



May 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

President, Peter McRedmond has been off the scene for several weeks with major surgery and is now recovering well. Peter has not missed a beat with what is happening in and around the Club. We have the Plan Change ongoing and he is fully conversant on all the developments with this. Peter is an active golfer and it must give him some more pain pulling out of the coveted MacLennan Trophy. We wish him all the very best in his recuperation.

It is very frustrating when the Manawatu Standard continues to publish incorrect stories in their paper. Back on 11 April, members were sent a “Statement of Position” on the development next door and nothing has changed from the statement, however the Manawatu Standard continue to report the all clear has been given to the Plan Change and this is certainly not the case as the Commissioners will make their decision in a couple of months. It was also reported the Club and Wallace Development have made an agreement together, outside of the MOU nothing has changed and both parties haven't met since the MOU was signed. I am constantly getting questioned by members on how the Plan Change is going and when nonfactual reporting from the Manawatu Standard gets printed, it does make our comments to members very challenging. We reassure you, the membership will be the first to be advised when any significant information comes to light.

Many thanks to the 241 members who responded to the short NZPGA Survey that was conducted. There was some clear messages to Management and the Committee from the questions asked, with 93.78% of the respondents indicating there was benefits to the Golf Club and 91.29% were fully supportive of the Club hosting another event. We have had brief discussions with the NZPGA on their intentions and thoughts around where the PGA will be staged next year but to date we have nothing significant to report.

One of the major competitions for the year has kicked off with the MacLennan for the men and the mixed Imlay Saunders competition is about to commence. Just a reminder if you are playing in these two competitions, you need to be fully financial for the duration of the competition. Good luck to all the Golfers participating in these two prestigious trophies.

Another competition of significance is the Captain's v's Presidents Match scheduled for Saturday 12 May. The sheet is up downstairs in the card room.

Good golfing

Warren Collett – General Manager



**MANAWATU GOLF CLUB
TRIVIA NIGHT**



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2018 Trivia Night Saturday 5th May

Enter your team now!

Manawatu Golf Club Trivia night Saturday 5th May

**Teams made up of 4 - 6 people
Prizes available for top trivia teams plus lots of spot prizes
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**Come along for a great evening including a two course meal
\$40 per person**

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
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Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

We hope you all have had a great April and the golf is going well!!!!

On Sunday the 22nd of April we held our annual McDonald's Manawatu Junior Masters. This is an awesome event for the kids where they get a Free McDonald's meal sponsored by Justin & Kelly Leck (McDonald's Manawatu) and also this year we had an amazing prize table that was all the way from Augusta National. Have a look at the photos below to see what the kids were playing for. I am jealous 😊



Photo Left: Ben with a group of the juniors he coaches. It is great to have so many kids out there enjoying the game!

Pro Shop Cont...

How are the top Kiwi pros going on the major tours around the world half way through their seasons?

Tim Wilkinson (Web.com Tour): Timmy is ranked 78th on the money list. Needing to finish in the top 25 to gain a card on the PGA Tour for next season or finish inside the top 70 to get into the final series which is another way to get onto the PGA Tour.

Ryan Fox (European Tour): Ryan is having another strong year to date - he's ranked 40th on the race to Dubai, needing to finish in the top 110.

Danny Lee (PGA Tour): our only player on the PGA tour ranks 141st on the FedEx Cup. Danny needs to finish ranked inside 125 by season end to retain his card.

Steve Alker (Web.com Tour): he is ranked 98th on the money list. Needing to do the same as Timmy.

