

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to be selected to represent the Manawatu Golf Club in the President's team playing the Glendinning Cup at Palmerston North Golf Club. MGC had great representation and we were all pleased to play in a tournament that carries the name of one of our most respected MGC families.

It is a pretty full newsletter this month and it reflects the amount of activity going on in the club, led by a number of great people. As we spend a bit of time this winter inside, I'd like to take a minute to thank the volunteers and staff who prepare our course — and do so in all conditions. If the course is closed — as it was on Wednesday — let me reassure you that this is for a very good reason, and that it almost always revolves around protecting the course after heavy rain. This is always Kiel's decision to make, and he has the full support of the President and the Committee. Our course is without peer in this region, and playing it gives great pleasure to every member and guest who has the privilege to tee off the 1st.

Speaking of the 1st, what a difference the removal of the old hedge has made to the aspect of the course as you drive in. I think the development behind the black tees is going to be great and I thank all those involved — including the Tuesday Ladies, who have donated the shrubs that will form the new hedge. This may also reduce the bird poop received in the Presidential Car Park — but I can assure you this was not a significant factor in the decision to remove the trees.

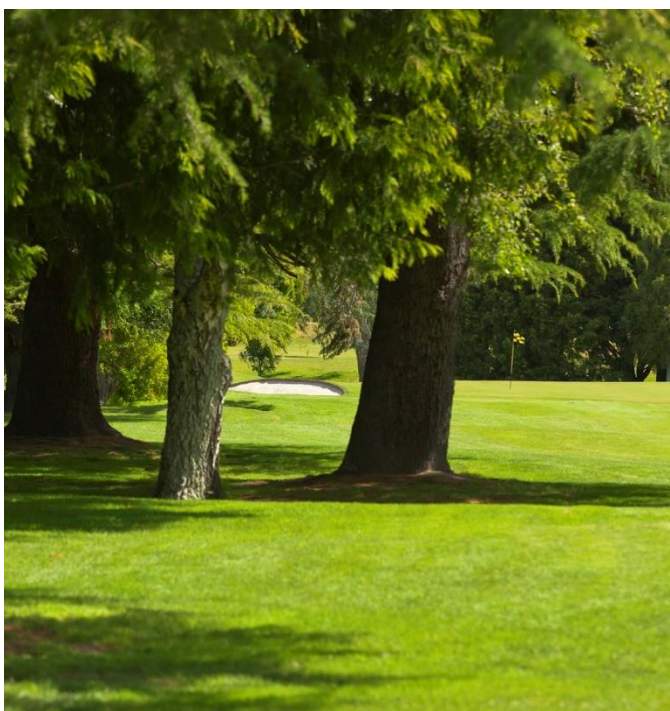
I was privy to reading all the responses to the survey. Overall, I feel the members have spoken and they love our club. I know James has shared the relevant responses with the team leaders and I have asked him to pass on our thanks to all involved in the club's success. I have also asked our GM to ensure this is an annual survey where progress can be charted, and members have the opportunity to give feedback.

We are a member's club and as a member it is so important that we take the opportunity to shape the future of our club.

Best of luck for upcoming Club Championships and Qualifying for Club Champs. And all the best for the upcoming finals of the Imlay Saunders and McClennan competitions. These competitions have a long history, and they are part of traditions that make our club great.

As mentioned earlier, the experience of representing MGC at the Glendinning Cup was an honour, however I know I may need more than the 21 points I earned that day to qualify for the MGC C Grade Championships.

Brent Cawthray
President



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A cold snap this week reminded us that winter is not quite done, however, it is getting lighter in the evenings, and it won't be long before there is time for 9 holes after work. This report is quite brief this month as there is a lot of content later in the newsletter in the survey summary that could be of interest to members.

Staffing

For a short period of time in July we were fully staffed. Odeh has made a great start in the kitchen, Braden has hit the ground running in the Business Office, and everyone is enjoying working with Rebecca in Events. We have also had Awa (FOH) start; he has come to us from Provenance. In mid-July Scott finished at MGC as 2IC Greenkeeper. Scott worked for us for just under 10 months but has chosen to return to the Waikato to be closer to family and we are thrilled that he picked up a Head Greenkeepers role at Morrinsville Golf Club. Daniel Heretuku (Pro Shop Assistant) has been with us for just 6 months, but he has decided to explore other options and continue to work on his golf game.

