: | Sherraine Sands |
| 6 Day Member: | Graeme Bilsland |
| 5 Day Member: | Chris Faithfull |
| 9 Hole: | Sue Chard, Zhe Kang |
| Restricted Junior: | Angus Bilsland |
| Social: | James Bardsley, Jeanine Bilsland, Philip Holland |

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1144 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.



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GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone,

On the 26th of May we had a long-overdue Golf Shop staff do/team building day. It has only taken close to 7 years to organise, but it was definitely worth it. We had an awesome day at Cape Kidnappers with plenty of fun and plenty of laughs, mostly at each other's expense. Our GM James somehow won the skins - maybe it was all the shots he was getting, coupled with not joining some of us off the back tees. Well done, James!! We are not salty at all!! But, as always with the Cape, the course won the day as we were all beaten up by it, especially by the greens. If you have never been there, I highly recommend it. I have played Cape Kidnappers many times, and yes, it is the ultimate in terms of being brutal and unforgiving. However, the experience, the way the staff there look after you, and the wow factor of the course and views are worth the amount of golf balls you may lose. Just don't keep score 😊.

Winter Gear:

Our winter gear has arrived just in time. The weather is starting to get dicey! Your Golf Shop has everything from rain jackets through to mitts that stay attached to your trundler to keep your hands nice and toasty warm. So, if you need anything to help you with the elements, please come see us in the shop - even if we may not have what you are looking for currently in stock, we can find it. We are here to help you battle those elements.

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

Your Pro Shop Team

Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, Guy & Daniel



MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

Winter has arrived with a few wet days to contend with; however, our great greenkeepers are doing a marvellous job as usual and as we still even have some run.

It is with great sadness our sympathy goes to Pauline Bolton and family for the passing of David. David played with us regularly and also took part in some of our roadies. Even with his ill health he still kept in touch with the working bee team on Tuesdays till the very end.

Next Wednesday is Committees Choice so the booking sheet has been scrambled and reentered and there will be a prize for the best team should be a Fun Day thanks to Janice and Wayne for organising this.

The final of the Walker Georgel Cup is being organised to play. This will be Tania Leslie and Andrew Seivwright against Jo Hawkings and Wayne Revell. Good Luck to both pairs.

Several players went to Belmonts Open Day all bringing home prizes. Well done !!!

The first leg of our Tri Series was postponed due to weather will now be played next month date to be advised.

Early in the month our course was closed for Pennants final so a group of twelve went to Palmerston North and had a fun game followed by coffee at a local café.

The organisers of the Doug Muir Memorial Tournament were invited to the Helicopter Hangar where we had our photo taken with a big cheque of the amount we raised for them and a interesting talk about how they operate.

Monday is Feilding Open Day so hopefully the weather is kind.

Good golfing
Colleen Fraser
9 Hole club captain



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