Some of the best golfing quotes of all time:

"This is a game of misses. The golfer who misses the best is going to win." – Ben Hogan

"Hit the shot you know you can hit, not the one you think you should." – Dr. Bob Rotella

"You don't know what pressure is until you play for five bucks with only two bucks in your pocket" – Lee Trevino

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

Your Proshop team

Alan, Andre, Ben and Lisa

CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

The ProShop will be closed for the afternoon on Wednesday 2nd May after the last player has teed off. Results will be done as per usual at the end of the day

MEN'S GOLF

Men's Club Captain's Report

The highly sought after Craigs Investment Partners Tankard, kindly sponsored by our very own Ewan Westergaard, was won for the first time by a delighted Derek Walker. Derek had his best ever round and finished with 45 pts. That included one non scoring hole. Great stuff.

The same day was Memorial Day, where the Saturday men played for the John "Chopper" Christie Memorial. No surprise here, Derek Walker won this comfortably.

The final of the Summer Singles has been played, with Martyn Nail winning the Nolan Rosebowl.

Martyn defeated a gallant Gus Fowler in a tense final.

Congratulations to William Leipnik, Keith Towers, and Tim Belcher, on winning the Schweppes Club Team Trophy at the recent National "Lefties" Tournament. They were up against teams of 4, with the best three scores counting, so fantastic to do it with just the three players.

Please replace divots, and repair pitch marks. We must look after our wonderful course.

Welcome back to Dave Whittle. Great to see you out playing golf again.

Good golfing everybody.

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Derek Walker John Chopper
Christie Memorial Trophy



Martyn Nail, winner of the Nolan
Rosebowl (Summer Singles) with his
very proud wife, Imogen



ProShop Sandwiches

We have reviewed having Sandwiches on sale in the Pro Shop on Wednesday's and Saturday's and have come up with the following concept, as there is several members already operating this way. If you phone in on your way to golf (06) 357 8793 extn 3, you can confirm your order of what you would like and then the sandwiches will be available for you in the Pro Shop on your arrival and will be charged against your account. It is that easy.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Another month of very good weather. Lets hope it stays.

A big thank-you to you all for coping with the changes in our programme this month. This was because of the maintenance on the course. We finally played our National Homelinks Competition a week later on the 24th April.

The names going forward to our district:

Coronation Medal (Silver)	E. Heinrich	Net 73
Aotearoa Cup (Silver and Bronze)	E. Heinrich	Net 73
Veterans' Cup (a tie)	P. Davey	Net 77
	R. Higgins	Net 77
Best Gross Cup	L. Buys	Gross 85

These names will be forwarded to the District to compare with other clubs in the District.

We also played National Teams on the 20th March and we now have a team travelling to Rangatira on Friday 4th May.

We wish Pam Lamberton and partner Jenny Wilson and Helen Wilkinson playing with Pat Davey all the best in the 4 Ball Best Ball competition. Thank you to these players for representing our Club.

9th April we hosted the Silver and District Pennants with 72 in the field. Once again thanks to Jill Clifton, Sharen Port, Deb Archer and Rosie Honeyfield for their tremendous help in running this day. The raffles were well supported and everyone was happy with the day.

Matches are well underway and the Marton Open day is coming up on the 11th May. Many thanks to those players going to these Open Days. It's so good to see Manawatu players supporting other clubs.

Thursday Club - We have 2 days this month so do come along and get those good scores in. Enter on the booking site and the committee will do a draw. Cards in by 8.45am please.

Happy Golfing

Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

Saturday Convener Report

The last month has seen a quiet focus on completing the first round of matches while the weather holds, although the appearance of layered outfits means winter golf isn't far off. Some of our members have got out to support other clubs in the district at various open days, while at home Sue Spiers won the lucky bottle draw and Eva Heinrich won the putting with 30 and then followed up the next weekend by taking out the multiplying stablefords with a magnificent 4,478,976 points. Good news story for the month was hearing of the safe arrival of Tania and Lachlan Hook's new baby daughter Ella, who we look forward to meeting soon

Linda Hill – Saturday Women's Committee

NINE HOLE NEWS

We have had good attendance on Wednesdays and Saturdays, even though the weather has been a bit so so. Saturdays field being fairly full so we are sending new players off the orange tees to keep the field moving.