Matariki

The club can be proud of our hosting of the first Matariki Golf Tournament over Matariki weekend. We partnered with Rangitane and with Māori MGC members to design and deliver a very successful tournament. 28 teams played, and all enjoyed the 'boil up' shared dinner post-golf. Thanks to all those who supported the tournament through entry, donating prizes, and to Pete from Gilmour's who made a massive contribution to the kai. Thanks also to MGC members Hone Morris and Trevor Shailer for leading this initiative.

Course Work

The new bunkers on #11, with a porous concrete base, are now in play and looking great. This has

been a 3–4 week project and is part of the bunker plan initiative to improve all bunkers on the course. If the trial is successful, we anticipate following a 3–4 year bunker plan to do this on all bunkers on the course. We will know if this option is successful if our bunkers drain effectively after rain, retain their sand, and that we ensure there is a good base (150mm) to ensure safe and effective play out of the bunkers.

MGC have also engaged expert member support to help us with cart path work and remedial bunker work on hole #4. This has been really successful and looks good. The next project is the Practice Nets overhaul including drainage, paths, and renovation of the back wall. This was identified as a priority in survey responses and with the changes to driver use on the range, this facility has had a significant increase in demand.

The hedge and trees behind the 1st tee were removed this week. The goal is to make a feature of the Centenary Kauri (planted in 1995) and to provide more light to both the 1st tee and the path to the carpark. It will look quite bare in the short term, but a new hedge (*Camellia sasanqua*) will be planted asap, and this will take 2–3 years to be an effective barrier between the path and the tee. In the short term, a fence will be installed to give the tee some privacy. It is a beautiful view looking down the first hole as you enter the golf course. Thanks to the members for their positive support of this project.

Cart Shed

The cart shed build is on track, with pleasing progress being made. The cart shed is on budget and due to open late August. A 'roof shout' for Cart shed members, staff, and volunteers is planned for Friday August 11th at 3pm. All welcome.

**Ngā Mihi
James**

UPDATE ON THE 7TH TEE

Members playing the Blue and Black tees will have noticed that these have been moved to the Red Tees in June/July. This is part of a trial to try to address concerns about golfers playing down the 6th fairway when playing 7.

The subject has been of much debate between the Course and Match committees and no doubt has generated much discussion within the membership. Many love the change, many hate the change.

To recap: the issue has arisen due to the felling of the old and potentially dangerous large trees by the 6th tee. As the club is charged with safeguarding the members safety as much as possible, the decision was made last year to fell these trees. The felling of these trees created an attractive option for long hitters to play the 7th by way of hitting their tee shot down the 6th fairway (either by aim or by accident).

This then posed the question of what the correct solution is to protect both the integrity of the hole and the safety of those playing it (and the 6th). Following several close incidences of balls being hit purposely up #6 from #7 tee and finally culminating in a member being hit on the forehead, which was a very serious incident, further action needed to be taken. The number of lower handicap players taking this route is estimated to be 20%, many have openly said this is the easiest shot for them. The difference to other holes is that players get a real advantage by playing down the 6th as it takes OB out of play and also means the approach avoids the green side bunkers.

The course committee, with the help of the match committee, engaged both outside and internal professional assistance to come up with the best solution.



Other solutions considered are summarised below:

1. Internal out of bounds was one consideration but with the effect on speed of play, and the informal feedback from members this was dismissed.
2. Lowering the blue/black tee blocks may have been a solution but we are limited by what work can be carried out without compromising the stop bank requirements.
3. Other options were to impose penalty areas towards and beyond the mounds. Planting of strategically placed trees is a further option, but that will take time.

There are other factors to consider, such as:

- The original design of the hole was a long Par 5 with a slight dog leg.
- The integrity of the hole, now that the trees have been removed, has been compromised.
- Branches on the trees close to the 7th Red tees were to be trimmed when the trial period started, however, during this process, one big branch fell off due to rot - this in turn created a gap in the tree line which a low hook can now go through.
- Top golfers can still play a high draw over the trees to an even more advantageous position on the 6th fairway.

