

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hosting the Michael Higgins Memorial Golf Day is one of the highlights of the year for both the Manawatu Golf Club and me personally. It was quite incredible to hear this week that the event raised \$145,000 for Arohanui Hospice – it is humbling to see the generosity and support from our community. Thank you to everyone who played, sponsored, organised or contributed to such a wonderful event.

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Governance Information Evening on March 28<sup>th</sup>, it was good to see a wide representation from our membership and the presentation from Terry Kilmister was really very interesting. Terry is an independent expert in governance and governance structure and someone who has a long association with the club. He presented about current best practice, and for him to share stories of both strong and weak governance structures brought to life the need for Governance review. We also received a contribution to the meeting from Dean Murphy (GM of Golf NZ) reaffirming the need for review and the process for change. The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 also requires us to change. It is up to our membership to decide what form of change we embrace. It was really reassuring that Terry was able to spend some time with our MGC Governance review committee going over the proposal at an in-depth level. The Governance Review committee confirmed that the proposal is a living document, and it is through review and feedback that the team will have the final proposal presented to the membership before the June 19<sup>th</sup> Special General Meeting.

The March Committee meeting was full of reports of progress and plans, and there is a lot going on at the club. All of us – especially us shankers of the world – may have noticed the large hole in the ground by the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. This is the footprint for the Cart Shed with progress being made on the foundations.

The Course and Match committees reported a summary of the activities in their respective areas, and we are fortunate to have strong leaders and members of these sub committees. To ensure the membership are kept well informed, I have asked James to put a link to the minutes of the subcommittee minutes on the MGC website.

Of constant concern from members is the speed of play - especially on a Saturday. This is an operational rather than a Presidential matter, but if I could please ask anyone who has a tee time on a Saturday to ensure they are at the course in good time. This would allow them to register at the Pro Shop at least 5 minutes before their allotted tee time – this is in our MGC playing conditions. The Pro Shop and our great volunteers will continue to call players to the tee, and if, for example your tee time is 11.37am, you should be on the tee by 11.30am and the first player should be teeing off (if safe to do so) at 11.37am. There is also a burden of responsibility on the players on the course to move as quickly as possible – especially at the start of your round - to ensure tee times can be adhered to.



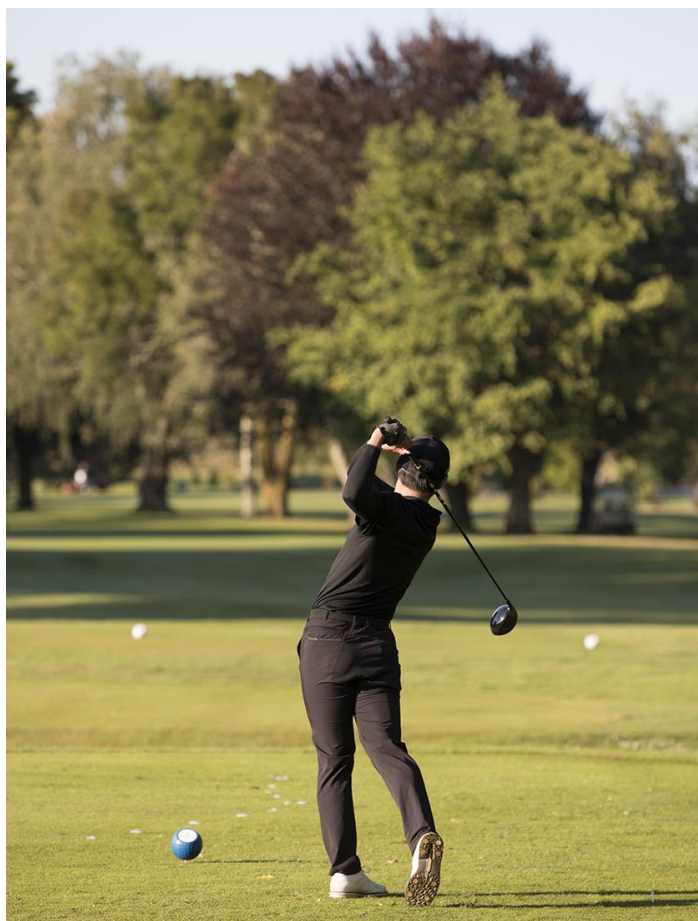
I'm looking forward to playing off the BMW Black Tees this Saturday in our 'Golfing for Gabriel' Fundraiser. GolfNZ has asked every club to lead a fundraising initiative to support those in our golf community who were so badly affected in February. MGC has partnered with Manawatu BMW and the first prize for the lowest net on Saturday is incredible and valued at over \$1000! I look forward to receiving a new BMW for the weekend and heading across to the Hawkes Bay to enjoy the luxury accommodation as I have been working quite hard recently to ensure my handicap reflects my true ability; this puts me in a good position for the event on Saturday. I encourage everyone who can, to enter the \$20 Haggie with all funds going to the 'Golfing for Gabriel' fundraiser.

