

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Firstly many of you will be aware that the rezoning for the Centennial Park development was approved by the Commissioners in July, subject to appeal. No appeals were submitted so the rezoning of the land to residential is now complete and the proposed subdivision is likely to proceed. At this point our immediate priority is the signing of a covenant between ourselves and Wallace Developments relating mainly to boundary issues. Once this is agreed upon and signed we can then move forward and consider our options with regard to the holes that will have residential housing close to our boundaries. Any decision relating to possible realignment of any hole that is affected by these issues will be made by the membership of the Club and not the Committee. This would be done via a Special General meeting. Initially the 12th hole will be the first hole affected as Stage 1 of the possible development is along that boundary. The vegetation along the 12th boundary is about to be trimmed and I stress that this is purely a maintenance issue and has nothing to do with boundary issues.

Last week the MacLennan Match Play competition final was held and congratulations to Adrian Christie and Maurice Jackson in taking this out, beating Martyn Nail and Steven Charles. Club champs are now well underway.

This month is a busy month for the Club. This week we host the Boys Under 19 New Zealand Championship and I am sure that there will be some great golf from our up and coming players. At the end of the month we again host the Devil's Own Tournament in its 84th year and this Tournament holds a special place in our club history. We look forward to welcoming all the competitors in both tournaments.

Spring is now here and I congratulate Kiel and his team for the way they've maintained the course throughout winter. The last month or so has been extremely wet, however the course has remained in pristine condition.

Enjoy your winter golf!

Peter McRedmond - President



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

It is very pleasing to see the number of visitor rounds played up by 13.1% on same period last year. Member rounds are up 2.2% with a total of 21,000 rounds played and handicapped this year. These numbers don't reflect ambrose or any other special golfing event. The visitor number increase we believe has been caused by the exposure the Club has received from the NZPGA Championship. There are many visitor bookings all the way through to Christmas. Likewise an interesting statistic for the week ending 2 September is that we had 663 guests attending functions here at the clubhouse and this doesn't include café attendees.

Many of you would have noticed the main Honours Board in the clubhouse with information dating back to 1895 has been relocated to the main hallway. Space has run out on the current Honours Board, so the decision has been made to purchase new boards to hang in the clubhouse. Likewise the Hole in One Boards are full and these have been relocated to the foyer with a new board to be installed in the Clubhouse. This will all be completed early in the month.

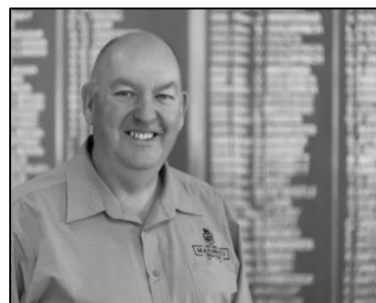
We are pleased to announce we are now members Pacific Links Worldwide. There is information on the benefits to MGC members later in this newsletter.

Spring has arrived and daylight saving will be here shortly. Planning is well underway for the Clubs major tournaments. The Wallace Development 36 Hole Tournament is scheduled for Sunday 21st October, the Unreal Grass B Grade Championship Sunday 18 November and the Tailorednz Par 3 Challenge Sunday 25 November. We certainly thank all three sponsors for their continued support. However the immediate attention turns to the NZ Golf Age Group Championship starting this week and later in September, the Devils Own Tournament. The NZ Golf Age Group Championship has certainly produced some outstanding winners in the past with the most notable being two former world #1 players in Adam Scott and Jason Day. Other winners have been Michael Campbell, Greg Turner, Michael Long and Stuart Reese. I am sure there will be some outstanding golf to be witnessed by the next generation.

Outside of the golf activities, we have a number of events and promotions booked in which is fantastic. The more bookings, the more increase in visitors to the Club which is great. The more people we can expose to this amazing Club the better! Whether that be through the Café or a function, or visiting golfers, we collectively need to make all visitors feel welcome and I know many of you do as they may be future members of our Club. Speaking of new members, we have an increase on last month and an increase of 10 from same period last year. We currently sit at 957 members. A very special welcome to all the new members and trust you are enjoying your golf and facilities.

Good golfing everyone and please enjoy your club

Warren Collett – General Manager





Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all have had a good August and congratulations to everyone that qualified for club champs. All the best for your upcoming matches!

