



August 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The winter months are well and truly set in, however our course manages to be very accessible and enjoyable to play for golfers of all abilities. July saw two frost delays and one minor delay after some heavy rain and flash flooding. Despite the weather the course is still in excellent condition.

Planning is already underway for the 2022 Brian Green Property Group Super 6's event. Golf New Zealand, in partnership with the PGA are working through confirmed dates for the 2022 calendar, so we hope to confirm this in early August. We will shortly be calling for registration of interest for volunteers to help in a variety of roles for the Super 6's. We hope if you have assisted before you are available again for next year's event, and welcome those who would like to like volunteer in any capacity – we certainly will have a job for you to do.

We have spent some time reviewing our bar offerings and what products are available across our bar and beverages menu. Some members will know we currently have supply contracts in place with both Dominion Breweries and Lion, allowing us to offer a variety of tap and pack beers, wine, and spirits. We don't currently have the flexibility of a Free House, to bring in other craft beers like local brewery Brew Union, so we are working with DB and Lion to freshen up the bar options, whilst maintaining your old favourites. Watch this space for some new options soon.

The Committee has met again with our club architect, Grant Puddicombe. Several future design concepts are being investigated and considered, including future developments to the driving range, and incorporating new technologies. However, we are still some time away from presenting these to the membership. Grant Puddicombe will continue to provide us with advice and recommendations.

The car park sealing project is now complete. We would like to thank Tony Trass and the Higgins team for their excellent work on this project. The outcome is a top-quality car park, providing quality surfaces all year round.

The final stages of planning are near completion for the new Cart Shed. This is to be located adjacent to the Green Keepers building, near the new sealed car park. This building is supplied by Versatile and will enable all carts to be relocated from the club hours basement, storage area. We will provide you with updates on completion dates in next month's newsletter.

We have seen an increase in the number on unrepaired pitch marks and divots on the course, throughout the week. Please remember to take responsibility to repair your pitch marks and replace divots.

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We have a new staff member joining us in August. Cheycoda Cocks will be starting in Pro Shop as Golf Operations Assistant. Cheycoda is originally from the Wairarapa, an avid golfer and is looking forward to starting her new role. Please call into the Pro Shop and introduce yourself. Cheycoda starts her role 11 August.

A reminder, that if you have any questions for the management of the Club or for the Committee, feel free to contact Brent or Chris via email, or in person at the Club. Chris is available for anybody to drop in anytime, or specifically if you want to come into the Club for a chat, discuss an idea or an issue, then you will find Chris in the café, 10.00am each Friday morning, ready to meet and discuss issues with the members.

Finally, last month we mentioned that the money from the sale of the river land was with our lawyers. Well, it is still there! We are expecting payment any day now.

We hope you enjoy a great month at the Club.

Brent Cawthray (President) and Chris Wilson (General Manager)



Results of the Debenture Draw held 21st June 2021

The Debenture Draw of 100 random numbers resulted in

- \$50,000 repaid to members' bank accounts
- \$10,000 repaid to members' House accounts
- \$13,000 used for members' subscriptions (when next due)
- \$1,000 donated

The remaining \$26,000 were deferred and so a second draw of 34 random numbers was completed with the following results

- \$18,000 repaid to members' bank accounts
- \$7,000 repaid to members' House accounts
- \$1,000 used for members' subscriptions (when next due)

In addition, another \$13,000 debentures have been transferred from resigned members to current members.

All those requesting repayment have received the funds and the balance of debentures owing is now \$683,250

Pro Shop

Hi everyone,

I'm pleased to announce that we have a new staff member, Cheycoda Cocks, joining our team. Cheycoda is from Masterton and has played representative golf for Wellington. She is currently in her last year studying at Massey. Cheycoda will be starting on the 11th of August and I'm sure you will all make her feel welcome. [Article on Cheycoda from Wairarapa Times](#)

Covid-19 has caused massive delays in sourcing products, just as it has had an effect on other industries. So far, we have managed well and are very well-stocked in all areas, except push trundlers. You may have noticed the empty space in the shop where these normally are. They were supposed to arrive in early July, but have been pushed back to August. So, if you are after a push trundler, please come and see us as customers are pre-ordering them

Tip of the month: Having trouble consistently striking your irons or hybrids off the ground? These two drills could make all the difference.