We were all saddened to hear that one of our long serving and valued staff members was involved in a serious motorbike accident when riding home from work at the Golf Club on Friday night. Deb has been with us since 2015 and plays a vital role in the kitchen. She was flown to Wellington Hospital on Friday night, and I will keep you posted on her recovery. Our thoughts are with Debbie's family and colleagues. Naturally MGC and the team will do everything we can to support Deb at this challenging time.

All the best with your golf in April, it is often the best time of the year with settled weather, beautiful greens and still plenty of run on the fairways (if you choose to use them). The course is busy with a variety of events, and I encourage you to make the most of every golfing and dining opportunity.

Happy Easter

Brent Cawthray  
**MGC President**



## Governance Review Report

The following dates for information evenings and the SGM have been set. All meetings are held at the Manawatu Golf Club.

**Information Evening #2 for Governance Review  
Thursday May 4th at 6.15pm**

**MGC Special General Meeting for Governance  
Review Vote June 19th at 6pm**

Here is a link to the Governance Review Document, if you would like a print out of the document please pop into the MGC Office.

[Governance Review Report Sep 2022\[54\].pdf](#)

## GENERAL MANAGER REPORT 2023

The month of March has presented many opportunities for change; whether this be a change in the weather, a change to playing conditions, a change to staff or the opportunity for Governance change. My role as GM is to embrace and navigate this change and steer the club in the direction which will fulfil our mission “To be a club members are **proud** of, and **enjoy** belonging to”.

Every member can be proud of the role MGC plays in the community by providing a place for members and guests to enjoy high quality dining, a great social atmosphere, and most importantly an outstanding golf course. This month the Australian Golf Digest ranked Manawatu as the 27<sup>th</sup> best course in New Zealand –this has caused quite some debate amongst members and staff. The criteria for course rating included “How it plays for a **scratch** golfer”. Given that the MGC only actually has 11 Scratch golfers out of 1150 Members, it may seem a weird criteria to rank a course. However, it is always good to see where we stand, and it was even more interesting to chat with one of our members who was one of a group of assessors involved in the ranking process. He was able to confirm that the factors that are taken into consideration when voting include the Aesthetics, Resistance to scoring, Shot Value, Design Variety, Memorability, Conditioning and Ambience. I am sure we scored highly on conditioning and ambience as our course is in great condition as I have yet to visit a course with a better café or members. When we look closely at the top 50, and we compare ourselves to similar clubs – rather than the privately owned courses like Tara Iti, Kidnappers, The Hills and Millbrook - it is safe to say we rank as one of the Top 5 Clubs in NZ – which I am very proud of.

