

## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

We trust all members are surviving the winter and hopefully looking forward to a pleasant spring. It's fair to say it has been a fairly wet Palmerston North winter and unfortunately when the rain has come, it has regularly been on Club days where we usually have big fields and our competitions take place. The noticeable day was the washout of the second round of the men's Club Matchplay Qualifying. This is not common however and I am sure it will average out over the year. This is not only frustrating for you the golfer, but your Club also loses some of our better trading days in the Café/Bar and Pro Shop. The advantage we have is the driving range gets well utilised. We don't take closing the course lightly and only do so if we really have to. The green staff are the best to judge on this and they make these decisions in the best interests of the course and also player safety.

We are not far away from the commencement of the busy season with the Manawatu Open, Unreal Grass B Grade Championship and the Tailored NZ Par 3 Challenge. All are exciting events and always well patronised. This is a great time to showcase our course and facility with interest coming far and wide to play.

The falcons have been starting to hang about and we certainly don't want a repeat of last year's antics. Our green staff are on the lookout watching to see if the falcons have a certain tree preference at this stage but we need your assistance in identifying specific trees. If you do suspect the falcons are repeatedly landing in a specific tree, please let the office know.

The realigned 12th hole will be on track to be opened on the Club's Closing Day, Saturday November 23. There will be some remedial work to be completed and this has commenced with more work as the weather improves. The new bunker requires cutting in and the sand added plus over seeding of the tees and surrounds.

Just a reminder of the Special General Meeting Monday 2 September commencing at 5.30pm.

Good golfing everybody

Warren Collett and Brent Cawthray



## Pro Shop

I think August and July have themselves mixed up!! July is supposed to be our bad month of weather - not August!!!!

Congratulations Tim Wilkinson!! Once again Manawatu Golf Club will be put on the map on the biggest stage in golf!! This is an advertisement that we can't pay for. Many times when Tim has been on the PGA tour previously and is playing well, we hear the name Manawatu Golf Club mentioned live on TV which is broadcast around the world. Tim getting back on the PGA Tour is fantastic news for our Golf Club!! So well done to Tim! He has put in a lot of hard work over last two years to get back on the PGA Tour where he belongs - you really deserve it mate! And also (I don't want to give him too much kudos as he is self-assured enough as it is 😊) congrats to Andre for helping Tim get back there! Please [click to view the Video](#) to see Tim being presented with his 2019/2020 PGA Tour Card!

Tip of the Month: One of the parts of the game that helped Tim get back to the PGA Tour was his bunker play! He is #1 out of 154 players on the Korn Ferry tour at getting out of the bunkers and into the hole in two shots. So below are a few tips to help us be like Tim and get out of the bunkers more successfully!

### BUNKER SHOTS:

1. Play the ball off your left heel –just like your driver.
2. Open the club face so that the lines on the club face are pointing towards the toes of your left foot (like photo below). I know that having the club face like this is scary and looks wrong but in order for bunker shots to fly high, over the face of the bunker and onto the green, it MUST look like this !!
3. Hit about 6 cm behind the ball. Make sure you follow through just as you would in a normal shot – bottom picture (Timmy) !!!



### KEY MOVE

4. Hit the sand with enough force to make the sand fly out of the bunker and onto the green – otherwise the ball will not get up and over the lip in front of you !!!

**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, Lisa, Tim and Guy

## A message from the Club Captain

Congratulations to Gus Fowler who won the August Craig's Investment Partners Tankard with 42 Stableford points. Second were Lew Hirini and Nigel Tristram tied on 41 points.

The MacLennan fourball competition has finally come to an end after around 75 matches in the main draw were played to find the winners. Well done to the Green Keepers' team of James Hart and Cam Devaney who beat Lee Waller & Reid Stiven in the final. It must have been a great match as the title was decided on the 20th hole!



Gus receiving Tankard from Vice Club Captain Chris Edsall

After some issues with the weather we have found the contestants for the Men's Club Champs for 2019. Due to the inclement weather on the 2nd afternoon of Men's Club Champs qualifying (there were 49 cards classed as "Did not Finish") we decided to have a 3rd qualifying round on Saturday 24th. Without having this extra round, the overall fields for Club Champs would have been down by about 13% on 2018 entries. Please note there is NO change to the "play by date" for the first round, thus there will be THREE weekends to play the first-round matches. Please make sure your contact details are up to date on NZGolf that you can be easily contacted to arrange matches.

### Some results by Club members at various events

A number of our members were selected for Manawatu-Wanganui Golf rep teams that played against Wellington at Levin at the start of August, Regan McConaghty, Ewan Westergaard, Trent Munn, Reid Perry, Josh Sedgwick, Kaleb Idemaru, Lily Griffin, Lisa Herbert & Mudra Lakhani. Well done to Ewan & Mudra who both had 2 wins and Lisa who had a win and a half. The MWGA Women's team had a win but the Seniors, Juniors and Master teams all lost.

