

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There was an outstanding turnout on Opening Day and was great to see the Clubhouse full afterwards.

It seems that the weather has finally turned for the better as we look forward to hosting the NZ PGA from March 2 to 5. We have a number of outstanding professional players in the tournament and it will certainly be a great 'watch'. It is a source of pride that we welcome home Grant Waite and we look forward to seeing him play and hearing him speak at the Dinner which I am sure will be exceptional.

Malcolm and the team are working tirelessly to present the course in top order and help make it an event of which we can be proud of. Special thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up and are giving freely of their time. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our General Manager Mike Williams in bringing this event to fruition. Thank you Mike. Mike finishes as our General Manager on Wednesday 8 March and moves on to Mt Maunganui. I wish Mike and Megan all the very best.

As announced earlier in the month Warren Collett has been appointed as our new General Manager. Warren, who has been the General Manager at North Shore for the past seven years, brings a wealth of golf management experience to the role. He starts with us on Monday 27 March and I am sure you will make him welcome.

Peter McRedmond - Club President





Manawatu Golf Club, Palmerston North 2 - 5 March 2017



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NZPGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday February 27:

Qualifying at the Wanganui Golf Club, from 7.30am

Tuesday February 28:

Players Practice round, NZPGA Tournament Dinner with Guest speaker Grant Waite

Wednesday March 1:

Manawatu BMW Pro am, 8.00am shotgun start and 1.00pm shotgun start

Thursday March 2:

Round 1 - Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship, tee off from 7.20am

Friday March 3:

Round 2 - Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship, tee off from 7.20am.
Cut made for top 50 players and ties.

Saturday March 4:

Round 3 - Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship, tee off from 9.20am

Sunday March 5:

Round 4 - Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship, tee off from 9.20am

GENERAL MANAGER

This week is one of the biggest in the Club's recent history with the hosting of the NZPGA Championship, which is kindly sponsored by LawnMaster and Horizon Golf. The tournament is fully sanctioned by the Australian PGA tour as a tier2 event. The club greatly appreciates all the club members who have volunteered to help make the event a success in many different ways. From members taking billets, on course scoring, picking up practice range balls and numerous other ways. It is a big event for the city with over 100 Australian visitors arriving for the week.

We have a few local players that are teeing it up come Thursday 2 March. They are local professional Alan Hyatt, touring professional and club member Lachie MacDonald and local Amateur Regan McConaghty. These three will compete against some of the best players in Australasia. It is also fantastic that the tournament has been able to lure back Grant Waite to his home club for the event. Grant is still very active on the Champions Tour in the US and I am sure he will be excited to play on his old home track.

The event is a great opportunity for members to come down and watch some great golf. Entry is free all week for spectators.

The 8th of March will mark my last day at the club before I move to the Mount Maunganui Golf Club. It has been an honour to work at such a great Golf Club over the past six years. I would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to the club over that time. A special thank you to the committees and staff I have been fortunate to work with. Together we have achieved a number of things and I believe taken the club forward. The building of the club house in 2009 (just before my time) was a master stroke and it is great we are now able to make the most of this facility.

If you are ever in the Mount make sure you call in and I will make sure you get 50% off your green fee!

For the last time in the monthly newsletter, happy Golfing!

Regards

Michael Williams - General Manager



Tee up for breakfast with Bubbles with Sir Bob Charles, Brad Kennedy & Mark Brown



Sir Bob Charles

New Zealand's greatest ever Golfer
NZPGA Champion x3
NZ Open Champion x 4
1963 British Open Champion

Brad Kennedy

2011 New Zealand Open Champion
2016 NZPGA Champion
World number 169

Mark Brown

European Tour Winner, 2008 Jonnie Walker Classic

Enjoy a Morning with New Zealand's Golfing Greats during the Manawatu NZPGA Competition Week

Win some great prizes

Golf for four including two Golf Carts at the Manawatu Golf Club
Hospitality for 2 at the the NZPGA Championship on Saturday 4 March. Includes food and beverage

\$25 per person

Thursday 2nd March 2017, 7.30-9.00am at Hotel Coachman

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When you pay for your renewed membership it is processed by the office and then your Membership Cards are available for collection from the ProShop



Mickey Mouse
7 Day Member 1212



The tee information signs have had an upgrade with attractive gardens

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight Golf is back and great value at only \$5 for members, \$10 for affiliates and \$15 for non-members. Tee off between 3.00pm and 5.30pm for 9 holes on Friday nights. You can make up your own group or just turn up and join others. Your proper handicap will be used this year and the Twilight tees are red for men and orange for women.