MGC Golf Pro Andre White is on an adventure most of us have on our bucket list – this weekend

he is walking the hallowed fairways at the Masters in Augusta. When Andre returns to MGC on May 1<sup>st</sup>, he will be taking on a new role with the MGC as Operations Manager. This is a new and significantly different role, and we are fortunate to have someone with Andre's experience and expertise in this important position. Andre will take responsibility for the logistics and operations of all golf played at MGC. Andre will work closely with Convenors on start sheets and formats, he is the key point of contact for any member or guest with enquiries around playing golf and making bookings and he will continue to be the outstanding host of our Corporate Golf Day programme. Andre will still be available for lessons (5 hours per week) as part of his role, and I would encourage any members who wants to work with Andre to book early. The Operations Manager Role is a 25 hour a week role and Andre will be onsite from 7am-12pm Monday to Friday. Andre's new role is part of a restructure and review of our Pro Shop Staffing structure. We have such good people in the Pro Shop Team, and the restructure has taken place to ensure we have the best people in the best roles. The goal is to ensure we retain our excellent staff and that we can extend the offering of programmes and lessons and increase our engagement with members.



# MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Alan is the leader of our Pro Shop Team. His role – Head Golf Pro - is responsible for staffing, golf programmes, lessons, coaching and pro shop performance. The reduction of admin hours that will result from the new Operation Manager's role, will free Alan up to offer increased number of lessons, programmes and allow for greater engagement with our members and guests. Tim will move into an expanded 2IC Role in the Pro Shop Team and we are currently reviewing the design and delivery of the MGC Junior Golf Programme with Brydie continuing to lead the excellent work in this area.

We have employed Daniel Haretuku as a new Trainee Professional. Dan has been with MGC for the last 2 months as a retail assistant and we have been impressed by how he has fitted in to the team. Dan played in the Super 6s and he came to us with aspirations to start his traineeship with MGC and we are happy to offer him that opportunity. It provides good continuity with Brydie coming to the end of her trainee period and we feel Dan could grow into a valuable team member. Guy completes the team working in Pro Shop Retail and we all enjoy the charisma he brings to the team.

We have also made changes in our Greens team. Scott Hamilton has been with us since August 2022, as part of the Greens team, and he has proven to be a great recruit. His relaxed and personable manner provides good balance to the team and Scott has recently moved to an official 2IC role.

Sadly we are also preparing for changes in our Office Admin team. One of our key leaders - Caroline McCartin (Finance and Admin Manager) has indicated she will finish in her current role in June. Caroline has so much knowledge and financial responsibility within the club and this will be impossible to replace. A reflection of Caroline's professionalism and huge commitment to the club is that she has given us plenty of notice and is happy to help us through the transition to a new Finance Manager and she will ensure this is a seamless process. I cannot thank Caroline enough for the role she played with my onboarding into the GM role and the vital role she played in the time the club had without a GM last year. Before Caroline finishes she will also ensure the club meets our Debenture process commitments as summarised in this

newsletter. A fitting testimonial to Caroline will appear in the June Newsletter.

April is a wonderful month for events and the key dates are highlighted in this Newsletter. We hosted a very successful Tailored NZ Par 3 event on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and we look forward to hosting the JA Russell Corporate day, the PNBHS Golf Event and the Rotary Golf Fundraiser in April.

I hope you have the chance to either play or watch some golf over the Easter weekend. Thank you for your support of the Manawatu Golf Club; please let me know if we are doing well working toward the goal of providing a club that members are proud of, and enjoy belonging to.

Ngā mihi

James Lovegrove  
**General Manager**



*Presenting John Stevens with his 50+ years membership plaque*

# MICHAEL HIGGINS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dear James,

The Michael Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament has for 14 years' been a pivotal event in our fundraising calendar and the 2023 tournament has certainly become one to remember.

We truly felt that all the stars had aligned for this day's success, incredible sponsors, loyal participants and supporters, a well-oiled team and to top it off the most stunning of days to be out on the course.

We are beyond delighted to be able to share with you that this year's event was the most successful tournament to date raising a total of \$145,000 for Arohanui Hospice services.

