



March 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2018 season is now well underway and February has just flown by. Early February the season commenced with opening day and it was really pleasing to see 54 mixed combinations play for the Queenan Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to Deb Archer and Andrew Daubney for their well deserved victory.

Obviously the big talking point in February was the hosting of the Horizon Golf NZPGA. What a huge success this was. Weather-wise the timing was perfect although there were a few nervous moments due to Cyclone Gita's pending appearance. The event drew an extremely strong field of professional golfers, and it was especially pleasing to see New Zealander Ben Campbell, who has had previous affiliations with the Manawatu Golf Club, come through to win this year's event after being runner up in the 2017 event. It has been extremely satisfying to hear all the positive feedback we have received particularly around the way the course was presented and played. Special thanks must go to Kiel Stechman and his greenkeeping team for the amount of work they put into the course prior to the event and sometimes dealing with testing weather conditions. Their attention to detail was second to none. Thanks to Warren Collett who did a fantastic job leading the tournament team and Christine Rose for her dedicated work with all the event volunteers to whom we are most grateful. I mentioned volunteers and there are a number who also helped on the course prior to the event. Your input is also greatly appreciated. Now that the NZPGA is over, and of course it has been a priority for the last few months, Kiel and his team now have a number of projects that need to be attended to so could any membership queries or suggestions regarding the course please be directed to Warren Collett or myself rather than to Kiel.

On a sadder note it was a shock to receive the news of the sudden and untimely death of major sponsor Bruce Nicholson of Horizon Golf. Bruce has been a big supporter of hosting this event over the last two years and will be missed. Our condolences go out to his family.

Obviously there are a number of other sponsors who helped in the success of this event and I would also like to acknowledge their input.

Competition wise both men's and women's pennants are now underway and our teams have started off well. I hear the McLennan entry sheet for the Men is up in the card room and as always this trophy will be highly sought after in 2018.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT...

We have a new staff member in the Pro Shop with Lisa Herbert joining the team. Her knowledge of golf and equipment will be invaluable.

Finally I would like to wish Rachel Hogan and her fiancé Floyd all the best for the upcoming wedding which is to be held on Saturday March 17th.

I look forward to catching up soon. Enjoy your golf.

Enjoy your golf.

Peter McRedmond - Club President



Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship



GENERAL MANAGER

Wow what can I say, I am so indebted to the membership that got right in behind the Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship. There were many ways the membership supported the event through billeting, scoring, range, traffic and at times it was amazing to see so many people walking down the road. We could not have done all this without your support. This is a great club and I keep telling people this is the number one club in New Zealand.

The feedback from the tournament has been ongoing with new members joining following the event as they came, watched and now joined. A group from Christchurch called in this morning after watching the Golf Show as they have never played the course and wanted to. It is very difficult to put a figure on what this tournament in dollar terms means to the Manawatu Golf Club. The plan from here is to have a tournament debrief in April with the PGA and consider options moving forward.

The tournament lost naming sponsor, Horizon Golf Principal, Bruce Nicholson who passed away a week out from the tournament. This was a massive shock to everyone. The lead in and during the tournament, Bruce was well remembered with all players supporting a black ribbon.

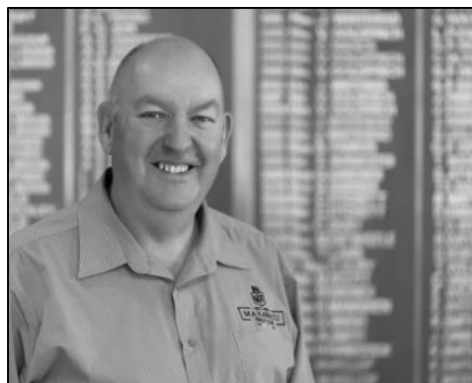
Life moves on after the event and we now are going to spend some energies on sorting the Club's software systems. We have known about this but with other distractions, we have not been able to spend the time required. Any new implementation will be huge for the staff as you have to go through the pain to make some gain. Membership will be well informed on progress. We have many initiatives we are going to commence with which makes exciting times for the staff.

Without being too negative, we do ask membership to go through the proper channels when it comes to something you have seen on the course that requires attention. The correct channel is through myself and I will pass on the comments to Kyle. We have been experiencing several situations of late whereby members approach Kyle whether it be during work hours or after hours.

I am closing in on my first twelve months here at the Club and it is a decision I certainly don't regret, great people, great atmosphere but most of all a great Club.

Good golfing

Warren Collett - General Manager



Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

We have a new staff member on board here in the shop, Lisa Herbert, a lot of you may know her as Lisa Aldridge. Lisa is working full time for us in the Golf Shop from Mondays to Fridays. So please over the next few weeks feel free to introduce yourself to Lisa.

We are still looking for that person to join our team and work weekends, so if you are interested please feel free to come and see me or flick me an email.

We have two awesome Fitting days coming up this month please see the poster below for all the info.

Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game please don't hesitate to ask us.

Also Alan and his wife Steph have welcomed their second son, Tristan Alan Hyatt. He arrived a little early on 1st March. Welcome Tristan and congratulations to Steph, Alan and big brother Austin.