Simply pop into the Pro Shop when you arrive, print your scorecard through the card machine (just like you would for a normal round of Golf) and pay your entry fee at the Pro Shop counter. Non-members should go directly to the Pro Shop counter to register.

When you go to the touch screen it will ask if you want to enter Twilight. Once you hit 'yes' you will need to select the front 9 or back 9. Please ensure you know which 9 you are going to play before printing your card!

After the round, enter your scorecard as normal into the card room touch screen and leave your scorecard in the cardboard box labelled 'Twilight'. Non members will just leave their card in the box and the organisers will enter it. Results will be done upstairs between 7.45pm and 8.30pm depending on numbers.

Thanks to the Mad Butcher who are kindly on board again as a sponsor and providing vouchers for the winners.





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GOLF SHOP

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Hi Everyone

February has been a busy month regarding the Pro Shop with a lot of this year's new equipment arriving in stock. From putters all the way through to drivers. Come in and check out the new gear!!!!

Tim Wilkinson Update:

Our own Tim Wilkinson carried on his consistent start to the year with a T34 position at one of the most prestigious events on the PGA Tour at the AT & T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. This result has Tim sitting at 108 on the FedEx cup rankings and as we are all aware it's all about being inside that top 125 to keep your playing privileges for the following year. Tim's next event is the Honda Classic which starts the Florida swing on the PGA Tour marching towards the Masters at the start of April.

Ben got Married!!!

On Saturday the 18th of February Ben tied the knot in the Hawkes Bay. A big congratulations to Ben and Eshla from the Pro Shop.



Pro V1 & V1X Sale Running out Fast:

**Titleist Pro V1 & Pro V1X Sale: \$79.95 per dozen,
normally \$99.95 per dozen.**



Golf Shop Cont...

Tips for playing out of deep rough:

As the LawnMaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Draws closer you all would of noticed the rough is getting longer and longer so below we have some tips for getting out of the deep stuff!

Step #1: Choosing the correct club for the lie: The first thing to do is assess your lie, How bad or good is the lie in the rough? If it's a good lie like Photo A below then you can select a long iron, hybrids or even a 7 or 5wood.

If you are however not so lucky and your ball is lying like the Photo B, then your club selection options are far less. I suggest using a pitching wedge or a club with a lot of loft on it, so it can get the ball out of the rough more vertically which means it is less affected by the rough.

Step #2: Swing Aggressive: The rough will slow the club head down through impact, just like when you are driving your car on the freeway and you drive through a large puddle the car jerks and slows. The density of the grass has the same effect on the club so make sure you have enough momentum so that you can follow through.

Step#3: Hit the bottom of the ball: Make sure you try to hit the bottom of the ball. If you try to lift the ball out you will most likely top the ball and the ball will stay in the rough.



Photo A



Photo B

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Club Captain's Report

The first Craigs Investments Partners Tankard for 2017, was played for on Waitangi Saturday, with Bill Barber winning his first ever tankard. Great stuff Bill.



Bill Barber – Craigs Investment Partners Tankard

A large field played on opening day, with the weather gods finally doing their bit! We had over 40 pairs playing in the Mixed Canadian Foursomes for the Queenan Memorial Salver.



There was some excellent scoring, with the undoubted highlight being the 48 pts scored by this year's winners, Linda Hill and Adrian Christie. Absolutely outstanding.

Linda Hill and Adrian Christie (with Peter Redmond)
Queenan Memorial Salver winners

Runners up were Mike and Megan Williams on 45 pts, closely followed by Brent Cawthray and Angela Pivac on 44pts.

It was great having the clubhouse full with the men and the ladies. A wonderful start to the new season.

A big thank you to our Academy members for their efforts on the day. A call to the boss of the Academy, John Garrett, re having a drinks cart, and the youngsters doing a sausage sizzle, was met with a “no problem, leave it with me” response from John. Thanks guys and gals, your time and efforts were really appreciated by all of us. John also ran a raffle, and the two dozen Pro V1 golf balls and trundler (very kindly donated by Peter Clark) was won by Chris Edsall. Thanks to all who took tickets and bought a sausage. (Great cooking Sam and Ethan, the snarlers were yum!)

