



May 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

April sure has been a very busy month, with a lot happening within the club environs.

Easter saw the pine trees on 14/15 being felled. This operation went as planned, much to everyone's relief. Well done to Warren, Grayson and Kiel and the contracting team. Special thanks go to Bernie Higgins for lending the club a large digger and driver to help with the clean up. To those volunteers who fronted up on the Friday after the felling, to help clean up, you made things so much easier for the contracting/greenkeepers teams. Where would we be without our wonderful volunteers!

By the time you are reading this, the much needed carpark extension should be nearly completed. It looks really good, and we will get another 32 to 35 parks. Well done to the Higgins team, and to Tony Trass and Warren for organising it all.

The Committee recently accepted a quote from Versatile to build a cart (Utility) shed, adjacent to the Greenkeepers buildings. Plans have been submitted for approval, and it is now just a case of waiting for consent. The idea initially is to also use the shed for storing of some of the Greenkeepers machinery, along obviously with moving the carts from under the clubhouse. There is currently a waiting list for carts to be stored on site, and there is just not enough space currently to cater for those extras carts.

In the last newsletter, we mentioned that the Committee had engaged Grant Puddicombe to do a review of the course. His preliminary report only arrived recently, and as such the Committee has not had time to go over it. This will be covered off at our next meeting, and the membership will be advised when we have something to report.

Work continues to take place behind the scenes on the Strategic Plan. The leadership and governance sub-committee (Wayne Masters, Ewan Westergaard and David Forrest) have met and put a recommendation for the Committee to consider.

A club survey will be coming out shortly. Please take the time to answer the questions and make comments. I can assure you that the Committee will be taking notice of what comes out from it.

The Committee needs feedback so we can try and accommodate members concerns, ideas etc.

Just a reminder that on Friday 21 May, there is a mid-year stocktake. On that day, the Pro Shop will be closed until 1pm. A reminder notice will be sent out closer to the time.

The Club has just purchased some recycling bins, which will be placed strategically. This is way overdue.

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The Pro Shop have had yet another busy month, with very strong sales.

We appreciate your understanding of the Greenkeepers need to do major maintenance on the course at this time of the year. It never takes long for the fairways to settle down, and for the course to get back to normal.

Warren continues to work remotely, and will attend the May Committee meeting in person. That will also feature our new GM, Chris Wilson.

Chris has just sold his home in Auckland, and purchased a home in Palmy. I can assure you all, he is really looking forward to getting down here and getting stuck into his role.

That's it from me, enjoy your golf everybody.

Brent Cawthray



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Liam Finlayson
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Sunday 16th May

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Pro Shop

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to one of our past members Grant Waite who resides in Florida, USA. Grant coaches Thailand's Patty Tavatanakit's who won the women's ANA Inspiration at the start of April. This is the first women's golf major of the year. In recent years Grant has turned his focus from playing on the PGA Tour Champions towards coaching and he is very good at it as well. I am sure this will not be the last player who wins a major golfing event while been helped along the way by Grant.

News from the shop: Golf Trips - On the 19th of April Lisa took a group of the Tuesday ladies down to Queenstown, and from what I hear they had an amazing time. They played Jacks Point, Millbrook, Arrowtown, and the Hills.

And this last week Andre has taken another trip down to Queenstown, and I hear they are having a fantastic time as well. Below are a selection of photos from the women's trip.

If you are interested in going on a golfing trip with others, please get in contact with us as we usually have something planned for the future.

Also, all the best to Brydie Hodge this week, She is playing the PGA champs in Te Puke Golf Club from the 29th April - 2nd of May.



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, André, Lisa, Tim & Brydie.

A message from the Club Captain

Some grumbles before getting to the good news. Having recently played at the back of both the morning and afternoon Saturday fields, it is noticeable that the quality of pitch mark repairs, divot replacements and bunker raking has been poor. Please make an effort to leave the course in similar or better condition than when you played it! Slow play has been a blight on both Saturdays and Wednesdays recently. Please keep up with the group in front of you. While the onus is on the lowest handicap player in each group to make sure they keep up, really its everyone's responsibility to keep moving at a good pace please.

Well done by Heath Champion winner of the Craigs Investment partners Tankard for April. Heath had 43 points ahead of Phil Cattle with 40.