The success of this event is a credit, not to the celestial alignment that day, but to you and your generosity, your partnership, and your participation for which we are entirely humbled.

It is thanks to your contribution that these funds will be available to make a genuine difference in the lives of the patients and families we care for, allowing us to continue delivering care at no cost to those in our community who need it the most.

We would also like to extend a special note of congratulations to the winners of the 1st Division team, Courtesy Ford, and the 2nd Division team, MKM. Well done teams, thank you for sharing your talents with us.

On behalf of the Arohanui Hospice Foundation team, we feel incredibly privileged to do the work we do to raise the much-needed funds to support Arohanui Hospice Services and we are sincerely grateful to our community who partner with us to achieve our goals.

We very much look forward to your continued involvement in the future.

With our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

***Aroha mai, aroha atu | Love received, love returned.***

Warm regards,

**Kellie Montgomerie**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

March was a busy month for golfers, with the summer competitions reaching the finals, along with the autumn and winter competitions beginning.

I have had a few queries about various concerns regarding match play, matches and general enquiries about golf and the Club. So, this is a good time to get into the office or the cardroom and grab a copy of the **2023 Programme Booklet**. This covers all golf matters and is a great guide for new members, and the not so informed golfers in our Club. So take a lead and “get informed”.

The Match Committee has signed off the **Match Policy Document** and a copy of this is in the card room. I suggest you all familiarize yourselves with it to avoid any confusion around the playing of matches etc.

No time extensions will be given except for course closures. If both parties cannot reach an agreement on playing date, the playing date will be set by the Match Committee. The default position (for Saturday played matches) is that the match will be played in the earliest available time slot in the afternoon field on the last Saturday prior to the “play by date.” The winner is to enter the match result in the Card Room draw. Failure to do so will attract the same penalty as for an un-played match.

### Speed of Play

Slow play and the speed of play continues to be an issue on busy days, so make sure to get to your tee at least 5 minutes before your tee time.

### Craigs Investment Partners Tankard 4<sup>th</sup> March

Very well done to Rob Bringham who won the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard for March. Amazing scoring on the day. Rob won with 41 points on countback from Tony Paterson, Phil Belk & Mark Smith who all also had 41 points.



*Rob Bringham*

### Men’s Summer Singles Final - Nolan Rosebowl

Congratulations to Campbell Ogilvie who won the Nolan Rosebowl for the Men's summer singles match-play competition on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, beating Lyall Schroder 4 and 3. Campbell had to give 19 shots so very well done Lyall

It was a good day for Campbell, also winning well in the Club Haggles with the Best gross (73), a Two and first place in Division 1 with 38 points!



*Campbell Ogilvie*

# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

## Men's Summer Fourball Final - Isaacs Cup

The summer fourball final for the Isaacs Cup was played 11th March between Dave Boswell & Andrew Daubney and Greg & Richard Shaw. In what was a very close match, the father & son Shaw combination won 1up. The match included 5 birdies and an eagle on the 12th by Greg!.

Well done to these passionate Golf Club members.



## Memorial Day - John "Chopper" Christie Trophy

Congratulations to Tony Webster who tore the field apart on Saturday 18th March to win the annual Memorial Day men's stableford competition.

He won with 45 stableford points to easily win by 6 points. He was keen to learn the history of this trophy and honoured to win it.



## Captains v Presidents Day - Arnaud Barraud Trophy

The annual Captains versus Presidents Cup competition for afternoon men was held on Saturday 25th March in quite windy conditions.

The format was the average Par for each of the 32 players per team.

Congratulations to the Captains team lead by Alan Savell who won over the Presidents team lead by Brent Cawthray.