The first week of September we have the NZ Golf Age Group Championship here at Manawatu. This is the biggest event for golfers in the country that are under 19 years old. The boys are here at Manawatu and the girls and U13 boys are at Palmerston North Golf Club. Junior boys that we have playing in the event at Manawatu are Sam Smith, Kaleb Idemaru, Ethan Dodds and Tyler Wood. And Girls that we have playing at Palmerston North are Lily Griffin, Tara Raj, Sera Raj and CheeHee Hu. U13 boys playing at Palmerston North that are members here are Nakul Lakhani and Kaleb Fagan. Best of luck to them

Tip of the month: Do you know how far you hit each club?

If you do, well done!!! Knowing how far you hit each club is one of the most important aspects of your game. It still amazes me when I am out coaching golfers that are on 20 handicaps (or even sometimes less than 5 handicap) that don't know how far each club goes and it's not just for the good golfer. Every golfer can benefit from knowing how far they hit the ball with each club no matter their ability. Even if you think you don't hit the ball consistently well enough to bother knowing how far each club goes, it will help you with that as well because it gives you confidence knowing you have the right club and takes away the doubt that often leads to bad shots.

If you need assistance getting this info we can help!!! We professionally work out your distances using our flight scope - all you need to do is book in a 30min time with us that costs \$49.00 and we will get your distances for you. Then we will either print or email you the data so you know how far each club goes and you can choose the right club for each distance from driver to sand wedge.

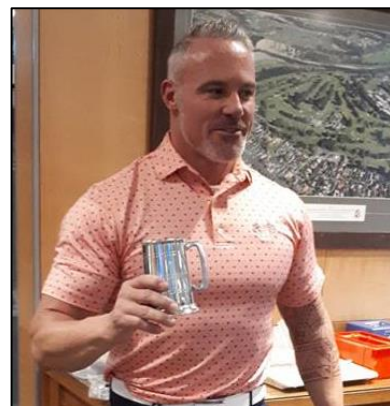
Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game please don't hesitate to ask us, we are here to help!

Your Proshop team - Alan, Andre, Ben, Lisa and Guy

MEN'S GOLF

August started with the highly sought after Craigs Investment Partners Tankard, sponsored by Ewan Westergaard. Aaron Kibblewhite "Arnie" won the August Craig Investment Partners Tankard with a stunning 46 points (net 62)!

Congratulations to Adrian Christie & Maurice Jackson (below) who have won the much sort after MacLennan four ball trophy beating Martyn Nail and Steven Charles 3 and 1.



Aaron Kibblewhite winner of the Craigs Tankard

Winner of the Lionel Abraham Trophy (played for on June 9th) was Shane Hearn (right) with net 66. Lionel Abraham cup is a 18 hole medal competition.



Average scores of top 16 qualifiers in each Division

	Senior +5 to 8.3	Intermediate 8.4 to 13.6	Junior 13.7 to 18	C-grade 18 to 36.4
2015	76.9	82.1	89.1	91.8
2016	80.6	83.6	90.3	99.5
2017	78.7	83.1	93.1	96.4
2018	75.9	83.1	90.8	97.3
Average	78.0	82.9	90.8	96.2

Score to qualify for top 16 in each Division

	Senior +5 to 8.3	Intermediate 8.4 to 13.6	Junior 13.7 to 18	C-grade 18 to 36.4
2015	82	85	91	94
2016	88	86	94	105
2017	82	86	96	103
2018	78	87	93	102
Average	82.5	86.0	93.5	101.0

Average handicap of top 16 qualifiers

	Senior +5 to 8.3	Intermediate 8.4 to 13.6	Junior 13.7 to 18	C-grade 18 to 36.4
2015	2.42	10.98	15.54	19.45
2016	3.58	11.04	16.18	22.45
2017	3.92	10.58	16.13	20.76
2018	2.60	11.17	16.32	21.82
Average	3.1	10.9	16.0	21.1

Men's Club Championship Stats

Some useless stats: Mens club champs qualifying scores

With "Placing through the green" in place during Club Champs qualifying this year I pulled some data over the previously 4 years of qualifying to see if there is any difference in scoring. Except for perhaps the Senior division there is little difference between Average score of top qualifiers, Score to make the top 16 or the Average handicap of the top 16. This year the Average scores of the Senior top 16 is 2 shots better than the average but this probably reflects the lower handicap of the top 16. It looks like having "Placing through the green" in play this has had no effect on the scoring required to make the top 16 in each division!