14 and 15th holes

A huge thanks to the Contractor, the dozen or so members and John Bills who helped clear away the debris on holes 14 & 15 on Friday 9th April (you all owe them a drink!). These holes were back in play after

being out for just 6 days. There is some damage mainly from where pinecones have left a depression in the ground in the general area. The local rules put in place allow you to take free relief from these areas. If you hit a ball into the areas that are clearly marked as GUR, you may take a free drop within one club length at the edge of the mown fairway adjacent to where you estimate the ball entered the GUR. Kiel and his team will slowly get the area back into shape. We estimate the local rules will be in place until Spring. The areas marked a GUR may change a bit so check the blue pegs before playing your shots!



A message from the Club Captain Continued

Manawatu Open

This year we have decided to hold the Manawatu Open in May instead of October. In recent years the fields for the Manawatu Open have been dwindling. Tight scheduling in October had left us with playing the event over Labour weekend which worked well for first time but subsequent fields were much reduced leading to its cancelation last year. If you want to test your golfing prowess, then there is not much better than 36 holes off the black tees on your own course! Enter on-line at manawatugolfclub.com/tournaments. The Open is on May 16th 2021.

Summary of the Men's pennants results over April.

On Sunday 11th April the Men's A grade team playing at Feilding beat our neighbours Palmerston North 7 to 2. They were 1.5-1.5 after the foursomes. Well done to Sam Smith who came in for the sick Micah and playing at number #2 had a great first up win! The Men's C grade team halved with Levin 4.5 – 4.5, They were 2-1 up after the foursomes. At Marton, the Men's B team had a good win over Castlecliff 5.5 to 3.5. They were 2-1 up after the foursomes. The Men's Handicap team had a good 7-2 win over Hawkestone.

On Sunday 17th April the Men's A team beat Foxton 6.5 to 2.5 at Palmerston North and went through the round robins undefeated! The team qualified for the finals in 1st place and play Feilding in the final. The Handicap team beat Wanganui 6.5 to 2.5. Three teams were tied in first place with 9 points in their division but a slightly superior games margin got our team into the finals where they meet Palmerston North. At Foxton the Men's B team halved against Palmerston North 4.5-4.5 to stay in the B division for 2022. The Men's C team loss to Buckley 3-6 and just missed the finals. A win from any one of 4 halved singles matches against Rangitikei or Levin would have got us into the finals!

The Men's' Presidents team had a good 7 to 5 win when they hosted Taihape on the wettest Saturday for the year. They are sitting in the top 6 in the competition.

Pennants Finals results

Well done to the Women's Championship Pennants team and the Men's Handicap Pennants team who won their MWGA pennant finals!

Lisa Herbert and Rebecca Hopper were well beaten in their foursomes match but both won their singles against Wanganui to claim the pennant at Feilding.

The Handicap team of Bevan Clarke, Adrian Christie, Kaleb Fagan, Jack Clarke, Dave Boswell and Steve Aburn were all tied 4.5-4.5 and needed a sudden death hole over Palmerston North at Rangitikei Golf Club. Bevan Clarke won the playoff hole to secure the pennant for the first time since about 2004. Well done to the manager Grayson for trying new selections this season. The mix of young and experienced worked extremely well.

Unfortunately, the Men's A grade team went down to a determined Feilding side. They were down 0.2-2.5 after the foursomes and were only able to secure 1.5 points in the singles. Wanganui won the B grade and Waimarino won the C-grade.



Pennants Finals results continued

The Weekend ladies won their second to last round match 4-1.

A huge thank you to the team managers (Deb, Angela, Grayson, Trevor, Ewan and Craig) who have done a great job season with selecting and organising the troops. To all the players for putting aside nearly every second Sunday over Summer & Autumn to represent the club. Let's hope the Women's weekend and mid-week teams can continue their winning ways as their season draw to an end.



Fledgling Golf

at the Manawatu Golf Club

As mentioned in the April newsletter, we've had a number of new golfers join the Club over the past few months. To help our new members, the 10am – 10:35am tee slots have been reserved on most Sundays during May and June for new golfers to head out on the course with experienced 9 and 18-holers who are volunteering their time to provide guidance on course etiquette and management, scoring and answering any questions they might have.