### Palmerston North 36 hole open

Well done to Lily Griffin who came 4th (82,79) 12 shots behind winner Tara Raj from Wanganui in the Women's event. Mudra Lakhani (85, 86) came 7th. In the Men's event Kaleb Idemaru (72, 76) came 5th, Regan McConaghty (70, 79) was 6th and Trent Munn (73, 78) was 9th. Winner was Junior Tatana (66, 75).

### Kapi Taraha 54 hole at Napier Golf Club

Again, Lily Griffin (85, 80, 85) did well coming 5th but was a wee way behind winner Tara Raj (75, 71, 75) from Wanganui. In the Men's event Trent Munn (76, 71, 73) showed he is making good progress after recovering from back surgery to come 5th, while Ewan Westergaard (67, 72, 82) struggled after a fabulous first round to come 7th. Regan McConaghty (77, 77, 77) came 18th. Winner was local big hitter Mako Thompson (69, 69, 71).

### Upcoming events

Manawatu-Wanganui Stroke Play (Challenge Cup) is at Feilding Golf Club on Sunday September 22nd, enter at [mwga.co.nz/entry](http://mwga.co.nz/entry). Event is 36 holes, \$50 entry includes lunch, 7.45am siren start.

# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

The ladies are certainly looking forward to the start of Spring and to having the benefit of more run on the course. Hopefully with the drier weather, their handicaps, which have blown out over the winter, will start to come down.

The qualifying rounds for the club championships were completed at the end of July and the draws have been placed in the locker room. The entries for the 3 divisions have been very small. Because of the reduced numbers (8 in Silver, 8 in Bronze I and 10 in Bronze II) there will be no flights and the first rounds for Silver and Bronze I do not have to be completed until October 6. Round 1 for Bronze II has to be completed by September 1 and some ladies have already played their matches.

The annual Wellington v Manawatu/Wanganui competition took place on August 6 at Levin Golf Club. The women's team performed very well, beating Wellington 9.5-6.5. Well done ladies.

## September Programme

**Tuesday starting**                      Spring Back to 9.00 am

3rd                      Par & Twos

10th                     LGU & Putting

17th                     Pro Shop Stableford ( Spring Fling – Choose your own spring colours)

24th                     LGU & Putting

## Thursday Club

5th September

12th September

The committee are busy with preparations for our **Open Day** to be held on **Thursday October 10** so keep this day free and tell your friends to come along for a very enjoyable event.

Happy Golfing - Jill Clifton, Women's Captain

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Special General Meeting  
of the Manawatu Golf Club Inc to be held on  
Monday 2nd September 2019 5:30pm at the Manawatu Golf Club  
SGM regarding the river land sale. Contact the office for details of notice.

## NINE HOLE NEWS

Here we are coffeeing again! A lot of nine holers are playing Fridays and enjoying a coffee after.

The Club Champs draw is up. Good luck to all players, especially some of our players who have entered for the first time. Make sure to just enjoy your games!

Our stableford competition (Wednesday and Saturday) are well on the way.

Some of our men played at Miramar, which they enjoyed.

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug, some of us oldies (just ones who have had a lot of contact with Marton members) were invited to play foursomes with them. It was a lovely day with golf followed by a luncheon.

Great to have Alan Maclean on the course with us again

The course has been very challenging, roll on spring.

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser & Wayne Revell

Nine Hole Convenors

## NEW FLOORING IN THE CLUBHOUSE!



As most of you may have noticed we have had new carpet and flooring installed in the clubhouse!

The old carpet was 10 years old and due to be replaced.

The clubhouse now looks refreshed and very impressive!

Thanks to the team for making the install run smoothly and thank you for your patience around the closures

## COURSE REPORT

We are now three-quarters of the way through the year. The past month has been consistent drizzle/rain with no drying days in-between. Drains that we have added or re-bored in a couple of areas, are working well. The 15th Fairway has been poor this year as well as the end of the 6th. This has been due to irrigation issues in the summer not allowing these areas to dry. The course for this time of the year has been good.

Greens have great cover and have been a consistent speed throughout the winter, rolling well. Will continue to fertilise and top dress when possible. Tees and Surrounds have a good cover, with coring happening at the end of August, this will help aerate areas going into spring and remove some thatch. Fairways have a great cover also, we have sliced, vibromoled areas to try move water. After all it is winter 😊. We have tried to stay on top of the rough growth so players can find their ball and play out of the wet areas more easily. I think that placing through the green has been great.

Congratulations to James Hart and Campbell Devaney that won their finals match in the McLennan competition, awesome achievement.