Your Proshop team

Alan, Andre, Ben and Lisa

New Staff Profile

Lisa Herbert (Aldridge)

Lisa has recently returned to the Manawatu, after 14 years in Auckland, with her husband and two teenage children. Lisa has a very impressive golfing history and represented New Zealand from 1989 – 1994 and also represented NZ in 1999 when they won the Queen Sirikit cup – Asia pacific championship!

We welcome Lisa to the MGC team





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MEN'S GOLF

Men's Club Captain's Report

Congratulations to Steve Gill on winning the first Craigs Investment Partners Tankard for the year. Steve had 44 pts, and "smoked the field". As always, thanks to Ewan Westergaard for his sponsorship.

Opening Day saw 54 mixed teams play for the Queenan Memorial Salver.

A fantastic turnout, with some really good golf played, and some not so good!

Winners were former President and current Pennants selector Deb Archer, and Andrew Daubney. Congrats on your first trophy Daubs.

Congratulations to our GM Warren and his team on another fantastic PGA.

What a superb week.

Ash Short, Hugh Glendinning and myself had the pleasure of playing with the eventual winner, Ben Campbell, in the Pro Am. What a delightful young man, and it was great to see him lift the trophy. It would not surprise to see him take out the NZ Open as well.

We wish President Pete and "Savs" speedy recoveries from their respective surgeries. Saturday afternoons are going to be really quiet without "Savs" around!

Has February flown or what. March already and another Craigs Investment Partners Tankard up for grabs. Result in the next newsletter.

Good golfing everybody – make the most of this great weather and get out and play. Twilight has resumed – see you there.

BC



Steve Gill winner of the February Tankard



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

What great golf we witnessed over the past week in the Horizon Golf NZPGA. A big thank-you to all the volunteers and I think everyone can be very proud of the Club, especially the Office Staff in running such a smooth tournament.

The committee and members would especially like to say a big Thank-you to Robyn Higgins for the floral arrangement on the table at the end of the hallway. It looks amazing and fits in extremely well with the Manawatu Golf Club.

Mid-Week Women

Opening day on the 13th February was a great success. We played an individual Stableford Competition plus a team competition with everyone getting a turn at playing with the yellow ball for a team Stableford score on each hole.

The winners were S Fletcher, A. Pivac and R Higgins.

9 Hole Team Winners M. Kelly, J Brooke, J Hubbard, and K Russell.

We also presented the Summer Competition Results this day.

The Summer Stableford Salver Anna Hammington.

The Field Cup Ann Eggers Net 62 (Great Score)

The Karen Russell Salver Jo Williamson.

Eclectics 18 Hole Linda Hill on countback from Jill Clifton

Eclectics 9 Hole Jo Williamson

Marj Crystall Cup G. Robinson and M Kelly.



Summer Stableford Salver Winner -Anna Hammington



M. Kelly, J Brooke, J Hubbard, K Russell.



Marj Crystall Cup Winners



Karen Russell Salver and 9 Hole Eclectics winner

WOMEN'S GOLF – Club Captain's Report Continued...

Silver and District Pennants

On the 12th February our Silver and District Teams went to Pahiatua to play their 1st round for the year.

The Silver team of: D. Archer, Lander, J. Clifton and M. Waugh played Palm Nth/Wanganui and gained 2 pnts with a very good win. The very same team travelled to Rangatira on Monday 26th Feb and gained another 2 pnts with a great win over Eketahuna. A great team effort. Well done to the selectors and players.

The District Team of: C Davis, K Courtney, J Dixon and C Rose played Palmerston North at Pahiatua on the 12th Feb and gained 2 pnts with good wins.

The team of: K Courtney, G Campbell, J Dixon and B Stuckey played in the 2nd Round at Rangatira against Eketahuna and gained yet another 2 pnts. Well done to all these players and what a great start. Many thanks once again to our selectors, Pam and Marlene.

District Day

This is being played at Foxton this year on the 9th March, and I'm happy to say we have managed to get 4 teams. Good luck to the 12 players.

Angela Pivac – Women's Club Captian

Saturday Convener Report

Our first social outing for the year was to play lawn bowls at the Palmerston North Bowling Club. Supposed to be a "fun" event, everyone's competitive streak quickly become apparent and pairs were formed to contest a round robin. The PNBC watchers were impressed by our professionalism with team skips providing precise instructions as to where their leads should place their bowls, less impressed by the loud barracking and laughter accompanying each delivery. The final was intense with neither side giving an inch, so Eva Heinrich and Joy Judd were declared joint winners with Mudra Lakhani and Linda Hill. A stealthy approach was made to sign Mudra to a bowls contract so we quickly whisked her off to the safety of Thai Express for a tasty meal to end an entertaining evening.



Mudra, Eva, Joy, Elizabeth, Bridget and Christine debating the merits of Anne-Marie's style

Saturday Convener Report Continued..