These times are open to all new golfers and high handicappers so, if you are keen to join, do book into the tee slots, meet at the Pro Shop at 9:45am and be ready for a 10am tee off.

Note that these times will differ on 9th May, and 16th May will move to Saturday 15th May in the afternoon due to existing bookings – please look to the tee bookings page for alternate times.

A reminder that the Club has developed guidelines to assist our beginner golf members:

- Start closer to the green and use the coloured tee blocks as your reference point.
- Tee up whenever you want (except for the greens)
- Drop out of the bunkers onto the grass
- If you have reached 8 shots before the green, pick up and place your ball on the green and putt
- Always remember: Your place is behind the people in front, not in front of the people behind.

Happy golfing!

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

The ladies commenced their April golf programme with Par on the Saturday and Committee Choice, to work around the tree felling, on the Tuesday. This was a fun Tuesday playing Greensome Foursomes. The winners were Helen Weber, Di Betts and Jill Clifton.

With the coring, slicing and dethatching around the greens and on the fairways the Tuesday LGU National Home Links were played a week later than programmed.

Pennants

All the pennants teams have continued to perform well. On April 18th the Championship team of Lisa Herbert and Rebecca Hopper had a good win at Palmerston North over Rangitikei/Marton 4-1, putting them in equal first position. They were beaten in their foursomes match but both won their singles against Wanganui to claim the pennant at Feilding on 2nd May. The weekend team of Janine Healey and Jill Clifton had a close match against Castlecliff but went down 4-1. They have two more rounds to go!

On April 19th the Silver team of Elizabeth Lander, Jill Clifton, Angela Pivac and Margie Bodell had a good win over Levin 4-2 and the District team of Claire Davis, Chrys Cabraal, Maxine Whittfield and Shirlee Jenkinson had another great win, 5-0 over Palmerston North at Rangatira. Both teams are in first position on the their respective tables. Well done ladies.

National Teams

The team of Kate Courtney, Julie Meiring, Helen Wilkinson and Gloria Campbell represented Manawatu on Friday 30th April at Feilding.

The Manawatu team came 2nd on team net of 138. Pahiatua won on 135. Great work team!!

May Golf

1st/4th Par
8th/11th LGU and Putting
15th/18th Stableford
22nd/25th LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships

Thursday Club

13th May
27th May

Open Days

Race to the Shield - Marton - Friday 7th May
Race to the Shield - Palmerston North - Friday 21st May

Happy Autumn Golfing

Jill Clifton - Women's Club Captain



NINE HOLE NEWS

Winter is approaching! The ground is definitely heavier, but greens are still speedy. Well done to our green keepers who have had a lot to deal with lately

Our Walker/Georgel cup tournament is down to semi finals. Good luck to those still in May the best team win.

We have been busy with Round Robins and Open Days as most clubs were keen to make the most of the better weather.

Levin had their annual foursomes event run in three sections; two men or two ladies or a man and a lady. Lots of fun with a lot from our club competing. Murray Crawford and Doug Muir placed 2nd in Men's and Barbara Smith and Colleen Fraser placed 2nd in ladies.

Then to Foxton Round Robin with some great scores. In the winners circle were Barbara Smith, Yeng Sam, Anne Flipp and Alan Maclean

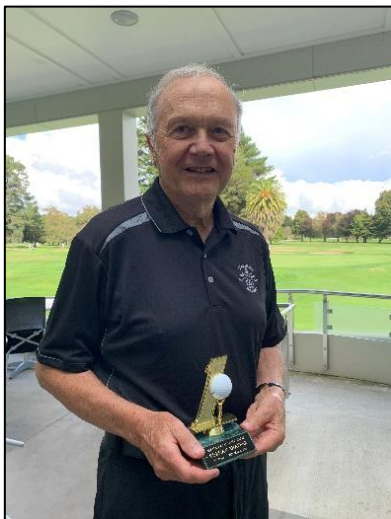
Feilding held a 9+9 tournament, a first for Nine Holes. A very enjoyable and well run event which ran over two days. One side on Wednesday followed by a delicious dinner on Wednesday night. Then we played other side Thursday morning followed by a lovely lunch. Hopefully this will be an annual event players were from Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Wairarapa, Wellington areas and locals. Our players did us proud.