## Men's Interclub Results:-

**12th March** It was Manawatu Golf Club's turn to host Men's A & B grade and Championship women's pennants on Sunday.

The A-grade men hosted a very determined Foxton who won the morning foursomes 2 to 1. With the wind getting up in the afternoon some close single matches ensued. First result in was Greg Shaw beating Barry Peta 5 & 3, with 4 of those wins coming in the last 5 holes. Angus Findlay then beat Adam Orłowski 4 & 3, while Mitchell Proctor went down 2 & 1 to Nigel Cuthill. Craig Nash beat Lance Knowles 3 & 1 while Micah Bremner birdied the last for a half against Denzil-Viper Tatana. Ewan Westergaard was 2 up with 2 to play but Foxton's number one, Anthony Ilton-Maher fought back to secure a half on the 18th hole. Final result 3.

Manawatu 5, Foxton 4.

The Men's B & D grade teams had byes for round 3.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

**26<sup>th</sup> March** A tough day for the Men's team in the 4th round of pennants, but thankfully the ladies saved the day.

In the Mens A-grade, we went down 1-2 in the foursomes to Palmerston North. In the singles Ewan Westergaard won 2&1 & Mitchell Proctor won 5&3 but losses by Angus Findlay 6&4, , Greg Shaw 3&2, Craig Nash 2&1 and Micah Bremner 7&6 saw us lose heavily 3 to 6 against Palmerston North.

In the B-grade we went down 1-2 in the foursomes to Marton. In the singles Brett Edmonds tied. Willie Steer lost 4&3, Shane Hearn won 5&4, Brett Doolan lost 4&3, James Saywell-Summer lost 3&2 and Mark Denton tied. End result Marton 6 Manawatu 3.

At Linton the Mens D-grade team lost 2.5 to 3.5 to Feilding 2, but it was very close. Bradley Morgan lost 1 down, Richard Shaw won 2&1, Mike Smith won 3&2, Jack Clarke tied, Brian Spencer lost 2&1 and Kaleb Fagan lost 1 down. Four teams are all tied in first place in their division going into the final round.

## President's Team Results

**5<sup>th</sup> March** On Sunday our Men's Presidents team hosted Rangitikei. In the fourball best ball Manawatu prevailed 2.5 to 1.5 while in the singles we also prevailed 5 to 3 to win 7.5 to 4.5. The overall match came down to the final pairings, with Gus Fowler and Ian Craig clinching the match with 3 wins.

As always Manawatu was the best looking team. Team was Creagh Eising, Nathan Sycamore, Peter Stewart, Rudy Van Der Westhuizen, Brendan Hapeta, Dave Biswell, Ian Craig & Gus Fowler!

**19<sup>th</sup> March** Our Presidents travelled to Rangitikei to play Marton last Sunday. After a great win at home in the previous round, according to Boz our team fought gallantly before succumbing 4 to 8. But we still looked the best dressed team.

Good golfing to all members.

Alan Savell  
**Club Captain**





# WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Mad March is over, and we head into April.

Before we go here's a catch up of what March had to offer us.

Our Pennant teams had some great results, good results and tough results.

Monday Pennants had a great win at Palmerston North winning against Levin who had started the season with two wins, so congratulations team. The team are sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division, halfway, with the next round at Whanganui against Castlecliff so it was a team building van trip. Unfortunately the van trip didn't help, as the team returned with a loss and a little wind burn.

Weekend pennants had a good win at Whanganui against Pahiatua with neither Jo Taylor or Rhea Hazners ever having played there, but maybe that's the secret as Jo and Linda Hill played at Linton Camp similarly and brought home the full points, a terrific result. This puts the team 4<sup>th</sup> on the table with three rounds to play. 16<sup>th</sup> April is their next round at Rangitikei against Wanganui who also sit 4<sup>th</sup> but back on game points.

The third and fourth rounds for Championship pennants have now been played with both teams

winning at home. Lisa and Lindy (Red) had a great win against Feilding and Casey and Steph (White) also won against Palmerston North. The fourth round was played at Foxton with Lisa and Leander having a tough match against the Wanganui team of Tara and Sera Raj while Casey and Steph had easy wins against Rangitikei/Marton. The final round 23<sup>rd</sup> April will see the White team up against Wanganui and Red team against Palmerston North at Palmerston North. This round is a battle to make the final as we have our White team second and our Red team 3<sup>rd</sup> with Wanganui at the top.