#1) Stop the dreaded big ball before the little ball syndrome: Place a towel 4 - 6 inches behind your ball (like in the photo). The aim of this drill is to hit the ball and the ground but miss the towel. This drill is fantastic at working on your low point at impact being in the correct spot and fixes hitting the ground before the ball and also hitting the ball thin.



#2) Centre Strike: If you struggle with off centre strikes on the club face, then this one's for you!! Set up two tees (or on mats you can use alignment sticks). The aim of this drill is to hit the ball and miss the tees (Like Photo). This is great for feedback and you will find that by just doing this drill and reacting to the outcome, you will improve your strike pattern on the club face and find more centre strikes. This will improve accuracy and distance.



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, Tim & Brydie.

A message from the Club Captain

Thanks to the 25 or so men who ventured over to Palmerston North for our annual interclub. We actually put-up better scores than some recent trips to our neighbours, losing 29.92 to 31.62 average stableford points. Well done to our ladies winning at home.

The July Craigs Investment Partners Tankard winner was Brendan Hapeta with 44 points.

Congratulations to the members selected for Manawatu-Wanganui's first representative clash for the season against Wellington. In the Senior men, Kaleb Idemaru, Sam Smith, Angus Findlay, Rhys Harold and Ewan Westergaard. In the Senior Women, Lisa Herbert and the Boys, Kaleb Fagan.

The recent club survey provided some good material for me and the match committee to work on. Not unexpected was issues with pace of play especially on Wednesday, Saturday and also Sundays. Alongside this was the lack of care of the course by those who use it. You will note the new signage at some bunkers and expect to see some other initiatives in the coming months.



Brendan Hapeta

Pace of play

With an increasing membership and people not able to go overseas for holidays, it's not surprising that we are seeing full fields on some days of the week. Some of the feedback in the club survey suggests that it's the committee's issue to deal with. In my opinion it's everyone's issue. The guidance provided by the R&A suggests we should be teeing off in 8 or better still 10-minute intervals for 4-ball groups. However, that would result in 16-32 less players on the course on a Saturday for example. We will marshal the course when we can. Please don't be grumpy if we suggest that your group needs to move more quickly, because there is likely to be 50-60 other grumpy golfers waiting behind you!

The following are some ideas on how to make sure you keep to time

- Make sure you turn up to your tee time with plenty of time to exchange pleasantries, decide playing partners etc.
- Unless you are playing a competitive match, consider playing ready golf as long as it is safe to do so.
- While you are waiting to play, use your time wisely so when it is your turn you are ready to play.
- If a playing partner loses a ball, play your shot before assisting in the search.
- You have 3 mins to find a lost ball, take note of the time when you start searching and be honest with your situation.
- When approaching a green, leave your clubs where you exit the green when the hole is completed.
- Complete your score card at the next tee.
- Above all, keep up with the group ahead of you.

A message from the Club Captain Continued

Our practice facilities are second to none, however we have had some recent issues with people not being considerate with practicing on the Course. No more than 2 balls in play when practicing on the course. Do not hold anyone up and no added practicing on greens, bunkers and tees. This picture was taken from alongside the 13th green at the end of July. The playing area next to the 9th, 12th and 18th greens are NOT to be used for practicing off!



Men's Club Championship Qualifying and Rounds

Because the World Handicap System (WHS) recalculates handicap indexes every day, for the purposes of Club Champs qualifying only, indexes will be frozen from 6pm Wednesday 11th August for the qualifying rounds. A list of indexes and the division members are in will be published and posted in the Card room. Your index will continue to change with each card entered, this is just for the purposes of determining the division you are in for Club Champ qualifying.

As per the tradition, Seniors qualify and play matches off Black tees. All other divisions qualify and play matches off Blue tees. The course handicap and index range for the divisions are as follows:

Seniors: Black tee handicap range +7 to 9 (Index up to 8.6)

Intermediate: Blue tee handicap range 8 to 15 (Index 8.7 to 15.8)

Juniors: Blue tee handicap range 16 to 20 (Index range 15.9 to 20.4)

C grade: Blue tee handicap range 21 to 40 (Index range 20.5 to 38.9)

Qualifying rounds are Saturday 14 and 21st August. To be fair to both the morning & afternoon qualifiers, for 2021 both Morning and Afternoon fields will be by club draw for both rounds.

