

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the last few weeks we have been enjoying reasonably good autumn weather and this has been reflected in great playing conditions. We hope you are enjoying being on course as we edge closer to the winter months.

During the week the Club met with the NZ PGA to review this year's event hosted in March and to discuss the Club's future involvement. Findings will be relayed to members in due course.

We are having initial discussions with Wallace Development Ltd regarding the future development of the old Teachers College land and the boundaries of the course. Members will be kept well informed as this progresses.

The Men's A Pennants team remain top of the table with one round to play in Levin against second placed Palmerston North. They have already qualified for the play off and I wish them all the best for this as they aim to secure another home course final.

A popular man with staff and members alike, Café and Barman Cheydon Brooking finished with us on Sunday 23rd to pursue a mechanical apprenticeship with Manawatu Toyota. We wish him all the best in his career path.

Enjoy your golf.

**Peter McRedmond - Club President**



# GENERAL MANAGER

I am now nestled into the role and it has taken some time to get up to speed on the processes we use here at the club. It is well documented how the club has grown over the last few years and making sure we have all the best practices in place has been my initial load. This will be ongoing until I have more detail and knowledge of how we operate.

Saturday will see me head for my next round of golf and I must say I have enjoyed my battles on the course. The course is in fantastic condition aided finally by some nice weather. Coming out of my previous region, the quality of the fairways, rough and greens is something most members take for granted. It is not hard to see why the Manawatu Golf Club is ranked high in the pecking order throughout New Zealand. The green staff helped by their volunteers do an amazing job.

I must make a special thanks to my fellow staff members for their cooperation in guiding me through the initial weeks.

The club in the past was involved in the MAP (Mutual Assistance Plan) scheme under the auspice of NZ Golf. This insurance facility was discontinued 31 December 2016. Ideally from now on if you have private insurance you may be able to claim through that. It would pay for you to check with your insurance company. I understand there will be a new initiative released shortly from NZ Golf.

We have the club Trivia Night on the radar scheduled for Saturday 13 May and if you don't come to the club that often and you are attending, please make yourself known to me. These are always great fun so I encourage you to get a group together and attend.

Good golfing everyone and please enjoy your club.

Regards  
Warren Collett-General Manager





# 2017 Trivia Night

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

### Enter your team now!

The annual Manawatu Golf Club Trivia night is going to be held on Saturday 13th May. The event has sold out for the past three years so sign your team up today so you don't miss out of this fantastic evening!

Teams can be made up of 4 - 6 people and up for grabs is the chance to win some fantastic prizes! Prizes available for top trivia teams plus lots of spot prizes throughout the night!

The cost is \$37 per person which includes a two course meal (\$222 team of 6, \$148 team of 4)

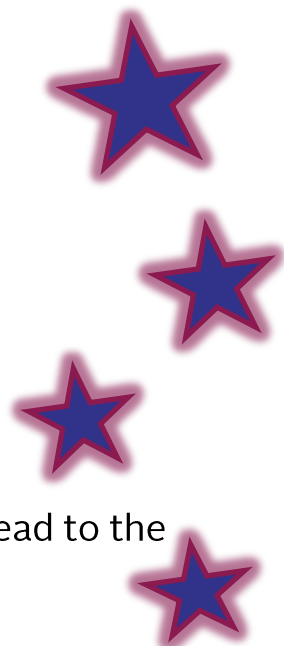
6:00pm - Doors open - Happy Hour from 6pm - 7pm

6.30pm - Seated for dinner and Trivia briefing

6:45pm - Dinner served - Two course meal

7:30pm - Trivia begins

Teams sell out fast so get in quick with your team. To enter head to the website at [www.manawatugolfclub.com/trivia2017/](http://www.manawatugolfclub.com/trivia2017/)



## Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a Fantastic Easter and ANZAC Day. It has been great to have a string of descent weather for a change that makes us all excited to play some golf. Long it may continue!!!!