All the best teams!!

The national teams event was played in March with the four best net scores making the team. Lorraine Stachurski, net 69, Deb Archer and Chrys Cabraal net 72 and Angela Pivac net 74. Edna Short will be the reserve also on net 74. All the best to the team playing at Pahiatua April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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# WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

On the last Tuesday of March, 12 women ignored the weather forecast and played the Nancy MacCormick foursomes. This is alternate shots so if you put your partner in the bunker they happily get out! It wasn't until the 36<sup>th</sup> hole when the rain proper came down for the last group, so hey, it could have been worse. One pair, who will remain nameless, played well in the morning and then crashed and burned in the afternoon. Another pair couldn't get going in the morning but came to the fore in the afternoon. Two other pairs were consistent but the winning two pairs played 1 under their handicap in the morning 73, and just 2 over, 76 in the afternoon. Congratulations to Lisa Herbert and Lindy Wheeler and Elizabeth Lander and Helen Weber, equal winners!! These scores go through to the district and from there the best in the district go through to Golf NZ so good luck.

The first weekend of April Lisa Herbert played for Manawatu Wanganui in the NZ women's Masters. Congratulations to Lisa who captained the team of four playing at Otaki. It was a tough few days playing Gross Stableford with the team finishing 10<sup>th</sup>.

Further on in April is the Autumn Mixer for all of our women and girl golfers. This is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and a poster will be out shortly. The format will be a four person Ambrose so a fun team event. Feel free to let us know if you want to play with a particular person! In the meantime, if you are keen to have a fun afternoon of golf, and enjoy a drink and nibbles afterwards, keep that Sunday free, send your names through and we can make sure we have enough tee times for everyone.

See you then.

Deb Archer  
**Women's Club Captain**





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Manawatu Golf Club Women's Committee invites

**ALL MGC WOMEN GOLFERS**

To the

**ANNUAL AUTUMN MIXER**

**AMBROSE TOURNAMENT**

on

**Sunday 23 April 2022**

**First Tee off 12:30pm**

Enjoy an afternoon celebrating Women's Golf at MGC

### **4-person Ambrose**

Novelty competitions include longest drive and closest to the pin  
(3 divisions including New to Golf).

Concluding in the clubhouse with nibbles, cash bar, and prizes.

Entry Fee is \$10 per person (payable on the day)

Enter at <https://forms.gle/4LDg21S5Caxxi6go6>

or on the entry forms in the Card Room or Ladies Locker Room

Contact Natasha ([natashameyer06@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:natashameyer06@yahoo.co.nz)) or Deb ([archer@inspire.net.nz](mailto:archer@inspire.net.nz)) for more info

## COURSE NEWS

Another month down, which means another month closer to our favourite season.... WINTER!!!!, March brought about a busy time for us. The tees were cored, scarified, topdressed and are recovering nicely and will continue to improve over the next month. As we had a few disruptions through the month we have been unable to get the fairways scarified at this stage, but this is going to be scheduled in to be done in the coming month, with updates given when the dates are locked in. Surrounds are to be cored on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, this will have little impact on playability. Renovations are an important part of turf quality.

Also, in the month of March the construction of the new mounds between the 6<sup>th</sup> tee and 7<sup>th</sup> fairway came together. They look awesome and have really added some definition between the two holes, we cannot wait until the grass takes and becomes a nice new feature on the course.

We are working on a bunker plan to trial over the coming year. The bunkers we will be working on are the 2 on number 11. When dates are locked in for the trial to begin, we will notify the members 😊.

Scott Hamilton has now been promoted to 2ic, this is a step in the right direction for Scott to develop more to his skill set & will also be an asset to the course team. Matthew Precious is starting his paperwork as an apprentice greenkeeper.