In the event of the following affecting one of these days, a) frost or b) inclement weather that prevents play, then a reserve day, 28 August will also be used for qualifying for Club Championships. Qualifying on the Reserve day is only open to those affected by frost or inclement weather. Qualifying is based on the best gross score from the maximum of 2 qualifying rounds.

These are stroke rounds so there are no gimmes, i.e. The rules of golf must be observed please. You will qualify based on your best gross round over these two Saturdays.

To register for the club draws you must fill in an entry at manawatugolfclub.com/members-area If you do not want to enter Club Champs leave an appropriate comment and you will be drawn with others not wanting to qualify. Requests for playing partners or start tee will not be honoured if you are qualifying! Please don't be offended when requests are denied. We will try to alternate start tees over the 2 rounds, e.g. seniors off 1st tee in round 1 and 10th tee in round 2.

A message from the Club Captain Continued

When getting your card, you must press the “Qualifying” button on the touch screen

The top 16 in each grade qualify for the Main draw (matches played off the stick), and the next 16 qualify for the Handicap draw (shots given based on handicap). First round losers in the Main draws enter Flights (left hand side of draw sheets in Card room), these are played off the stick.

The 2 big messages that we repeat every year are (1) organise to play your matches EARLY! (2) If you are away for an extended period or for the finals day then please do not enter this year. Club Champs finals day for 2021 will be on SATURDAY 6th November, not the date shown in the Programme book.

COURSE REPORT

As we move into August the course is looking in good condition. Let's hope we don't get any more of the huge downpours like we have had recently. Just a note around cart use, we don't take this lightly, I understand that a lot of members/visitors require carts. We have had a lot of rain and when we do this creates wet and muddy areas in which carts can get stuck. The pegs and chains around the course are there to stop carts going through these areas and to protect our turf. When carts are allowed around the course, please respect the rules around this. In the programme booklet there are carts rules, one of them being, keep 10m away from the Greens. I look around the country often and we are not alone on cart use issues. I suggest that people that do have concerns around cart use look around at other courses, everyone has the same issues as we do. Please understand that our aim is to have as many people play as possible, including those in carts and we are constantly updating things as the conditions allow.

Things happening around the course are, drainage being worked on (Monday 2nd August), 3 course staff are involved in first aid training, coring of the surrounds to be continued, 11th tee levelling at the end of August. With the men's club champs qualifying coming up, a few of the Greenkeeping staff are going to have a go 😊. I wish all members well in their up and coming matches and golfing goals.

Please continue to fix pitch marks, continue to replace your divots and watch where you are walking/driving around the place. I do appreciate all those that do this 😊. All of this adds to the presentation of our course, Thank you.

It is Winter after all 😊, have a great month!!!



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

Club Championships

The ladies have played their final qualifying round for the Club Championships and the draws have been completed. You can find them on the club website and on the board in the locker room. Please note that the Club Championship finals day has been changed from Saturday October 30th to Saturday November 6th. The Champion of Champions tournament will be held on Sunday November 14th at Palmerston North. Good luck to all those playing.

Pennants

Both the ladies' Silver Pennant team and the District team managed to have wins on the final day of the pennant competition for 2021. Both teams were clear winners which means that all four of the Manawatu women's teams won their pennants. Quite an achievement for the ladies. Congratulations to all who played. The only problem now is to find a place for the trophies and pennants.



Silver Team on the final day



District Team on the final day

Manawatu/Wanganui Representative Team

The Rep team of 8 will play against Wellington at Otaki on July 31st. The team includes Lisa Herbert from Manawatu and Tara Raj (Wanganui) who works in the café. We wish the whole team good luck for their matches against Wellington.

Ladies continue to play their matches in the Edith Cooper Fourball Cup and the draws are up in the locker room for the Collinson Cup and the Wills Challenge Bowl.