The proposal is an interim solution and is intended as a trial only. Statistics are being collated of scores and a full assessment of the final solution would not be made until this trial period is over, which would be sometime in the spring.

Feedback on the trial should be sent to the Course and Match Committee via the General Manager. A decision will be made in late August about the next step in this process. Your comments are appreciated, and the committee welcome any solutions you and your playing partners may offer.

Best regards and good golfing (on #7 hopefully not via #6 fairway)

Stuart Robbie — Course Committee Chair
Alan Savell — CC and Match Committee Chair

2023 MANAWATU GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP SURVEY — SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Thank you to MGC members who were able to complete the 2023 Manawatu Golf Club Survey. 331 responses give the club a really clear response and allows us to plan for the short-term and long-term future of the club.

Here is a link for Members to see a summary of the responses to the questions.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-aFEp_2B5tchC_2BQBbs5uurDow_3D_3D/

As an overall summary

We are delighted that over 90% of the responses reflected that **our members enjoy, and are proud of, their club.**

Over 22% of our members who completed the survey are also volunteers. This is one of the major reasons for the success of the club — great members who give their time and expertise so generously. This question also unearthed a number of new volunteers who are keen to get involved.

Our communication channels are effective, and members use a range of forms to connect and engage with the club. The most popular form of communication is the Monthly Newsletter.

A theme from the comments was that we have work to do in terms of:

- Engaging members through a wider variety of social media.
- The accuracy of our course status button on the website.
- Ensuring we have a variety of content on our Facebook page.

Continuing to improve our communication with members will be a feature of the FY24 Operations Plan.

Our front office team are professional, friendly, helpful, and engaging. We have recently had new additions to this team (Braden and Rebecca), and they are keen to uphold the high standards set by Caroline, Hayley, and Rachel.

The Hokowhiti Café is a wonderful place for members and guests to enjoy great food and drinks. Over 90% of our responses on service, presentation, and food quality were Excellent/Good — this is feedback Kath and the team can be really proud of.

A theme from the comments was that we have room to grow in these areas:

- Speed of service, particularly in busy times (Tue/Wed morning and whenever there are major events on).
 - Process around speed of service for hot drinks.
 - Fresh food options on Wednesday afternoons.
- We will work hard on improvements in these areas.

We also received the expected feedback about Bar prices. This is a balancing act of providing a great (and good value) experience for members and running the bar as an income stream that supports the club. It is important to note that Bar prices have not increased since December 2022, and they will not increase again until December 2023.

The playing experience on our course is fantastic. Over 95% of our playing membership responded that our greens are good/excellent (the other 5% must have 3 putted before completing the survey). Our members had similar high ratings for our great fairways, gardens, and Green's team friendliness.

A theme from the comments was that we have room to grow in these areas:

- Bunkers — sand consistency, drainage, freshly fluffed on Club days, rakes.
Most members are aware of the trial on bunkers on 11, which — if successful — will be rolled out around the course.
- Rough — ensuring it is regularly mown and lowering the length.
In the past 3 months there has been a concerted effort to lower the length of the rough.
- Tees — general wear and tear, drainage and with 8th, 9th and 12th identified as the main concerns. *Red 9th tee is scheduled for major work in the next 12 months.*

Our practice facilities (range, putting green, and chipping area) all received above 70% positive feedback. This indicates we have room to grow here. One priority area identified in the responses was the state of the practice nets — which are now in heavy demand given the Driver restrictions on the range. We have immediately started to address this with netting, drainage, improved natural light, and mats all being improved in August. The new practice

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pitching area will open in Spring, and this will combine grass and mat practice facilities.

The clubhouse (both internally and externally) received very positive responses; this is reassuring as we do have a major external paint scheduled for FY24. We have recently painted the hallway down to the bathrooms and we are looking at ways to lighten the café, without spending a lot of money. New outdoor chairs have arrived, and new tables and leaners will be in place before the summer.

Our Pro Shop service, support, friendliness, and presentation all received very positive feedback (all above 90% for Excellent/Good). We have a wonderful Pro Shop Team.