April is the beginning of the Major season for both Ladies and Men's golf. And what a start to the major season we have had first the drama that played out at the ANA Inspiration regarding what Lexi Thompson had to go through. Lexi makes her first start back since that final round of the ANA this weekend so I am pretty sure she will easily have the biggest support out there! And then the Masters, what a final round that was and a great advert for Golf. If you are interested in going to the Masters we are planning on taking a trip to the 2018 Masters. If you are wanting to find out more info about the trip please come in and see us in the pro shop.

Tim Wilkinson update: Tim is back in action this week at the re-jigged Zurich Classic. The format has been changed to a team's event so not your normal 72 hole PGA tournament. It is a 2 player event where they play 2 rounds of alternate shot and 2 rounds of four ball. Tim is paired with his good friend Michael Thompson who won the 2013 Honda Classic. This is something new for the PGA Tour so should be an interesting week of viewing. Good Luck Timmy!!!

## Golfing Tip:

How to play out of Firm sand or when there is very little sand in the bunkers? This is a Question we are often asked in the shop.

Most things stay the same as if you were playing out of a nice fluffy lie in the bunker except one major thing how your club reacts with the sand. When we are in fluffy sand we want to open up the club face and let the bounce (on the sole of the club) help the club not to dig into the sand. It is exactly opposite when you're in really hard/firm sand we want the club to dig in, so the club doesn't bounce and thin the ball over the green or straight into the lip. So the next time you are in a bunker and there is very little sand in it or it is firm from rain try not opening the club face. Keep it square and let the leading edge of the club face dig into the sand.



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# MEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March was the last night of twilight, with the biggest field of the year taking part. Great stuff. A big thank you must go to Wayne, The Mad Butcher, for his wonderful sponsorship of twilight. Rest assured that the players who win vouchers are absolutely stoked.

While on the subject of The Mad Butcher, the Saturday men are just loving the meat pack raffles. The meat is superb.

If you want quality meat at competitive prices, pop in and see Wayne and the team in Pioneer Highway.

Saturday 1 April saw the playing of the Craigs Investments Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by our very own Ewan Westergaard. This was won by Barry Williams with a personal best round of 74 and 44 pts. A fantastic round of golf.



Barry Williams – Winner of the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard



Steven Vindriis – Hole in one

Congratulations to Steven Vindriis on his first hole in one. Steven aced the 4th. Great stuff and a very popular shout!

On Saturday 22nd, we held our annual Anzac Day commemoration. The Ode to the fallen was read out, and a minutes silence was observed. We are the current and so far only holders of the Gallipoli Cup, organised by John Freer at Boulcotts Farm. However, despite absolutely perfect conditions for golf, the scoring was rather surprisingly quite low. The format is best 100 stableford scores, and we could only get 3249 pts. Seven clubs in all from both sides of the Tasman take part. So far there are only two scores in, and we are second, so no MGC on the trophy this year.

## MEN'S GOLF

### Club Captain's Report cont...

Great to see a lot of MacLennan matches being played early, and the B&A and Watson Cups being played on time.

A fantastic win to our Presidents team. They hosted Apiti on Saturday and had a comprehensive victory by 7 to 3. This is a really tough competition to do well in. The draw this year has had our guys playing away at Taihape and Buckley, bloody hard to win at those venues.

Congratulations to Simon Fowler and the Handicap Pennants team who have made the semi –finals, qualifying in second place.

Also congratulations to Ewan, Brent Jaslarz and the A Grade Pennants team on leading the grade with one round to go before the play offs.

Please replace divots and repair pitch marks. The course is in great nick, and we can all help to keep it like that.

Could everybody please make a real effort to be at the tee BEFORE your tee time. We are having issues with people rocking on up a tad late, which in turn puts pressure on those playing at the later times. There is no way players should have to tee off up to 15 minutes late!