With the cold weather around the corner & the wetter months ahead, please take care & follow the cart rules. Please continue to replace your divots & repair your pitch marks 😊. The greenkeeping team wish all members & visitors well in the coming month of golf.



## HOLE IN ONE



Congratulations to Margaret Read on her hole in one!

**11<sup>th</sup> Hole**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

## SURVEY

The Miramar Golf Club, located beside the Wellington Airport, is looking at the possibility of redeveloping the clubhouse and golf course.

There are many exciting new facilities that they are investigating, and would like to survey golf players and golf enthusiasts throughout New Zealand to see if they would use these possible new facilities if they were to find themselves in Wellington at any stage in the future.

Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated. [Click here to participate in the survey](#)

## DEBENTURES UPDATE

This year we are repaying \$50,000 of Debentures. The process will take place in June with a random draw conducted by officers of the MGC full committee. Members whose debentures are drawn will receive notification and offered a choice of payment method.

In addition, there are a small number of members who are interested in buying debentures, so if you would like to relinquish your debentures at face value to another member, please contact the Finance and Administration Manager, Caroline McCartin at [office@manawatugolfclub.com](mailto:office@manawatugolfclub.com) Such transfers will be carried out after the results of the draw have been administered and are subject to having sufficient buyers.

# BMW Black Tees are in play this Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April for the Club Hagggle \$20

(Men from the Black Tees, Ladies from the Red Tees)

This is an MGC fundraiser to support the Golf NZ Golfing for Gabriele initiative to support those in our golf community affected by Cyclone Gabriel.

All funds raised from the MGC Hagggle go directly to those affected in the Golf community by the cyclone.

The winner on the day (lowest net) will win an amazing BMW experience, this includes:

A BMW car for the weekend and a night for two at The Manse Luxury Lodge  
<https://www.themanse.co.nz/>  
with dinner and breakfast for 2 people

Manawatu



**The package is valued at over \$1000!**

- There will be other minor prizes provided by the MGC but the main prize is really worth winning.
- For those that do not wish to play off the Black tees, they can still make a donation at the Pro Shop to the fundraising and play from the Blue tee if they wish (but not be eligible for the prize pool)
- We plan to have the Club Hagggle played off the Black Tees 4 x per year to coincide with the Saturday of a Golf Major



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## GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone,

It's a sad time for golf tragics like us in the Golf Shop. Daylight savings has finished, which means no more golf after work!!! It's been great over the summer period to see so many of you taking the opportunity to use the golf course in the evening.

**Manawatu McDonalds Junior Masters:** This is one of two annual Junior Tournaments we have been running for 15 years. It's an awesome event that NZ Golf & many other clubs have adopted for their own events. We have amazing sponsors who have been involved from the very beginning: Justin & Kelly Leck (McDonalds Manawatu - Major sponsor) and also Vicki & Shane (CookieTime Manawatu). It will be another awesome event in May with around 70 junior golfers of various abilities travelling from all around the North Island to compete.



### Tip of the month: Does it matter what golf ball I use?

We get asked this question a lot, and the answer is yes! The type of golf ball you use can make a difference to how you score and how far you hit the ball.

1. **What ball should I play?** If you are uncertain of what type of golf ball you should use, we are here to help. We are trained to know what golf ball is best for each individual golfer. Secondly, try these links: [Golf Ball Selector](#) | [Find the Right Golf Ball](#) | [Titleist / Golf Ball Fitting - Find the Ball for You](#) - [Bridgestone Golf](#). These links will also help to determine if you are playing the right type of ball regardless of brand.

2. **Some misconceptions answered:**  
**#1)** Sometimes soft written on the ball does not mean more spin. It is actually a very low spin ball around the greens, meaning you have less control with your short game. **#2)** "I'm not good enough to play the high-end golf balls." No matter your skill level, the high-end golf balls, for example the Titleist Pro v1 & Pro v1x, in each brand are the best golf balls full stop. These balls have the best combination of distance off the tee and control around the greens.