We had a good number of players go to a Foursomes tournament at Levin. It was the first time for some to play in a tournament like this, which was fun!

The men's was won by Murray Crawford and Doug Muir and Judy Crawford and Jill Yortt (Marton) were second in Ladies division.

Castlecliff Round Robin was won by Murray Crawford and 2nd went to Doug Muir.

Foxton Open Day was won by Murray Crawford 2nd Doug Muir (come on you men can't let these two win all the time)

We are up to semi-finals in the Walker/Georgel Cup, good luck to those still in.

Well done to Lydia Ko on the LPGA, what a great match edge of seat till the end!

Colleen Fraser - Nine hole Convenor

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS –

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

7 Day Member – Mark Gunning, Samuel Lye, Shannon Paku

5 Day Member – Helmut Shaffer

Under 25 – Luke Harrison

Tertiary – Greg Pryce

9 Hole – Younhee Cho, Andrew Sievwright

Full Playing Junior – Jadepreeya Jademonhkourat

Restricted Junior – David M Chin-Shong

During this same period, 17 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 950 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.

Rules Corner

This month we will look at some Rules situations and issues that have been drawn to my attention over the past few weeks.

What options may be available if your ball is embedded in the sandy face of a bunker and an immovable obstruction interferes with your stance or swing? This occurred recently in one of the bunkers on our 4th hole with an immovable stake adjacent to a player's ball which was half buried in the face of the bunker. Penalty free relief from an immovable obstruction in a bunker is permitted provided the obstruction causes interference with the player's stance or swing (standard requirement for relief from an obstruction through the green!). In keeping with standard relief procedure for any immovable obstruction, the player must:

- a) Determine the nearest point of relief ie the nearest point where if the ball was at that point, there would be no interference to the player's stance or swing.
- b) Drop a ball within 1 club length of this nearest point of relief.
- c) As in this case, the interference occurred for a ball in a bunker, the ball must be dropped in the bunker
- d) A further option is, under a penalty of 1 stroke, drop the ball outside the bunker keeping the point where the ball lay in the bunker directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped – no restriction on how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped.

While normally there is no penalty free relief for an embedded ball in a bunker, in this case interference by the immovable obstruction allowed the player to gain some relief from the embedded ball. What penalty free relief from an immovable obstruction is available if both the ball and the obstruction are in a water hazard? See Rule 24 for the answer.

The recent fairway dethatching programme has resulted in several areas of fairways (and some rough) with obvious machinery-related damage and considerable loose material (displaced fairway strips, corings) still on the fairways and in the rough. These damaged areas and the loose material presented no problems when we had placing through the green. With the withdrawal of placing through the green there are issues to be resolved when faced with a ball in a damaged area in the rough or on any fairway other than that of the hole being played. Do these areas qualify as unmarked GUR ? Do they qualify as "holes made by a greenkeeper"? Could they be included in the category of "cart or vehicle tyre tracks"?



Rules Corner Cont....

The loose material scattered on the course is covered by the definition of loose impediments and players are entitled to remove same if the material causes interference or intervention ie it may be brushed away from the line of play even if off the green (compare this with the status of sand and loose soil which are NOT loose impediments unless on the green). Of course the player must not cause the ball to move when removing loose impediments – if the ball does move in this process, a 1 stroke penalty applies and the moved ball must be replaced.

With regard to the damaged areas through the green, there is a need for clear guidelines for members to ensure fairness for all competitors. Under current local rules, there is no free relief available for a player whose ball is in a damaged part of the course. Decision 25/16 clearly states that a rut made by a tractor is not “a hole made by a greenkeeper”. However it also indicates that the Committee would be justified in declaring by way of a temporary local rule, a deep rut to be GUR.

COURSE REPORT

Yet another month has flown by, April has been a month of four seasons. We have a over 100ml of rain, as well as a cold snap. Course is holding up well with the weather conditions and playing well. Here's hoping we have a warmer month to help with recovery of turf.