Could all members please take note of competition play by dates before entering. If you are going away for a few weeks holiday, then you should not enter. Pretty straight forward really.

Good golfing everyone, and long may this current spell of weather continue.

Brent – Men's club captain



# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

This month has quickly gone by with Easter and Anzac interrupting our days.

Tuesday and Saturday have been rained out a couple of times and so we reprogrammed the Home Links Day to play on the 18th and 22nd April.

Last month I named the National Team to play at Castlecliff on the 5th May.

Elizabeth Lander is not available so the next best net was S Jenkinson on a net 71. Shirley will now play in the team. Congratulations and good luck to the team.

M Scott  
J Jenkinson  
J Clifton  
H Weber

## Pennants

Pennants this month have been fairly quiet, as both Championship and Weekend pennants at Eketahuna, and Silver and District at Rangatira were both postponed till a later date because of Cyclone Debbie. The spare days have now been set for these rounds.

Monday 1st May, Manawatu Golf Club is hosting the Silver and District pennants.

We have around 72 players and some caddies on this day so the course will be closed till 2.30pm. Many thanks to Kath and her staff for coming in on their day off.

## Nancy MacCormick Foursomes.

9 Pairs played the 36 holes on the 11th and it was great to have 2 pairs of Saturday players in the competition. In the morning round there were some very good nets. 70's down to 69 but the two players with a net 72 came through in the afternoon with a net of 69 to win by 1 point. The winners scores will go through to the District. A very fine effort by our not so young champions, Megan and Rosie.

1st Megan Waugh and Rosie Honeyfield	141 net
2nd Deb Archer and V Gillespie	142 net

## Home Links

Thank you to all those taking part in the Home Links Competition. Lorraine and I will sort out the results next month.



## WOMEN'S GOLF

### Thursday Club

After our 1st Thursday Club on 30th March was rained out we finally had our 1st round on 20th April. We had a very early start, 8.15am, as Business House decided to play that day as well because they had been rained out on the 6th April. So a big thank you to everyone turning up so early. The cost to players is \$20. Jenny Wilson is taking the money. If you don't wish to play in the Thursday Club which decides our Shoot out players at the end of the year, you are most welcome to join in the draw. You can still get a card but just hit, No, to Thursday Club. This makes it much clearer for Lorraine doing results

### Manawatu Women's House of Travel Open Day Tournament. Thursday 18th May

This is our big event of the year and the committee are well underway with sponsors, and the organizing All we need now are entries so whenever you visit another club please mention this day to players and any friends who might be interested in playing our beautiful course.

### Saturday Club

Saturday 18-hole ladies have been playing a mixture of matches, LGU and fun days. Some interesting scores were posted on our "Multiplying Stablefords" day, where Lily Griffin took out first place with an impressive 279,936 stableford points, well clear of second-placed Janine Healy on 31,104 then Christine Rose on 16,992. We came away with two key learnings – the calculator app on your phone can be very handy and it's not good to record 0 points late in the round. No names, but two sad individuals managed total scores of 3 and 2.... Thanks to all who supported our Easter raffle, both in providing donations and buying tickets. Winners were 1st Ant White, 2nd Brent Dickins and 3rd Karen Manninen.– Linda Hall

### Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain



Congratulations to Lynne Browan  
on her Hole in one on the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2017



## MIXED 9 HOLE

Over the past month we have had good numbers enjoying the better weather.

Our matches for the Walker and George Cups are nearing the finals. The entries for the Gillespie and Lavender Cups close on 3<sup>rd</sup> May so enter now if you would like to partake.

We have players going to Levin to play in a charity tournament (Foursomes), good luck to those players.