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

**Your Pro Shop Team**

**Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, Guy & Daniel**

# MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

We have had a very busy month and thank goodness the weather has been kind.

We hosted the "Doug Muir Memorial Tournament" this was a huge success, and which will be an annual event. The winners of the lovely trophy was Leanne and Phil Blummont & Vicky and Kevin Bryson who will be the first to get their name on the trophy.

All proceeds made from entry fees, raffles and putting competition, amounting to \$2,135.00 was donated to "Rescue Helicopter".

Many thanks to all those that helped make this a special event.

Marion hosted their Open Day with Murray and Judy Crawford bringing home prizes.

We hosted our own "Round Robin" which was another successful day.

Men's Div 1.	- 1st.	Barry Rolle.	Nett 31
	- 2nd.	Wayne Revell	32
Men's Div 2.	- 4th.	Don Lavender	36 (on countback)
Ladies Div 1.	- 1st.	Liz Leong.	31
	2nd.	Anne Flipp.	31 (on countback)
	3rd.	Margaret Birchall	34 (on countback)
Ladies Div 2.	1st.	Colleen Fraser.	34

Well done Manawatu you did us proud !!!

Rangatira had a very successful Open Day a very big field

Men's Div 1.	- 1st.	Murray Crawford
Ladies Div 1.	- 4th.	Barbara Smith (on countback)
Div 2.	- 2nd.	Anne Flipp (on countback)

Levin Foursomes Tournament

Ladies winning the shield:

Anne Flipp and Tarnea Leslie

3rd. Judy Crawford and Yeng Sam

Men's. 3rd. Murray Crawford and Wayne Revell

The Walker/Georgel Cup is up to Round 2. Good luck to those players still in this competition.

Good golfing everyone.

Colleen Fraser



# WHATS ON IN APRIL

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.

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## April

SUNDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
<b>2</b> TailoredNZ Par 3 Golf Day	<b>7</b> Good Friday	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b> Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>4</b> LGU & Putting	<b>3</b>
<b>1</b> Craigs Investment Tankard Draw S'ford Round 2 B&A and Watson Cup to be completed 9 Hole: Par LGU & Putting	<b>8</b> Stroke, Bye Round, MacLennan to be completed Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>13</b> Thursday Club	<b>12</b> Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 2 Entries open for Lavender/Gillespie Cups	<b>11</b> Stableford	<b>10</b> Easter Monday
<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b> Yorb Business House	<b>19</b> Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>18</b> Par	<b>17</b>
<b>15</b> Stableford Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 2	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b> Thursday Club	<b>26</b> Wade Cup: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford, Entries close for Lavender/Gillespie Cups	<b>25</b> Anzac Day	<b>24</b>
<b>16</b> Rotary Golf Tournament (Fundraiser)	<b>22</b> Par, Rd 3 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b> Stroke 9 Hole: Stableford LGU National Home Links		
<b>23</b> Autumn Mixer	<b>29</b> Stroke 9 Hole: Stableford LGU National Home Links	<b>30</b> PNBHS Old Boys Tournament			

### Please note the following events and date changes:

#### Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

TailoredNZ Par 3 Competition 11.30am start time. For members the course is open for a 7am shot gun start.

#### Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Black Tee Day for the Club Haggie – all money raised will go to the GolfNZ initiative Golfing for Gabrielle which is supporting golfing communities who were so severely effected by the Weather bombs in Feb and March – more info can be found here <https://www.golf.co.nz/news-detail?newsarticleid=28734&tags=null>

#### Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>

JA Russell Golf Day – course closed for the day

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Rotary Golf Day (PM)

#### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April

The Women's Refuge Golf Event is no longer taking place on April 21 (course is open)

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

PNBHS Golf Day (PM)

#### May

ManWang Golf have requested, and MGC have approved, that the Manawatu Open will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> (not May 21<sup>st</sup> as appears in the programme)



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