Greens have been top dressed, as well as fertilised and are rolling smoothly.

The fairways have been tumble cored and dethatched to help remove thatch but still have a good cover on them. There is a lot of mud lying around after being dethatched but over time it will go.

Tees and Surrounds have good cover and are yet to be renovated due to the weather. There have been holes drilled in areas to allow for drainage around the course. There is no quick fix for times when we have a lot of water, especially when the water table is up. Hopefully these holes will solve some of the issues in the areas we have targeted.

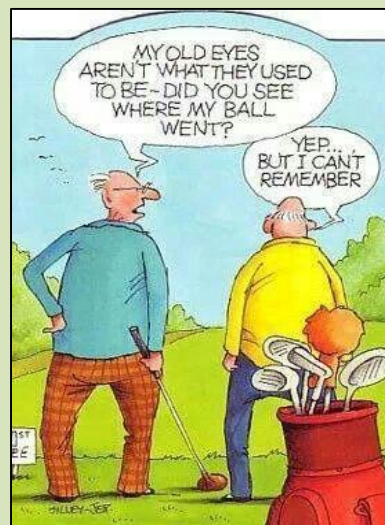
Please continue to repair pitch marks and replace your divots. Now that we are leading into the wet months, please take care of where you are walking/driving as this can cause more damage with slow growth, especially going to the 10th tee to start your round. Please use the path behind the chipping green as the new turf on the 9th surround is still getting established.

Hope to see you all out there enjoying your golf, good luck to all the people playing their matches, and social golf. Enjoy the month of May.

Happy Golfing

Kiel Stechman

Golf Humour



Sunday FUNDAY!

Fantastic weather for our first Sunday Funday on Sunday 29th April. A fun Ambrose 9 holes for new members to golf or those on high handicaps or yet to get a handicap.

Thanks to everyone who came and participated and also the members who volunteered and took our new members out.

Sunday Funday will be running for the next 3 weeks (6th/13th/20th May) at 2pm. Please get in touch with Christine if you would like to come along!



Zyllan Spilsbury, Mark Edwards, Deb Archer and Rendo Larkins – WINNERS!

2018 Captains v's Presidents Day

Saturday 12 May 2018

The 2018 Captains V's Presidents Day is inviting members to put their names forward for who they wish to support. There will be a maximum of 32 players in each team.

There will be a draw completed on the Wednesday prior to the event. In each foursome there will be a fourball match and two singles. Food to follow at prizegiving

Get involved in this fun day.

Sheets up in the card room to put your name down



Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar....

Mid-Winter Christmas

AT THE MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

Get together with your colleagues or a group of friends and book into the club for a Mid-Winter Christmas meal. Lunch and Dinner bookings available. More info on the website or get into touch with Rachel



Book your table now for Mother's day!
Sunday 13th May

Special Mother's day menu - Brunch and Lunch available

Café vouchers also available

What's on in May...

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.

EVENT

MIXED

WOMEN

MEN

May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 18 Hole: Bisque Par 9 Hole: Stableford	2 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford. Entries close for Lavender Gillespie Cups	3 Thursday Club	4	5 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford Bisque Par - White Tees	6
7	8 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: LGU Round 3 Sue Bunt	9 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3	10	11	12 Par 9 Hole: Stroke, Sue Bunt Round 3 LGU & Putting	13 Semi B&A and Watson Cups to be completed MacLennan Round 1 to be completed
14	15 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	16 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	17 Nuvview Wealth Solutions Business House	18	19 Stroke 9 Hole: Par Stableford Saturday v Midweek	20 Imlay Saunders Bye round to be completed
21	22 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	23 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	24 Thursday Club	25	26 Par 9 Hole: Stableford Par	27 Possible A Grade Final - TBA
28 9 Hole Round Robin/ Tri Series	29 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	30 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st round Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed	31			



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