MEN'S GOLF CONTINUED

Congrats to those who were awarded their hole in one trophies in August



Carl Last-Harris – Hole in one on the 4th hole on 26th May



Gordon Reynolds – Hole in one on the 4th hole on 4th July



Ian van der ven – Hole in one on the 17th hole at Feilding Golf Course on 31st July

Ricoh Wanganui Open Results

A good number of club members made the trip to Belmont Golf Links in Wanganui to play in their 36-hole order-of-merit event. The oversubscribed field with 82 men and 11 women were welcomed by the early frost which turned into a corker day with a light Northwester breeze in the afternoon.

The best result for our club members was Lisa Herbert who came 3rd in the women's competition with Lily Griffin & Mudra Lakhani close on her heels. The run-away winner was Tara Raj on her home track with I think her 4th win in a row at the event. Zhuoyi Hu (Royal Wellington) who has been practicing hard at our club over recent weeks came second.

In the men's event Junior Tatana took out the win with 7 others within 4 shots. The best of our guys was Tyler Wood who has recently moved here from the Waikato. Tyler came 10th equal with rep players Greg Shaw, Regan McConaghty and Reid Perry all in the top 20.

The next order-of-merit event is the Manawatu Wanganui 36 hole open (playing for the Challenge Cup) which this year is at Feilding Golf Club on Sunday 9th September. Entry is just \$20.00 (Pros comp extra). Enter at online at mwga.co.nz/entry_results by Tuesday 4th September

Pos	Women	R1	R2	Total
1	Tara Raj	78	72	150
2	Zhuoyi Hu	74	80	154
3	Lisa Herbert	78	82	160
4	Lily Griffin	83	79	162
5	Mudra Lakhani	85	78	163
11	Rebecca Hopper	102	97	199

Pos	Men	R1	R2	Total
1	Junior Tatana	74	70	144
2	Regan Cording	73	72	145
3	Liam Finlayson	74	71	145
10=	Tyler Wood	75	76	151
16	Greg Shaw	77	78	155
18	Regan McConaghty	78	79	157
19	Reid Perry	78	79	157
33	Kaleb Idemaru	84	80	164
56	Richard Shaw	93	84	177
62	Matt Francis	91	93	184

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Finally our last Winter month is over and soon we will be leaping into Spring. September is a very busy month with all our championship matches to be played and we have 8 days blacked out with the NZ Age Group Championships and the Devil's Own.

The Mid-Week Women have had their programme altered because of Tues 4th being a practice day for the tournament. September 11th is now an LGU and Putting Round and the Pro Shop has now been shifted to the 25th September. We are also going back to a 9am start with cards in by 8.45am. The Saturday Women's programme will stay the same.

The Qualifying Rounds are now finished and the draws are up for the 3 Championships in the Card Room. Please see whom you have to play and make contact to make a play date. There will be no extensions.

The numbers for the Senior Championship are very pleasing and so there will be a flight. However the Bronze 1 and 2 numbers are not so good. So many of our players cannot commit to the dates and Finals Day.

PENNANTS

We had the final day for pennants at Levin on the 13th August and it was a beautiful sunny day. The Silver Team played Feilding and won 3.5 to 2.5 ending up 5th for 2018. Well done to all those players who took part in this competition. Rangitikei were the overall winners of this division.

The District Team also played Feilding and won 4.5 to .5 ending up 3rd overall for the season. Well done. A big thank you to all those pennant players. Pahiatua were the overall winners after a very close game against Marton.

SENIOR NINE HOLERS

This month we had a celebration for one of our Senior Nine Holers who has been a full playing member of this club for 50 years and still playing golf. It was lovely to see so many in the Conference Room after Tuesday golf to celebrate this wonderful milestone. The Celebration Cake Nicki made was a great hit with not one crumb left. We congratulate Lorna Willis for her 50 years of golf. Warren, our GM congratulated Lorna and presented her with a little memento Photo. She will join two others in this elite group to achieve the 50 years. Karen Russell and Jan Brooke.

If you know when you actually joined the club or any of your friends and think they might be near their 50 years of playing golf and still playing golf, please let the office know. It is very hard to pick this up as some of the records are so hard to read.



WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED....

Good luck to all those players in the Championship competitions and by finals Day there will be some excellent golf to follow.

October 25th Manawatu Women's Open Day. This is our only Open Day of the year so invite your golfing friends from far afield and we look forward to a big field. The flyer will be going out in a couple of weeks.