A theme from the comments was that we have room to grow in these areas:

- Our range of clothing.
- Our selection of Food and Drinks — *Alan and Kath are working together to think how we can review and expand our offerings in this area.*
- Expanding our programmes, including group lessons, beginner golf clinics, and our junior programmes.

Pricing is always a question that generates discussion. About 50% of our members think our pricing is Excellent/Good, and a further 35% consider it average. The Pro Shop is always aiming to provide exceptional service and support as part of our sales, and the club needs the Pro Shop to be an income stream that contributes to the overall success of the club for all member's benefit. The club's policy is to price at Recommended Retail less loyalty. The survey reflects that the Pro Shop are doing a great job fulfilling these dual roles.

The survey reflects the recent improvement in lesson availability. It also shows that the content and pricing is on point — for those that use this MGC service, the member satisfaction is very high.

One area both our Pro Shop staff, and our membership, would like to see development in is the use of technology in our programmes. There are so many outstanding tech options that can enhance golf and coaching, and we are committed to bringing these into our programmes.

Speed of Play is the weak spot in terms of member enjoyment of the course and club. Less than a third of our golfers are happy with the current speed of play. Initiatives have been put in place — such as course marshalling and reviewing start sheets — but this is a priority area that needs future focus. In terms of our competitions, tee bookings, and being able to access the course, there was high member satisfaction.

Course closure for corporate events was identified in a small number of responses. The club are conscious of the increasing amount of corporate and fundraising events and the effect these have on member's opportunities to play. A Corporate Course Use Policy — that gives clear guidelines for the number of days/times available — has been adopted this year so the management of this will result in improved access for all.

The most contentious question of the whole survey related to the recent changes to the Driving Range. Two changes have been made, one related to balls entering the range, and one related to balls exiting the range. It is important to remember that we are halfway through this trial period, but the general support from membership for these changes is encouraging.

Over 80% were in favour (or neutral) of the changes relating to the range being a penalty area/no entry zone when playing 9 and 18. The majority (but just over 60%) were in favour or neutral about the change to restrict driver use on the range to before 9am and after 5.30pm. We had a very strong response in the comments area for this question. 115 people added additional information and most of these were not happy about the changes to Driver use on the range. Many suggested we fence this area, and this is covered in the new initiative's response summary.

For the last 12 months, the MGC have been making preliminary plans to investigate an enclosed driving range that includes a Teaching hub and embraces technology such as shot tracing and virtual golf. This was overwhelmingly supported by survey responses. The MGC are going to move with speed to **investigate options** for enclosing the driving range, investigate where the best location for the

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driving range is in relation to any possible future alignment of the 9th hole, and how we can incorporate a teaching hub and virtual golf. As plans begin to evolve, this will be shared with the membership at every step of the process. This type of development will require significant investment and fundraising, but could create something quite unique, provide great member experiences, and potentially create a new revenue stream. Mt Maunganui is about 18 months ahead of MGC in terms of their planning for such a facility. I read with interest, and perhaps a degree of envy, their recent information for MMGC members about the direction they are heading. Whilst this may be beyond the scope of our work, their process perhaps gives us a blueprint as to how we should move. Here is a [summary of their plans](#).

Other themes or new initiatives suggested in the survey include:

- Improving our cart path network and developing a cart path long-term plan.
- Planning for an additional toilet around the 16th tee.
- Ensuring MGC are doing all we can to attract junior members and providing positive experiences for them to play golf.
- Dress code — we received a range of feedback, both for and against, the current dress code.



And just for your interest (and entertainment), the Top 10 most **interesting** comments received from members in the survey (and these are just the printable ones) were:

1. “I would like the club to focus on people not picking up other player’s balls, and identifying their ball before playing.”
2. “I’d like the cars on Wednesday mornings (people having meetings in the clubrooms) to park towards the back of parking area so that players can park closer to the buildings.”
3. “Ever since this survey came out, it’s obvious the staff are trying to be friendly.”
4. “Get rid of the falcons.”
5. “Free Sausage sizzles on club day.”
6. “The rough is too long.”
7. “The rough is too short.”
8. “Please, for the love of god, could you make hole 8 a compulsory call up hole.”
9. “All balls that are hit into the driving range should be returned to the member before the next Saturday.”
10. “I get pissed off when cheap pricks use the driving range and use balls (large amount) that they have picked up either on their way around or after hours.”