Our first round Tri Series between Manawatu, Fielding and Palmerston North will be held at Manawatu on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Hopefully we can take this trophy again this year

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser

## 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** – Steven Charles

**5 Day Member** – Simon Astle, Joseph AU

**9 Hole Member** – Aaron McFarlane, Suzanne Charles, Min Jeong Kim

**Under 25** – Iri Tuhura

**Tertiary** – Victor Lee, Max Turver

**Restricted Junior** – Andrew McFarlane

During this same period, 26 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 993 members. We wish our resigned members all the best and welcome our new members, we are sure you will enjoy your time at the Club.



## COURSE REPORT

April has come to an end and we head into May. April was a wet month with a lot of rain falling at times and the course was closed twice. The course held up extremely well through the storm, I think we missed the worst part as it went around us.

Greens are smooth and consistent. Fertiliser has been applied, and we have a dense cover.

Both the tees and surrounds have been fertilised, to help with growth to produce a dense turf cover going into winter. Fairways and rough are going well with the warmth and the current rain we are having. The Greenkeeping Staff are managing as well as we can with the conditions.

The Greenkeepers wish all members and visitors well in the coming month of May in their golfing game, whether it be a match or a casual hit out. Enjoy your time.

### NOTE:

Please be aware of where you are teeing off from. The correct tees to tee off from are the 1st and 10th tees. The only reason this would change would be due to tournaments or programs scheduled for that day i.e., Women's' golf, Men's golf, 9 Holer's, Business house or any Tournament that states different.

Please continue to repair pitch marks and replace divot's, greenkeeping staff appreciate this. When heading to tee off points please use appropriate paths.

Proud moment for Campbell Devaney, Cam is now a qualified greenkeeper with Sports Turf Management Level 4. Congratulations to him for his achievement. It is great that the club and Malcolm allow learning to continue. If you see him on the course feel free to congratulate him.

### Golf humour



Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper

## RULES CORNER

This month we will pose the last set of six questions from the R&A Rules quiz posted in January. I am sure these questions will test your knowledge of the Rules and provide a timely opportunity for you to revise several of the applicable Rules. Your feedback is always welcome as are any interesting Rules situations you may have encountered here at the MGC or elsewhere.

1. Ross chips from off the green and his ball comes to rest against the flagstick, but is not fully below the level of the lip of the hole. He asks his caddie to remove the flagstick but in doing so the ball rolls several inches away from the hole. What is the ruling?

A. Ross must replace the ball against the flagstick without penalty and remove the flagstick himself.

B. The ball must be placed on the lip of the hole without penalty.

C. The ball must be played from where it now lies a few inches from the hole, without penalty.

2. Rod's ball is at rest on a grass bank within the margins of a water hazard, however, it is lying very close to the edge of a bridge meaning that he will clearly have interference from the bridge with the area of his intended swing. Which of the following statements is true?

A. Rod may take free relief from the bridge which may result in him dropping the ball outside the water hazard.

B. Rod may take free relief from the bridge, but the ball must be dropped within the margins of the water hazard.

C. The only relief Rod can take is from the water hazard, under penalty of one stroke.

3. In stroke play, Nikki putts from just off the green. After she makes contact with the ball, it hits a pitch mark on her line causing it to jump up into the air and connect with her putter for a second time when she follows through. What is the ruling?

A. Nikki incurs a one-stroke penalty and must replay the stroke.

B. Nikki incurs a one-stroke penalty and must play the ball as it lies.

C. Nikki incurs a two-stroke penalty and must play the ball as it lies.

4. In match play, Nikki plays her 2nd shot towards the green. As she was playing directly into the sun, neither she, nor her opponent, Ross, saw where the ball finished. Believing the ball may have gone through the back of the green, the players search for the ball in that area. However, after failing to find it within 5 minutes, Nikki concedes the hole. Ross then decides to putt out for his 3, only to find Nikki's ball in the hole. What is the ruling?

A. Nikki's concession stands and Ross wins the hole.

B. Nikki wins the hole, having holed out in two strokes.

C. The hole is halved.

5. In a stroke play competition, Kevin tees off in the morning and posts a good score. In the afternoon, Kevin caddies for Ross in the same competition on the same course. What is the ruling?