The annual car park raffle was won by a delighted Bridget Morris. Well done. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

The auction for the other car park was once again keenly contested. Last year's winner Ash Short finally prevailing over the enthusiastic “Rodders”.

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Anthony White and Keith Bell
Isaacs Cup Summer Foursomes winners

The winners of the Summer Foursomes for the Isaacs Cup have been found. Anthony White and Keith Bell triumphed over the “raffle boys” Rodders and Vonky. This was a pulsating match, with Anthony and Keith finally winning on the 17th

Saturday saw the final of the Summer Singles for the Nolan Rosebowl being played. Congratulations to Chris Edsall for taking out the win

BUNKERS - Please leave the bunkers in the same condition you would like them to be when YOU enter them. It shouldn't be hard to do.

DIVOTS & PITCH MARKS – Please replace divots and repair pitch marks. Let's look after our course.

GIMMES – a gentle reminder. If you are playing in a club competition or Pros comp, then there are NO GIMMES. If we all putt out, then we have a level playing field.

MacLennan Cup – a reminder that the sheets are up in the card room. Grab a partner and enter.

This is the most sought after prize for the Saturday Men, outside of the Club Champs.

Good golfing everybody. Dare I say it, but it looks like Summer might be arriving. Fingers crossed.

Brent Cawthray – Club Captain

Great to see Brent in the office getting the trophies nicely polished up and ready for the winners!
Fantastic work Brent!



WOMEN'S GOLF

Opening Day

Tuesday 14th was our Opening Day with the usual wind and even a drop of rain. Luckily it didn't last and we had a good number turn up. 30 in fact!

We played a stableford round and a fun competition on the side for the best two stablefords added together in each four or three.

The winning team were: Deb Archer, Sue Burmeister, Lesley Martin and Helen Weber. As it was Valentine's Day everyone got a chocolate heart. Some of the players dressed for the occasion and well done to Dian Betts and Helen Weber, who looked amazing. We also played for the Marj Crystall Cup on this day and the winner was none other than our Senior 9 Hole player, Karen Russell. Well done. Many thanks to the green staff for marking the line on the 5th hole.

Summer Trophies:

The Summer salver: Claire Davis.

The Field Cup: Alicia Boag, net 64.

Summer Eclectics:

Silver Net: Jill Clifton

Bronze Net: Trish Lowe.

9 Hole Trophies:

Karen Russell Salver: Dawn Lavender

Summer Eclectics: Jenny Hubbard.



Valentines Day Winning team



Karen Russell
Mari Crystall Cup



Alicia Boag
The Field Cup



Dawn Lavender
Karen Russell Salver

WOMENS GOLF

Pennant Results

Championship and Weekend

A great start for Tania Hook and Rebecca Hopper in our Championship team, winning all 5 points at Taihape.

Not such a good start for Deb Archer and Jill Clifton in our weekend team as they had a loss against Castlecliff, but early days.

Silver and District

The first round of Silver and District Pennants were played at Eketahuna on Monday the 20th February

The Silver Team of Deb Archer, Angela Pivac, Sue Burmeister and Jill Clifton were up against a strong Feilding team and were unable to knock them back.

The District team of Pam Lamberton, Monica Wong, Gloria Campbell and Christine Rose played against Pahiatua and did really well to gain a half. The first two players also had to cope with a four ball, as well as their singles, which is a new format this year. Well done.

Now we are all looking forward to the Lawnmaster Horizon Golf NZPGA Tournament.

Saturday Women - Linda Hill

The predicted heavy rain stayed away for Opening Day on February 18th as a field of 16 took to the course. Mystery stableford partners was the format, won by Ann-Marie Jackson and Linda Hill from Frances Clarke and Vicki Worker. Highlight of the day though was being joined at lunch by Karen Manninen, displaying remarkable resilience following major surgery just over a week earlier. We look forward to seeing her in action with us again soon. Coming up we have an outing to Onga Onga on March 4th, reliably described as "Hawke's Bay's best-kept secret and one of the best 9-hole courses in the country." All welcome to join us.

Angela Pivac
Women's Club Captain



COURSE REPORT

As the second month of 2017 flies by the weather has been more like spring with one or two summer days.

Overall condition is great for the time of the year. I'm sure we are all happy with how green the place is. Greens are rolling consistent and smooth. As per the maintenance program we have had fertilizer and wetting agent applied. They have also been topdressed.