What happens from here?

The survey responses are one resource we use when designing the Operations Plan for FY24. The next stage is to use the overall feedback from the survey to set goals and priorities for the next 1–5 years. We are largely guided by our strategic plan and our mission and vision, but if new ideas or strong themes come through the survey — which they have — and these align with our mission and vision, then they must be included in the Operations Plan.

Thanks for your feedback and thanks for your overwhelmingly positive support.



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Matt and daughter Scarlett (aged 2) enjoying a round on a recent trip to Fiji.

Golf runs in the Nieper family with Matt's grandfather being a top player back home at the Cromwell Golf Club, where Matt would often join him growing up. Matt is a keen golfer who has recently got back into the game and joined the Manawatu Golf Club, he enjoys the downtime from a busy work and home life getting out on the greens on a regular basis. Hayley too enjoys a bit of golf and is hoping to get into it more when time allows with their young family. Supporting the Manawatu community is what Semtex is about so aligning with the Manawatu Golf Club was a simple decision given what MGC do for their members and community. Semtex is excited about the partnership with MGC and what we can offer to the club and its valued members.

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HELLO FROM BRADEN & REBECCA



Braden Rowe

I have recently taken over Caroline's role as Finance and Administration Manager. I have come from Allan McNeill, where I was an accountant for three years. It has been great to get started and get to know the team and members. I am really enjoying working at a fantastic golf club. I am also a keen golfer, so look forward to meeting more of you, either on the course or in the clubhouse!



Rebecca Noaro

I have been working at the Manawatu Golf Club as a casual employee since 2014, and more recently, since January 2023 in the Kitchen as a chef. I've joined the team in the office and am really enjoying my new position as Events and Marketing Manager. There are lots of great events coming up and new ideas for marketing this wonderful place we all enjoy. Pop in to say hi, I'd love to get to know our members.

MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

This month the weather has been a bit of a nuisance, but we must remember that it is winter. We had another try at hosting the Tri Series BUT we only got one hole played and down came the rain and the siren went to close the course. Our cafe kindly organised our lunch early and the cafe was a buzz with everyone enjoying a get-together. Consequently, no club scored so we now have a challenge to perform on Feilding and Palmerston North courses with no buffer from our own course — I'm sure we can do it, team!!!!

Our Gillespie Cup competition final has been played. Our winner was Liz Burgess, and the runner-up was Yeng Sam. Well done to the two of you. We went to Foxton's Open Day last week. The weather was good, and the course was in good condition, but only two players received prizes — Barbara Smith and Colleen Fraser. On Friday we are off to Linton to play in their Open Day. This is a fun day, with 3 mulligans, lunch, and everyone gets a prize (meat for tea).

We would like to wish our Golf Buddy Alex McRobert a speedy recovery and look forward to him being back at golf.

Good golfing.

Colleen Fraser 9 Hole Team Leader

WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Well, we've had a little drop of rain on some of our July days and, unfortunately, it has meant a postponement of the interclub with Palmerston North. An alternate date is being considered and we will keep you posted as to when that will be. In the meantime, the Joan Prout Salver is nice and shiny and back in the trophy cabinet ready to be defended.

Club Champs qualifying rounds are completed and the best round played will be used for the seeded draw. We will be in contact with all who have played qualifying rounds to confirm they are good to go for the draw before it is written up. The first round to be played is on or before Sunday 27th August, followed by Sunday 1st October, then 22nd October. A Sunday date is in the programme to allow players to play their matches on a non-competition day, if needed. It is always a good idea to make early contact with your opponent so a date that suits the two of you can be arranged. The Club Champs final day is Saturday 4th November. Following this, the champions from each club will play the Manawatu Wanganui Champion of Champions at our course, Manawatu, on Sunday 19th November. A great opportunity for you all.

August has two Thursday club rounds, with another two in September, so last chances to get some more good scores in — the best five count to qualify for the top 13 to make the Shootout! Good luck!