To everyone playing in club champs, GOOD LUCK 😊 (watch out for the Greenkeepers). To members and visitors, enjoy your golfing month, reach any goals you may have.

Please continue to replace your divots and repair pitchmarks. Be aware of where you are driving/walking, carts are well away from greens and tee areas. We try our best to keep carts available for play, we do our best with the weather.

Enjoy your golfing month

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



## NEW RANGE CART!

We have a new Club Car range cart here at the MGC. This will be used for the range balls and also for corporate days and other club events.

It is great to have equipment to help get the job done as efficiently and safely as possible

## Rules Corner

This month we will look at a recent incident on our course which required a ruling to ensure the correct procedure had been followed.

The incident involved a player playing the first hole, who hit his second shot into the Camelia bush behind the thirteenth green. The player and his playing partners searched (reportedly for about 1 minute) in and around this bush, including moving and shaking branches and probing the bush without finding the ball. At this stage they abandoned the search and the player was considering his options (proceeding as for a lost ball under Rule 18.1). However, before he returned to replay from the spot he had played his second shot, his original ball was seen to be on the ground immediately under the Camelia bush, apparently having fallen from the bush after the search had been abandoned (but still within the allowed 3 minute search time). The player then proceeded to play this original ball to complete the hole. The player sought a ruling as to whether he was subject to any penalty.

In ruling on this incident, we need to look carefully at Rule 7 and decide whether the actions of the player in searching for the ball were within those allowed in fairly searching for a ball. Under Rule 7.1, the player was entitled to take reasonable actions to find and identify his ball including moving or bending bushes and tree branches. Also under Rule 7.4 there is now no penalty if the ball is accidentally moved in trying to find it, and this includes moving or shaking a tree or bush if the player believed his ball may have come to rest in that tree or bush. However, if a ball at rest in a tree or bush, is successfully dislodged by the shaking, and clearly identified as the player's ball, to avoid penalty, the player would be required to replace the ball in the tree or bush (actual spot estimated if unknown) and then proceed most likely under the unplayable ball rule ((Rule19).

The ruling given in this case was that the player did not incur any penalty. This decision was based on the following:

- a) The player's search actions were deemed to be reasonable and in line with the guidelines of Rule 7.1
- b) The player's search actions did not immediately cause the ball to be dislodged from the bush
- c) In the absence of any other evidence, the ball subsequently falling from the bush was deemed to be the result of "natural" forces – not accidentally moved by the player during search
- d) The original ball was found within the allowed 3 minute search time

It is interesting to consider what the ruling would be had the original ball been dislodged from the bush during shaking, and without invoking Rule 19 (unplayable ball) played from its new spot below the Camelia bush. In this case the player would incur the general penalty (2 strokes) for having played from a wrong place – see Rule 14.7



# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in July 2019

**7 Day Member –** Terrance Marshall

Under 30 - John Southee

Tertiary - Israel Elkington

**5 Day Member –** Cody Sloman

Country - Chin Kian Gan

**9 Hole -** Jeong Eun Soon, James Kim, Tina Rush, Eun Kyung Yim

**Restricted junior –** Emily Rose

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 976 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.

## Hokowhitu Café & Bar



Keep an eye out for the upcoming Rugby World Cup Promotion in the Bar!





# What's on in September...

Please note changes to Women's calendar 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

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   |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------|--|--|
| 30     |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 1<br>Imlay Saunders Final to be completed<br>1st Round Club Championships to be completed  |
|        | 3<br>18 Hole: Par<br>9 Hole: Par | 4<br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Par | 5<br>Thursday Club | 6      | 7<br>Craigs Investment Tankard Draw<br>9 Hole: Par<br>18 Hole: Par | 8<br>MacLennan Semi Consolation to be completed  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 15<br>1st Round of Club Champs to be completed. Imlay Saunders Consolation final to be completed.                                  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 22   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 29<br>Course Closed Devil's Own  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 27<br>Course Closed Devil's Own  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 28<br>Course Closed Devil's Own<br>Men's Bus Trip<br>Sat Women's Bus   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 29<br>Course Closed Devil's Own  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 26<br>Devil's Own Practice Round   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 25<br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Stroke, LGU   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 24<br>18 Hole: LGU & Putting<br>9 Hole: Stableford   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 23   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 20   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 19<br>Nuvview Wealth Solutions Business House  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 18<br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Committee Choice  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 17<br>18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford<br>9 Hole: Committee choice   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 16   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 14<br>Devil's Own Stableford<br>9 Hole: Stableford<br>1st Round Club Championships to be completed<br>18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 13   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 12<br>Thursday Club  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 11<br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Stableford  |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 10<br>18 Hole: LGU & Putting<br>9 Hole: Stableford   |
|        |                                  |   |                    |        |  | 9<br>Women's Club Captains' Programme Day  |



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