Winners were: Judy Crawford, Colleen Fraser, Frances Clark, Denny Brunton, Brian Day (2) and Ray Abbott. Well done team! Next year hopefully more of our players will compete as it was a fun event

Next month we have Otaki and Belmont Open days and our 1st Tri Series tournament at our course so team we need as many players as possible see if we can keep this trophy for another year

Good Golfing

Colleen Fraser - 9 Hole Convenor



Congratulations to Yurgen Shaffer! He got a hole in one on 28th March, on the 4th Hole. Yurgen is pictured with his trophy.

Congratulations also to Alex Ayerst who got a hole in one on 20th March, on the 4th Hole!

Welcome to our New Members

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in March 2021

7 Day – Andrew Weld, Alistair Wood

6 Day – Jay Howes

5 Day – Vern Aldridge, Nick Holmes, Rachel Hoskins

Under 30 – Lizelle Borges, Kieran Fitzgerald, Oliver Jones, Sean Mackay, Joseph Wong

Under 25 – Joseph Helu-Makasini, Mitchell Lowe

Tertiary - Liam Watson, Virginia Westerberg

9 Hole – Len Carney, Susan Cheetham, Peter Davie, Akbar Fazal, Harry Kim, Jan Looney, Joanne Lunn, Shaun McDowell, Tina Montgomerie, Jo Morris, Claire Murrell, Debbie Ripplingham, Wendy Stanfield, Shayne Verran, Karen Ward, Kjell Westerberg, Alice Williamson

Restricted Junior – Hamish Lunn, Liam Southall

Social - Jim Owen, Anna Swainson

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1065 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.



Thank you all for your patience with the works that have been happening to improve our carpark.

As part of the improvements a humungous stump was removed from the corner of the carpark. This has been causing problems with the tar seal and creating an uneven surface for sometime now.

It is great to have this area fixed!

COURSE REPORT

Now that we enter the winter months the temperature starts to drop and the distance we hit shortens. We hope all members and visitors are enjoying the course. There has been a lot happening around the course in the past month, Car park, the Cart Shed and the Pine Trees down the 14th and 15th holes. Renovations to the Fairways went well, they are healing nicely. We have raised the height moving into winter also.

In the coming month we have the Manawatu Open on Sunday the 16th, I hope to see you all out there watching or giving it a go. Greens will be Solid Tined after the open to aerate the greens going into winter. Drainage to continue and be completed, Tees and Surrounds to be sliced. Looking to repair and reshaped the 3rd surround on the left-hand side. Will be working on the paths and tree trimming also.

Couple of things I would like to mention, pitch-marks on the greens are getting worse. I have been playing more often and have noticed a lot of unrepaired pitch-marks. Please think of the players to follow you, they are the ones that are affected. When greenkeepers are working ahead or around you, please give way. The Greenkeeping staff are friendly and courteous, we will wave you up when we can to allow you to keep enjoying your game. Please watch where you drive your carts, remember the green pegs and chains are out there to help protect our course, if you need to move to play a shot, please put them back. Please replace your divots also. Hope you all do not think this is a grouch, just trying to keep our standards high. Be aware of Frosts also, website will be used frequently to update on frost delays

All the best to members and visitors in your up and coming golfing months 😊, play well.

Kiel Stechman

Newsletter Humour – Would you??



The new fence has been completed between the range and the clubhouse. This was installed to provide protection for people using the range ball machine, getting carts/clubs out of storage and also staff accessing the wheelie bins



A lot of balls are collected from the base of the fence so it is certainly doing its job!

What's on in May...

Please note some changes

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
31					1 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	2
3 Silver & Districts Women's Pennants	4 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3	5	6	7	8 Captain v Presidents Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	9 Semifinal B&A and Watson Cups and MacLennan Round 1 to be completed
10	11 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Par	12 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	13 Thursday Club	14	15 Stroke 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford Saturday v Midweek	16 Imlay Saunders Bye round to be completed Proposed Gilmours Manawatu Open 36 Hole Championship Course Closed
17	18 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	19 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	20 Yorb Business House	21	22 Par 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships	23
24 9 Hole: Tri Series 10am-1pm	25 18 Hole: LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	26 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Round Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed.	27 Thursday Club	28	29 Stroke Lionel Abraham Cup B&A and Watson final to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: Stableford	30



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