An early heads-up for all 18-hole affiliated women golfers — our Manawatu Women's Open Day is Thursday 5th October. I mention this now so you can note it in your diary, get the day off work, say sorry to child minding duties that day, and invite your golfing friends from around the country to come and enjoy a great day of golf. Who knows, it may be your best round ever and you go home with a prize!!!

Here's to fine golf days for everyone during August.

Deb Archer
Women's Club Captain



Palmerston North Club Captain, Shireen Harold, and Manawatu Saturday Convenor, Janine Healey, use the Joan Prout Salver as protection from the rain.



Congratulations to Janette Gain for her hole-in-one on the 16th hole on July 15th.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Well, here we are in August and the year seems to be flying by. Feel free to advise as to how to slow time down as it appears to be accelerating. The course continues to be great, even though we have had more rain of late.

Via the survey that was sent out to members, there has been much discussion and opinion regarding the 7th tee positions. I emphasise that this is a three-month trial and will be looked at after that time period.

The Women's and Men's club champs are now upon us — good luck to all competitors. The 9 Hole and Women's champs are being run by their respective leaders so check with them for further details. Below is the information the Men will need to know to help them through the competition.

2023 Men's Club Champs Info

Priority of Events in relation to Men's Club Champs

Club Champs finals are seen as a pinnacle event and, as such, members are asked that they enter the Club Champs knowing that they will be available to play finals day.

Unfortunately, one of two NZ golf major tournaments, the "Amateur" and The Masters Matchplay, can conflict with our Club Champs finals day. In reality, these NZ golf events rank above our club champs, so we cannot expect our best golfers to forego entering these events. Thus, members may enter for Club Champs and enter these two NZ golf events. It is expected that such members will make all attempts to attend Manawatu Golf Club Champs finals day if they are knocked out in the NZ golf events. The Match Committee will determine when a specific final will be played in the event a member is unavailable due to a commitment in one of the above NZ Golf events.

Entry Info

- Club Championship Qualifying is done in the morning (Club Draw) or the afternoon (Club Draw) on 2 consecutive Saturdays.
- Qualifying is done online for people to register and strictly **no requests for playing partners**.

- The **Seniors** are paired together, where possible, as they compete off the **Black Tees** and the remainder of the membership compete off the **Blue Tees**.
- We sometimes get frosts around this time of year so be wary of that.
- Players must choose **club champs qualifying** when getting their card in order to be eligible. Once all the cards are entered, dotgolf pumps out the results (best round of two rounds).
- There are **no time or match extensions** apart from course closures.
- For more info, please refer to the **2023 Programme Booklet**. It's all there.

Men's Black Tees

Seniors: Black tee handicap range +7 to 9 (**Index up to 10.0**)

Men's Blue Tees

- Intermediate: Blue tee handicap range 10 to 15 (**Index 10.1 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 as stipulated in the 2023 programme booklet. Note that the handicap index bands are subject to change following any course re-rating or changes in the World Handicap System.

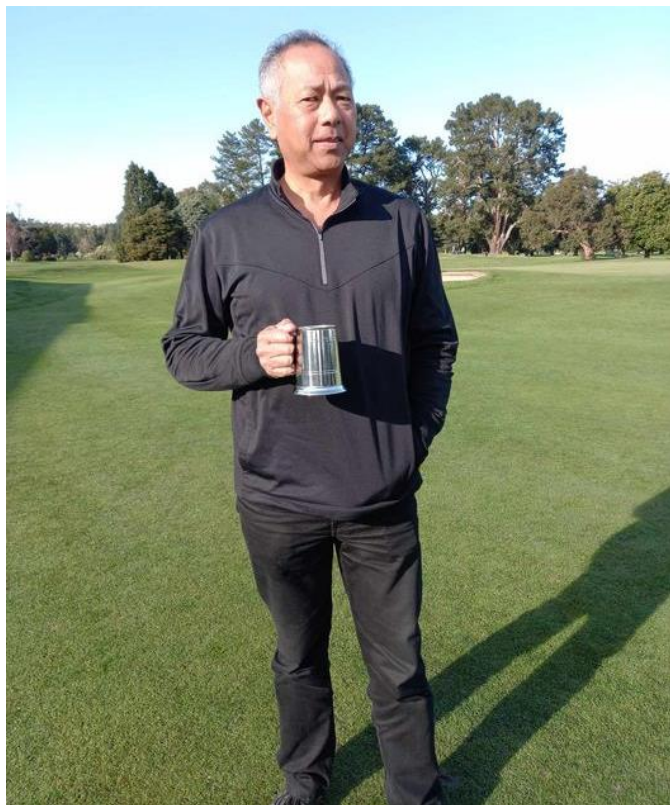
For the purposes of Club Champs qualifying only, indexes **will be frozen as of 6pm Wednesday** prior to the first qualifying rounds. Both the morning & afternoon qualifier fields will be by club draw.