Linda and Anne with their summer trophies

Switching our focus back to golf, we had a full field turn out in glorious conditions for opening day on Feb 17th. The competition was a team stableford, requiring a bit of strategy in deciding which hole each member would be responsible for contributing points on. Scores were very close, with Anne-Marie Jackson, Pauline Fugle, Helen Wilkinson and Linda Hill receiving Whittakers chocolate for their top tally of 38. Winners of our summer competitions were also announced - Linda Hill taking the eclectics and Anne Eggers the Field Summer Cup with a best net 67

Finally, although most women saw out the month contributing in various volunteer roles at the PGA, two who shall remain nameless ventured off for a round at Rangitikei. While their golf scores were impressive; the highlight of the day apparently was cream horns for lunch at Viv's Kitchen in Sanson, every bit as delicious as the advertising promised.



Linda Hill – Saturday Women's Committee

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS –

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

7 Day Member – Lisa Herbert

6 Day Member – Jeong Park, Hyo Park

5 Day Member – Zyllan Spilsbury

Under 25 – Jamie Connell

Tertiary– Leander Tyake

9 Hole – Peter Cho, Allen Foegeding, Joanna Foegeding, Seung Hee Joo, Ock Hie Kim, Eunmi Kim, Hee Ja Seol

Restricted Junior – Matthew Huxford, Samia Kerney

During this same period, 14 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 963 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.

NINE HOLE NEWS

A good number of nine hole players participated in the Club Opening Day some doing very well and enjoyed by all.

Good to see many nine holers assisting with preparations for the recent Horizons PGA and volunteering during the tournament great to see good club spirits.

Our Nine Hole opening day was very well supported with a competition of reverse ambrose which was a lot of fun (we had to take worst T shot some players are very used to that).

The first of our "Roadies" was held last week with a trip to Taranaki playing Stratford, Ngamotu and Inglewood making us very proud of our own course.

These trips are always fun and are open to anyone who wishes to participate.

Now the season has started we are all looking forward to the various competitions and being able to play good golf.

Good Golfing for 2018 everyone ENJOY

Colleen Fraser - Nine hole Convenor



TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight Golf - every Friday night during summer

Everyone is welcome and no need to book, simply turn up between between 3.00pm and 5.30pm and register at the window around the corner from the Proshop.

Manawatu Golf Club members - \$5.00, Members of other NZ clubs - \$10.00 and non-affiliated - \$15.00

GREAT PRIZES!

This is a great opportunity to play at the Club in a competition for a small fee so bring along your friends and have some fun.



COURSE REPORT

February was full on with the Horizon Golf NZPGA Championship. Leading up to the PGA we were spraying the course with wetting agents and fungicides to provide cover as much as possible. We also lowered the cutting height of the greens followed by a couple of top dresses to help get a better cover on them and also to help get a true roll. Whilst the rest of the course had a good cover of grass, dryer areas were coming back with a few showers. "In play wet areas" are drying up again with drainage planned going into winter.

In March we will raise the heights of the mowers to help keep cover heading into winter. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer golf and got the chance to get down and watch the pros play your course.

We are looking at dethatching the tees and fairways mid-April

Please continue to replace divots and repair pitch marks. We would like everyone to continue/start using the paths. If you are starting on the 10th tee, walk around the path instead of going across the 9th surround. When using carts please be aware of where you are driving, stay off tee off areas, keep well clear of green surface also.

Sam Smith



A HUGE THANKYOU to all the volunteers that put in their time and effort before and during the NZPGA. Without volunteers, alongside our crew, we couldn't do what we do. The atmosphere and tournament was a success from my view. I look forward to having the opportunity of working with you all again.

Happy Golfing

Kiel Stechman

Hokowhitu Café & Bar



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

New Staff Profile

Jordan Nicholson



Jordan has recently joined the Café and Bar team. He is a local Palmerston North guy who comes from a hospitality background. He isn't in the game of golf, but does enjoy online gaming with his friends. Fun fact: Jordan has been to Cambodia three times doing humanitarian work. His most recent trip saw Jordan and his family build houses for those in need.

Welcome to the team Jordan!

EASTER CAFÉ HOURS

Good Friday – Closed

Saturday – Normal Hours

Easter Sunday – Normal Hours. Alcoholic beverages can only be sold when dining for a meal

Easter Monday - Closed



What's on in March...

Please note some small changes to the program

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.

March

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	5	6 18 Hole Stableford 9 Hole: Par	7 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	1 Thursday Club	2 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	3 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Par LGU & Putting	4
	12	13 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Committee choice	14 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee choice	8	9 Crest Tournament (2 tee start) Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	10 Stroke Stableford 9 Hole: Par	11 Rnd 1 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed Rotary Tournament
	19	20 18 Hole: LGU National Teams & Putting 9 Hole: LGU, R1 S Bunt & Putting	21 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1	15 Nuview Wealth Solutions Business House	16 Manawatu Club Green Jacket Tournament 30-40 players Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	17 Par. MacLennan entries close 9 Hole: Committee choice Par	18
	26	27 18 Hole: Nancy McCormack Memorial Foursomes 9 Hole: Stableford	28 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	22 Hospice Golf Day	23 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	24 Stroke 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1 LGU National Teams & Putting	25 Championship and Weekend Pennants at Manawatu
				29	30 Good Friday	31 Par 9 Hole: Stableford Committee Choice	



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