Tees and surrounds have all been fertilized and both have great turf cover. Fairways are in great condition at a slightly lower cut. Rough is still nice and lush in a lot of places.

10th tee area is all completed with grass growth coming through well. The whole area looks good. Black 9th tee is in play and grown in. Pennants have had the luxury of playing from here.

At the end of January the greenkeepers, Mike and Andre had a weekend away and the privilege to play Cape Kidnappers and Kinloch. We all enjoyed the trip. Mike won the second day at the Cape and I won on the first day at Kinloch. Both days were great with 25+ temperatures and no wind

On the Saturday night we went out for tea and Campbell had a few to drink. We got back to the motel room and someone brought up tennis. Ian said he played rep tennis years ago and Cam piped up and said "I will take you on for \$50!"



Couple photos of the game.
Hope they don't blind you!



The game went ahead, knowing Cam was a backyard tennis player and Ian an ex rep player. Te Awe Awe courts was the venue and Don Lavender was umpire. Best out of 3 sets to win. After 2 sets they were tied 1 all and the last set went on to 7-5 with Ian taking out the win!

Please continue to replace divots and repair pitchmarks. Take care and be aware of where you are practicing also.

Lastly a thank you from the green keeping staff to all of the volunteers who have helped out and who are helping throughout the PGA. A thank you also to the Academy for helping.

Golf humour: "I enjoy shooting in the 100's. I figure I'm getting more for my money" Ian Wilce

Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm their acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in December 2016.

7 Day Member – Craig Robinson

5 Day Member – Paul Bailey, Nigel Barker

9 Hole Member – Annette Durrant, Simon Durrant

Tertiary – Sam Connor

Under 25 – Alexander Honore, Andrew Hacjson

During this same period, 25 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1000 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.

Some February Club Photos....



Great fun on the drinks cart for the Club Opening



Sherryl Bethwaite
9 Holes Summer Comp Winner



Bill Barber
Eagling the 10th

RULES CORNER

This month we will look at a number of situations that have mostly been covered in these Rules Corners over the last year or so and test your knowledge of the Rules with the first 6 of 18 questions posed by the R&A in a testing quiz on their website posted in January this year.

1. In stroke play, Ross finds a ball lying in the rough but he cannot see if it is his or not. He announces his intention to identify the ball to his fellow-competitor. He does not mark the position of the ball but rotates the ball on the spot without lifting it. Ross identifies the ball as his before rotating it back to its original position and plays his next shot towards the green. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty.
- B. Ross incurs a one-stroke penalty.
- C. Ross incurs a two-stroke penalty.

2. In stroke play, Nikki misses the green with her tee shot on a par 3 and her ball bounces towards some thick bushes. She decides to play a provisional ball which finds the middle of the green and comes to rest 15 feet from the hole. After a brief search, Nikki finds her original ball at the edge of a bush and plays it onto the front edge of the green. She putts her original ball towards the hole but it strikes her provisional ball which was still lying on the green. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty and the original ball is played as it lies.
- B. Nikki incurs a two-stroke penalty and the original ball is played as it lies.
- C. Nikki incurs a two-stroke penalty, the stroke is cancelled, and the ball must be replaced and replayed.

3. In a stroke play competition, Nikki hits her drive slightly right on a blind tee shot, and being unfamiliar with the course, decides to play a provisional ball. Her provisional ball goes towards the same area as her original ball and when she arrives at the area, she finds both balls side by side. Unfortunately, both balls are of the same brand and number and Nikki cannot distinguish which ball is which. What is the ruling?

- A. As Nikki has found both balls, she may select one of the balls and treat it as her original ball, playing her 2nd stroke.
- B. As Nikki has found both balls, she must select one of the balls and treat it as her provisional ball, playing her 4th stroke.
- C. As Nikki cannot identify either ball, both balls are deemed to be lost, and she must return to the tee, playing her 5th stroke.

RULES CORNER Cont..

4. In stroke play, Rickie plays his second shot on a par 4 towards an area of thick rough. He searches for his ball briefly before going back to where he last played from and drops another ball under penalty of stroke and distance. Before he plays the dropped ball, and within the five-minute search period, one of his fellow-competitors signals that he has found his original ball. What is the ruling?

- A. Rickie must continue with the dropped ball.
- B. Rickie may either choose to continue with the original ball or the dropped ball.
- C. Rickie must continue with the original ball.