A. Kevin's score stands as played, but Ross is disqualified as his caddie is considered to have practiced on the competition course.

B. Both Kevin and Ross are disqualified for a serious breach of etiquette.

C. There is no penalty to either player.

## RULES CORNER Cont..

6. In stroke play, Nikki hits her drive over an area of dense trees towards another hole. After searching for 3 minutes, she finds a ball that she believes to be her original ball in the rough and plays it back towards the correct fairway. She eventually holes out for a bogey 5, however, when removing the ball from the hole, she realises that it is not her original ball. Realising that she must have played a wrong ball for her second shot, Nikki returns to the teeing ground, and proceeds to take 4 strokes to hole out with her second ball. What is Nikki's score for the hole?

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 8



### Rules Corner – Answers

**Question 1. B** See Rule 17-4. The “normal” action of a player whose ball is resting against the flagstick, but not holed, is to carefully remove the flagstick in a way to ensure the ball falls into the hole which means the player has holed out with his/her last stroke. However, if the ball is moved by the action of removing the flagstick, (and clearly not holed), the ball must be placed on the lip of the hole without penalty.

**Question 2. C** Note 1 to Rule 24-2 clearly states “If a ball is in a water hazard, the player may not take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction. The player must play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 26-1” (Relief from a ball in a water hazard).

**Question 3. B** If a player, in making a stroke at the ball, “double-hits” the ball, the player must count the stroke and add 1 penalty stroke and play the ball as it lies – see Rule 14-4.

**Question 4. B** Read Rule 2-4 carefully. A player may not concede a hole after conclusion of the hole. As Nikki had in fact holed out in 2 strokes and her opponent Ross could not beat this score, the hole was concluded. Although Nikki had conceded the hole to Ross (in the belief that her ball was lost), Nikki was completely within her rights to claim the hole when her ball had been found in the hole – provided she did so before Ross played from the next teeing ground. The statement in Rule 2-4 “that a concession may not be declined or withdrawn” is not applicable in this case because the concession was made after the conclusion of the hole.

**Question 5. C** See Rules 6-4 and 7-1b. There is no prohibition on a player in the same competition acting as caddie for another player, even if the “caddie” has played on the course earlier that day. Thus Ross could have Kevin act as caddie for him in the afternoon round and there is no problem regarding the caddie (Kevin) having “practised” on the course - as a competitor (Ross) is only responsible for the actions of his caddie during a stipulated round.

**Question 6. C**  
1 X original drive  
2 X under Rule 15-3b (playing a wrong ball)  
1 X under Rule 27-1 (stroke and distance penalty for lost ball)  
4 X strokes with second ball



# Hokowhitu Café & Bar



Cheydon Brooking finished working full time with us on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Chey has started a mechanical apprenticeship with Manawatu Toyota. We wish him luck with his new adventure. You will still catch him around the club as he will still be working some weekends



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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

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# May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>1</b> Silver/District Pennants	<b>2</b> 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>3</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford. Entries close for Lavender & Gillespie Cups	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford Par	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: LGU Round 3 Sue Bunt	<b>10</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3	<b>11</b> Nuview Wealth Solutions Business House	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Par 9 Hole: Stroke, Sue Bunt Round 3 LGU & Putting	<b>14</b> Semi B&A and Watson Cups to be completed MacLennan Round 1 to be completed
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>17</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>18</b> Manawatu Women's Open Day Tournament Women's Manawatu Open	<b>19</b> Middle Districts Electrical Golf Tournament	<b>20</b> Stroke 9 Hole: Par Stableford Saturday v Midweek	<b>21</b> Imlay Saunders Bye round to be completed
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>24</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>25</b> Thursday Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Par 9 Hole: Stableford LGU & Putting	<b>28</b> Possible A Grade Final - TBA
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	<b>31</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st round Lavender and Gillespie Cups to be completed				

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