Good Golfing - Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain

Saturday Women's Report

Saturday women have made the most of the recent mild conditions to wrap up most of our cup competitions. We've had two LGU& putting days this month, won by Janine Healey and Toni Stout with 28 and 26 putts respectively. Stableford day was won by Gill Vining, Par by Eva Heinrich with an impressive 10 up and lucky bottle draw by Karen Craine. Highlight of the month though was the hole-in-one on the 4th by Christine Rose – loud celebrations from her four alerted most people out on the course to what had happened. Focus now moves to club champs, best of luck to all competing.



Linda Hill – Saturday Women's Committee

Health and Safety Corner



Please report any near misses or potential hazards to the office. We can then fix the problem to avoid any potential future injuries



NINE HOLE NEWS

Hopefully from now on the weather will improve. The draws for the Club Champs are done and on the notice board downstairs, good luck to all players participating

The finals of the Gillespie and Lavender Cups have been played Congratulations to Margaret Birchall and Doug Muir Well done!!

Our Roadie to Waimarino, Wairakei and Taupo was well supported and the weather was fantastic sure lovely to play Wairakei on such a beautiful day

We were lucky enough to have Laurel and Hardy join us on tour with a bit of entertainment, also a lovely dinner out.

We had good numbers play at Marton (Peter Yortt Memorial Foursomes) and Feilding Round Robin (which was a fun day) Some of our newer players joined us for these events and thoroughly enjoyed them

Saturday is still very full so remember if you enter and then cant play please take your name out to allow someone else the space.

Good golfing

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 July 2018

7 Day Member – Tony Webster

Under 30 – Nick Gain

Under 25 – Jack Leenards, Henry Treverton

Tertiary Member - Clio Exconde

9 Hole Member - Luis Carvalho, Hyung Sun Lee, Sang Yeol Lee, Carolina Realini

Restricted Junior – Bradley McSherry

Socail – Dave Craig

During this same period, 8 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 957 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

The time has come for us to start seriously considering the **proposed new Rules of Golf which will come in to effect January 1, 2019**. There is currently considerable behind the scenes activity involving the R&A, USGA, NZ Golf, District Associations and local golf referees in preparing for these new rules. NZ Golf has already sent very helpful material to clubs, local golf associations and referees with further materials about to be distributed in September. A series of NZ Golf run workshops on the new rules is scheduled for October which will provide an opportunity for local golf referees and others interested to be trained up to provide courses locally on the new rules. A series of local courses on the new rules (classroom presentations and practical demonstrations) is planned for November and December which we hope will be well supported. Meanwhile, **the current Rules of Golf apply to play through the rest of 2018**.

The R&A have produced an excellent site www.rules.golf entitled "Rules Modernisation: A Fundamental Revision to the Rules of Golf for 2019" which provides comprehensive information on the proposed new rules. I highly recommend members view this site. The site covers the following material:

1. Introduction to the Rules of Golf for 2019 - a series of short videos highlighting the main changes to the Rules
2. The Background to the changes in the new rules – including a historical perspective, the timing of the changes, what the combined Rules committee set out to achieve and when they will be implemented
3. Major Rule Changes for 2019
4. A link to a Resource Library – this link provides detailed information on the new rules including a full on line version of the new rules. The revised approach to the writing and presentation of the new rules, and a sample of the new Rule Book style.

I am confident this site will become the reference location for golfers of all abilities that are interested in preparing themselves for the new rules that start in 2019. Please do make yourselves familiar with this site. The clever use of short videos covering many of the new rules will assist members with their understanding of the 2019 Rules of Golf.

NEW BENCH SEAT

Thank you to Mike Tate-Davis from E3 Architects who has donated a new bench seat for the 11th tee



COURSE REPORT

I have now been in the Superintendent roll for a year and have really enjoyed the challenges that have come. Thank you to the members and visitors for their feedback, whether it may be good or bad it is always something we take notice of.

As we enter spring we all hope the weather brings warmer temperatures. The course is looking great with a hand full of wet areas where we will work on over the summer months.

First week of September brings the NZ Under 19's. The course will be a good challenge for the young up and coming golfers, with not much run and damp conditions. I encourage spectators to come out and see what the young guns have to offer. Our own Sam Smith from the greenkeeping team is putting his hand up and entering, along with other young players. We wish them well. The end of September also brings the famous Devils Own tournament, this is a good yearly event which we look forward to.

Greens are great with good dense cover. They have been solid tined, top dressed and fertilised. Please keep repairing your pitch marks, it has been great to see.