5. Sergio and Rafa are partners in a foursomes match. Sergio hits his drive slightly off-line from the tee and it comes to rest in the pocket of a spectator. The players decide to proceed by dropping the ball as near as possible to the spot directly under where the ball first came to rest in the pocket, not nearer the hole. Which of the following statements is correct?

- A. Rafa must drop the ball.
- B. Sergio must drop the ball.
- C. Either player may drop the ball.

6. Ross is playing against Nikki in a singles match and both players are sharing a golf cart. On a short par 4, Ross hits a wayward drive and his ball comes to rest in some thick rough. As the ball is in a bad lie, Ross is only able to advance the ball 30 yards up the fairway with his next shot. He walks up the fairway to play his next shot while Nikki drives the cart forward and parks it just ahead and to the right of Ross's ball. Ross mishits his next shot which deflects off the cart back into the rough. What is the ruling?

- A. Ross incurs a one-stroke penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.
- B. There is no penalty to either player, and the ball must be played as it lies.
- C. There is no penalty to either player, and Ross has the option to either play the ball as it lies, or to cancel the previous stroke and replay from where the ball was last played.



RULES CORNER Cont..

Rules Corner – Answers

1. B Rule 12-2 describes the procedure which must be followed when lifting a ball for identification (rotating the ball also covered by these requirements). As Ross did not mark the position of the ball before touching it, he incurred a 1 stroke penalty.

2. B This case is a little more complicated – technically a provisional ball is not the player's equipment thus Rule 19-2 does not apply and in general a provisional ball is not a ball in play. However as both balls (Nikki's provisional and her original) were on the putting green prior to Nikki's stroke which resulted in her ball being deflected by the provisional ball, Nikki is penalised 2 strokes (Rule 19-5) and must play her original ball as it lies

3. B This is another tricky situation – one could argue that both balls are lost. However it would be inequitable to require Nikki to return to the tee playing 5, when the player has found both balls. Accordingly Nikki is required to select one of the balls, treat it as her provisional ball and abandon the other. This reinforces the necessity of having distinctive identification marks on any ball you put in play.

4. A This is more straight forward – see definition of “Lost Ball” and Rule 27-1. Although Rickie's original ball was found within the 5 minute search period, Rickie had put another ball in play as soon as he dropped the second ball (and before he had made a stroke at it!) and the original ball was then deemed to be lost and must be abandoned.

5. A In this case, it becomes a matter of clarifying the order of play in foursomes (alternate strokes). While the example of the ball ending up in a spectator's pocket is unlikely in our club play, the same situation can arise for example with an embedded ball or a ball coming to rest on a movable obstruction. The player that is due to play the next stroke must drop the ball – see Rules 20-2a and 29-4.

6. A With the increasing use of shared carts on our course this situation is likely to occur from time to time. Unless a shared cart is moving at the time a ball strikes it, a stationary cart is always considered to be part of the player's equipment (irrespective of who drove it to its parked location). Rule 19-2 thus applies and Ross incurred a 1 stroke penalty



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 MIXED EVENT

March

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 6 | 7 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford | 1 8 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par | 2 9 Stewarts Electrical Tournament | 3 10 Asteron Tournament. Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start | 4 11 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Par Pro Shop Stableford | 5 12 Rnd 1 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed Rotary Tournament |
| 13 | 14 9 Hole: Committee choice 18 Hole: Par | 15 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee choice | 16 Nuvew Wealth Solutions Business House | 17 Crest Tournament (2 tee start) Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start | 18 Par. MacLennan entries close 9 Hole: Committee choice Par | 19 |
| 20 9 Hole: Round Robin | 21 9 Hole: LGU, R1 S Bunt & Putting 18 Hole: LGU National Teams & Putting | 22 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1 | 23 Hospice Golf Day | 24 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start | 25 Stroke 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1 LGU National Teams & Putting | 26 Championship and Weekend Pennants Championship and Weekend Pennants |
| 27 | 28 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Stableford | 29 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford | 30 Thursday Club (8.30am shotgun start) Manawatu Rugby Golf Day | 31 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start | | |



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

The wine list has had an upgrade with some wines removed and new wines added!

Come in and try the new wines...
Clearview Coastal Chardonnary
Elderton Shiraz Cabernet
Malborough Ridge Riesling

We also now have a "Specials" board that will change regularly with new special wines so keep an eye on the board and try something new.

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