In the event of the following affecting one of these days, a) frost or b) inclement weather that prevents play, then a **reserve day** will 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Craigs Investment Partners Tankard 1st July

Congratulations to Bert Chang who won the men's July Craigs Investment Partners Tankard. A great morning round in bad weather with 40 stableford points. Richard McLean was 2nd with 38 points and Darryl Heaphy was 3rd with 37 points. These were the only guys to play to their handicap or better.



Manawatu Men's Handicap Pennants... Unbeaten

Sunday 9th July: What a great win against Castlecliff on their home course. In very wet and trying conditions, we won 6 matches to 3. The team was Gus Fowler, Kaleb Fagan, Bevan Clarke, Jack Clarke, Brian Spencer, and Steve Aburn.

Sunday 23rd July: The team of Trevor Shailer, Bevin Clarke, Grayson Joines, Brian Spencer, Gus Fowler, and Sam Turner also had a great result at Levin, winning 6 matches to 3 to win and remain unbeaten.

The last game is at Hawkestone Golf Club, so good luck to this great team.

Carts on the Course

Red lines have been painted on all holes to indicate where a golf cart can drive up to.

Golfers and golf trundlers are welcome to go past the lines, but under no circumstances can Golf Carts pass the red lines.



When the Course is Closed

Occasionally, the course is closed due to extreme weather or to prevent further damage from rain. When the course is closed, this means that all grass areas are closed, including the putting and chipping green. The Driving Range remains open when the course is closed.

Up and Coming Events

Saturday 12th August: 1st Round Men's Club Champs qualifying.

Thursday 17th August: Yorlb Business House Golf Day

Saturday 19th August: 2nd Round Men's Club Champs qualifying.

Sunday 20th August: Imlay Saunders Semi Finals to be completed.

Saturday 26th August: Reserve rainout day men's Club Champs qualifying.

Some Rules Of Golf

Here are a few rules from the **Golf NZ website**.



Golf Etiquette

Golf etiquette refers to a set of practices designed to make the playing of golf safer and more enjoyable for golfers, plus minimise possible damage to golf equipment and courses. Although many of these practices are not part of the formal rules of golf, golfers are expected to observe the basic principles of:

- Being Considerate of Others;
- Playing at a Reasonable Pace; and
- Caring for the Course.

For beginners, we encourage play to be under the above principles, however, when learning, the playing of golf should only be about having fun. Our 'It's OK' rules are therefore the best guide:

- To not keep score.
- To tee the ball up wherever you like.
- To forget about a lost ball and just hit a new one.
- To pick up in the middle of a hole and just enjoy the walk.
- To only count swings when a connection is made.
- To share a set of clubs amongst friends.
- To use the same club for the whole round and a putter on the green.

General Golfing Etiquette Consideration for Others

You should always show consideration for other players on the course and take care not to disturb their play by moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise. You should also ensure that



Congratulations to Darryl Chalmers who got his 1st ever hole in one on Thursday 22nd June 2023 on the 4th hole.



Well done to Paul Woodhead who got a hole in one on Saturday 24th June 2023 on the 4th hole.

any electronic devices taken onto the course don't distract other players. Only tee your ball up when it's your turn to play and remember not to stand close to the ball, directly behind it, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to swing. On the putting green, you should be careful not stand on another player's line of play or, when he or she is putting, cast a shadow over his or her line. And you should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

Pace of Play

You should play at a prompt pace throughout the round, including the time taken to:

- Prepare for and make each stroke;
- Move from one place to another between strokes; and
- Move to the next teeing area after completing a hole.