August Golf

10th LGU & Putting

17th Stableford

24th LGU & Putting

7th Sept Par

Thursday Club

5th August

12th August

Good Golfing, Jill Clifton - Ladies' Club Captain



Only 4 weeks until spring!

WOMEN'S GOLF

Saturday Ladies

Sadly the weather put paid to us being able to play 18 holes on the Saturday when we farewelled Lisa from our group, but we did manage 9 holes, followed by lunch, when we presented Lisa with a voucher to spend as she wishes at the Plaza.

We also hosted the ladies from Palmerston North for the annual match for the Joan Prout Salver. I'm happy to report that Manawatu won it by a handsome margin.

And now that the Club Champs draw has been made, we are ready for a good stretch of fine weather to be able to get matches played on time.

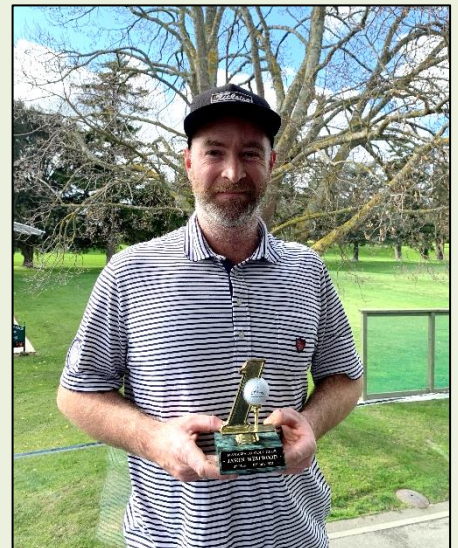
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Congratulations to Casey Chettleburgh on her hole in one! Casey got a hole in one on the 8th hole on 1st May



Congratulations to Jason Westwood on his hole in one! Jason got a hole in one on the 11th hole on 18th July!





Fledgling Golf

at the Manawatu Golf Club

Sunday afternoons are proving to be a huge success for our new golfers!! A small group, most of whom participated in the Discover Golf programme this past February, have enjoyed getting out in the unseasonably warm mid-Winter afternoons to play 9-holes most weekends. It's great to see such enthusiasm, and their hard work and dedication to improving their game is definitely paying off.

Any new-to-golf or high-handicap players who would like extra guidance around the course, or to meet a few more players, please book into the tee slots available between 1:30pm-1:51pm on Sunday afternoons, and meet outside the Pro-Shop at 1:15pm.

Happy golfing!



Welcome

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

7 Day – Tiki Eriha

5 Day – Sonny Sands

Tertiary – Ellieda Komene

9 Hole – Fiona Cleaver, Nathan Ehambara

Restricted Junior – Flynn Harris

Social – Sean Kelly



During this same period, 21 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1053 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.

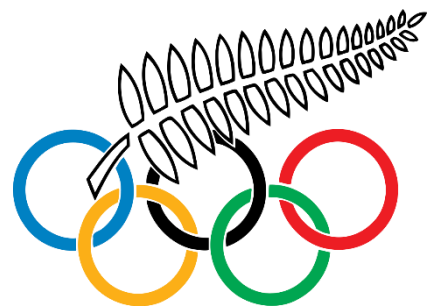
What's on in August...

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.

August

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MONDAY	30	2	9	16	23
TUESDAY	31 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	3 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: LGU	10 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: LGU	17 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Par	24 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stableford
WEDNESDAY		4 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships	11 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par, Final Lavender/Gillespie Cups	18 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championships	25 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford
THURSDAY		5 Thursday Club	12 Thursday Club	19 Yorb Business House	26
FRIDAY		6	13	20	27
SATURDAY		7 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Champs 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	14 Stroke Round 1 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford	21 Stroke Round 2 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2) 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championships 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	28 Stroke McLennan Final to be completed. Reserve Round for Club Champs Qualifying 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Stableford
SUNDAY	1 MacLennan Round 3 Consolation to be completed Imlay Saunders Consolation 2nd round to be completed	8 Semi-final MacLennan to be completed Imlay Saunders semi- final to be completed.	15	22 MacLennan Round 4 Consolation to be completed	29 Imlay Saunders Final to be completed



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