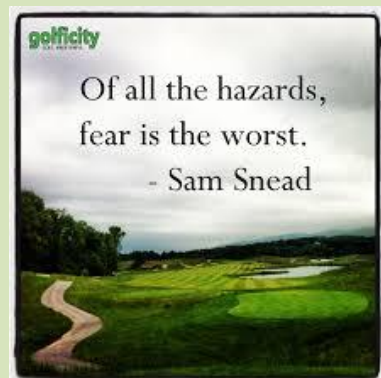
Tees have all been cored, we have yet to dethatch Par 3s and get a top dressing on. 6 or 7 surrounds have been cored so we have still got last few to complete.

Fairways have great cover on them, have been fertilised and sliced. There are areas that are wet and boggy, we are working through them. The wet spots change every year so it is a chasing game, to try and fix the moving problem.

Green keepers wish all members well in their up and coming matches and we hope visitors enjoy the great facilities. We all look forward to the warmer temperatures in the coming months. Enjoy your month whatever it may bring.

Please keep replacing your divots, repairing your pitch marks. Be aware of where you walk, drive your carts and trundlers.

Thought this was a good picture, mental game is a big part of golf. - **Kiel Stechman**



Kiel Demonstrating how to measure the "Green Speed"



The ball is placed on a special metal ramp (Stimpmeter) and is released at a particular angle/height. The distance the ball rolls is the "green speed"



The day we did this test the ball rolled 9.5 feet.



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We are pleased to announce the Manawatu Golf Club has formed a partnership with Pacific Links Golf Network providing members of the Golf Club with access to 230 + signature golf clubs in 30 countries. The Golf Club has become an “Affiliate Club” where golfers are able to play golf at other “Affiliate Clubs” without payment of a green fee and at “Reciprocal Club’s” with a payment significantly reduced green fee. A cart or caddie fee will be applicable .

Check by clicking on the link for a directory of all network Clubs.
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- Email international@thepacificlinks.cn



Sanctuary Cove - Queensland

Please enjoy the opportunity to play at some magnificent golf courses.

Programme Change Christmas Cheer - Saturday 1st December



The 2018 Xmas Cheer appears in the handbook scheduled for Saturday 8th December but should in fact be Saturday 1st December. We will be pushing out many warnings so you have time to plan the change in your diary. Saturday 1st December plan and play to win your Xmas goodies.



MANAWATU-WANGANUI EAGLES GOLFING SOCIETY

HALBERG

Charity Golf Open Tournament

Raising Funds for the
Halberg Disability Sports Foundation

To be held at the

Manawatu Golf Club

Thursday 1st November 2018

Shotgun Start 12.30pm

ENTRY
\$50

Stableford

2 Men's Divisions

1 Women's Division



Contact for entries: hugh@glendinnings.co.nz

Or post to P.O.Box 1848, Palmerston North

Individual or group entries available

Hokowhitu Café & Bar



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



We are proud to announce that we have been selected as a finalist for the Manawatu Hospitality Awards - Conference and Events Venue for 2018!!!

New Chef!



Scott Gillespie has joined the kitchen team after spending the last 12 years at the Elm.

Scott is lucky to be married to Dana who you all already know well. He also has a 15 year old son.

Scott enjoys all sports especially playing football for Northend. Scott is really enjoying the change and being here at the club!

Welcome to the team Scott!

What's on in September...

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.

September

EVENT

MIXED

WOMEN

MEN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford Stableford	2 Imlay Saunders final to be completed
3	4 Practice round for NZ Age Group Championships	5 Course Closed NZ Age Group Championships	6 Course Closed NZ Age Group Championships	7 Course Closed NZ Age Group Championships	8 Stroke 9 Hole: Par LGU & Putting	9 MacLennan Semi Consolation to be completed 1st Round Club Championships to be completed
10 MWGA Women's Club Captains Programming Meeting	11 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Par	12 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	13 Nuviev Wealth Solutions Business House	14	15 Devil's Own Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford 1st Round Club Championships to be completed Pro Shop Stableford	16 1st Round of Club Champs to be completed Imlay Saunders Consolation final to be completed
17	18 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Committee choice	19 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice	20 Thursday Club	21	22 18 Hole: Par Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Round Club Championships to be completed.	23
24	25 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	26 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	27 Devil's Own Practice Round	28 Course Closed Devil's Own	29 Course Closed Devil's Own Men's Bus Trip	30 Course Closed Devil's Own



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