You should prepare in advance for your next stroke and be ready to play when it is your turn. If you think your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, play a provisional ball.

Care for The Course

Players should avoid causing unnecessary damage to the course wherever possible.

Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints. If a rake is within reasonable proximity of the bunker, the rake should be used for this purpose.

Divots and Ball-Marks

Players should carefully repair any divot holes and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player).

Good golfing to all members.

Alan Savell

Club Captain



NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in **June 2023**.

- 7 Day Member:** Matthew Janes
- Under 25:** Denzil-Viper Tatana
- Tertiary:** Cole Freeman
- 9 Hole:** Arthur Cavan, David Manley, Ian McIvor, Abby Taylor
- Restricted Junior:** Josh Cameron, Jacob Charlton, Zinny Deans-Emery, Tristan Hyatt, Thomas Larkin

During this same period, 18 members resigned, bringing our total membership number to 1113 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.

COURSE NEWS

We have now passed the shortest day of the year. The course is continuing to hold up well. Thank you for the feedback from the recent survey. We are currently working on goals and plans for the years ahead and are addressing any issues that have arisen from that process.

Out on the course, we have now completed the 11th bunkers with sand, and we will be finishing the surrounding areas as soon as the weather allows. The 4th path upgrade has been a welcome improvement; this is thanks to Larry and Robbie. Larry is helping out with the practice nets; we are looking at tidying up the area and making it more user friendly.

In the coming month, on the golf course, we will be solid tining the greens. We will also be slicing all the surfaces. We will continue to work on bunkers throughout the month as we can. We will also look at starting to spray weeds around the course as we can and as the weather allows.

Given the number of wet areas around the course, it would be appreciated if you could all consider where you walk as the wear in the heavy traffic areas is hard to repair at this time of the year. Please use the path that goes behind the 9th green to get to the 10th tee as the surround on 9 is struggling to retain grass. We have now put a red line in front of the surrounds — please adhere to the new rule where carts can't go past this red line. Please also continue to replace your divots and fix your pitch-marks.

Good luck to all competing in the club champs qualifying or for your weekly goals. Our aim is to give you the best course that we can, so that your golf can shine. Enjoy your month of golf.

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent





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GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone,

It seems that over these last few weeks, winter has decided to show itself, unfortunately!

Update on lesson availability: Just a reminder that there are no more long wait times for lessons! On most days, we are down to a week waiting time, and in some cases, you can get in the next day.

Daniel is departing: Daniel, who has been part of our team since the start of this year, will finish up on the 19th of August. We are sad to see him leave but wish him all the best for the future.

New product arriving for August:

- New Women's Ping G Le3 range is out. It looks amazing and builds on what was a fantastic previous range.
- New Titleist irons: The New Titleist Iron range will be released on the 25th of August; however, we will have our fitting kit by 5th of August to start doing fittings.
- Bushnell Wingman and Tour V6 laser: Latest Bushnell products are in store now and are seriously good!!!

L.A.B putters:

These have been in stock for the last few weeks and are flying out the door. They are definitely worth investigating. If you are interested in finding out more, come see us and we can talk you through the science and why these putters are becoming very popular, even with the world's best golfers.

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

Your Golf Shop Team

Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, Guy & Daniel



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

EVENT

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Par	2 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships	3 Thursday Club	4	5 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 1st Qualifying Round Club Champs	6
	7	8 LGU & Putting	9 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Final Gillespie Cup	10	11	12 Stroke Round 1 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2), MacLennan semi-final to be completed Stableford 9 Hole: Par Wine Match Dinner	13
	14	15 Stableford	16 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	17 Yorb Business House	18	19 Stroke Rd 2 Club Champs Qualifying (best round of 2), MacLennan Rd4 Consolate to be completed LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stableford	20 Imlay Saunders SemiFinal & Consolation SemiFinal to be completed
	21	22 LGU & Putting	23 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU (2nd Qualifying Round Club Champs)	24 Thursday Club	25	26 Stroke, Reserve Round for Club Champs Qualifying. MacLennan Final to be completed Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU (2nd Qualifying Round Club Champs)	27 1st Round Club Champs to be completed
	28	29 Stableford	30 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	31			



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