



October 2023

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September started with magnificent weather, great golf and a sense that summer was just around the corner. It finished with winter returning, poor golf, and lots of covid in the club! However, September was full of highlights and this newsletter shares many of these successes.

For the 88<sup>th</sup> time, the Manawatu Golf Club hosted the Devils Own Golf Tournament. The club welcomed over 100 lawyers, judges, and other members of the legal profession to the course for four days of intense golf competition, enthusiastic socialising, and the partaking in a variety of off-course activities – possibly not always in that order. The Devil's Own makes a significant contribution to the income of the club in September, and I thank all members for making the DO community welcome. Whether this was through playing another course during the weekend of 23/24 Sept, placing personal carts or trundlers in the hire pool for our visitors, or being patient as the popularity of our café was taken to the next level, I thank all of the MGC membership for making this annual event a real success.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Andre and the team and the Pro Shop for all the work they do to coordinate the event. The merch on offer each year, and the variety of competitions, raffles, and extras that the visiting legal women and men can enjoy only add to the popularity of the event. The She/He Loves Golf initiative is also a feature, giving non-golfing legals the chance to embrace the game. And well done Kiel for presenting the course in such superb condition. The lawyers I spoke to were in raptures about the magnificent state of the course – with many DO veterans commenting that it was the “best condition ever”. Many of the visitors were from Auckland and Wellington and played at courses that have been so adversely affected by weather,

for them it was a real treat to play on a course in such great condition. This may be a good reminder to all of us, just how lucky we are.

After moving in the elite legal circles of Devils Own, I now change tack to report on the recent Finance, Audit and Risk monthly sub-committee meeting. These are always a fascinating experience, where some of the best financial minds in the club work with our MGC leadership team to ensure we are making the best fiscal decisions and plans. Often this discussion is at a level that I simply smile and nod, but one agenda item that all members might be interested in is the breakdown of who spends what in the café and bar. Based on the last quarter, a high-level summary shows the income from F&B is approximately 1/3 member spend, 1/3 visitor spend, and 1/3 event spend. This is really interesting information and although our focus is stated in our mission to provide **Members a club they are proud of and enjoy**, it is important to remember that the income generated from our visitors is crucial for the club's future.

With a couple of surprisingly poor rounds recently, I knew there must be a reason other than my swing/concentration/technique/skill level/ability for the poor scores. I was relieved to find out that an ear infection was the reason for multiple double and triple bogeys. To borrow a phrase from one of the eloquent committee members, I am now “fizzing at the bung” to return to the course in good health and to play sensational golf.

I hope the real spring weather returns, and I hope our members can enjoy the fantastic experience on the course, in the pro shop, and in the café in October.

**Brent Cawthray - President**

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

It has been good to see progress around the club in September and I thank the MGC Staff team, and the number of incredible volunteers for their massive contributions to this success.

The new seating, living (but fake) green wall, new bar leaner, and new light shades have all given the Hokowhitu Café a refresh as we head into summer. We did have some significant storm damage to the shade blinds on the front deck and these are in the process of being replaced.

The new cart shed really looks fantastic and opened to 24 Cart Shed members in late September. Heath and the team at Champion Building Solutions have presented a very sound structure that's design and colour ensures it fits very subtly into our golf environment and provides a great service to those that need to use a cart to continue to enjoy the game. Over the next couple of months, planting will commence along the golf side of the shed and there will also be subtle signage placed on the shed to reflect the local companies whose support made the build possible.

The trundler storage area is mid-way through a renovation to ensure increased capacity and design to incorporate the growing width of new trundlers and to make this a much more user-friendly facility. In October, a similar security entrance system will be installed that ensures safe and easy access for the over 100 members who store clubs on site.

I am sorry to report that the Karearea (Falcon) eggs, which were originally spotted at the base of the first big tree on the right of the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, have been lost. Falcons either lay their eggs into a small scrape in the dirt on the ground or on small bluffs, so are very susceptible to predators. This makes the success of their breeding at MGC over the last 4-5 years even more remarkable. A quick google search lists "cats, and hedgehogs as emerging as a problem for ground nesting falcons. It is likely that stoats and rats may do the same". Charlie and Wilson (resident falcons) are still active on the course and seem to be based near the wood pile between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If any further updates are available, we will share these with the membership.

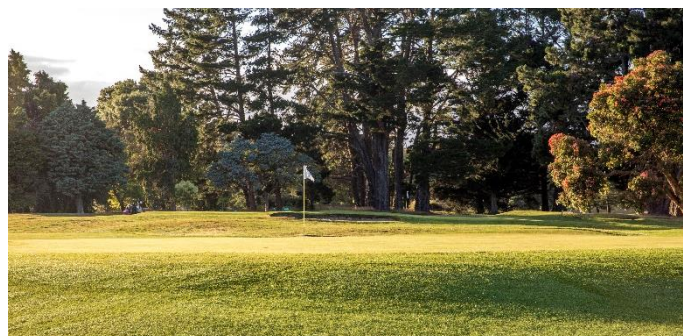
We have had new additions to our Kitchen team, and we are thrilled to welcome Sam and Twinkle, who

have both had an immediate positive contribution to the team. It is with really mixed emotions that we farewell Chef Tim from the kitchen team. I am both gutted to lose Tim and so excited for him to have an exciting new opportunity. Tim is such a rock-solid member of the team – he has been with us since the start of the Hokowhitu Café, and his personality, willingness to do literally whatever the team needs, and, most importantly, his amazing culinary skills will really be missed. Tim is ready for a change and wanted to work outside in a role that involved one of his passions – gardening. We are thrilled he has secured a role at a local nursery as this is good for Tim's health and good for the club as Tim is keen to be on-call for big events or when staffing is squeezed. He will always be very welcome at any time in our MGC Kitchen.

Most importantly – how good is our course at the moment? Kiel and his team of both professionals and volunteers really are producing something special. One of the highlights of my role is when we host visiting groups or events – like the Devil's Own – and the feedback on the course is always outstanding. I am also thrilled to see the new natives planted near the 6<sup>th</sup> tee/7<sup>th</sup> green. Whilst this is not a short-term fix, it does ensure the golfers who sneak down the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway to play the 7<sup>th</sup> will be presented with a very challenging shot ..... in 2045.

This report is briefer than normal, and I am writing it from Queensland (on tour with the Manawatu Secondary Schools Girls Cricket Team), and it has been so good to know that, even when away for a week overseas, the quality of our Team Leaders in each department ensures the course, club and membership is in very good hands.

**Ngā Mihi - James**



# WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB CAPTAIN

September has seen some pretty good golf with the course in great condition — we are getting some run on the fairways and learning how to cope with fast greens. It also brought us the good old wind, but I guess that is Spring! And now we are heading into October!

Top of the list is our Manawatu Women's Open Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We are very lucky to have Manawatu Knitting Mills as naming sponsor, Footloose Shoes as Gold Sponsor, and Hokowhitu 4 Square for our top three prizes. We have further prizes very kindly donated by Haru Japanese Restaurant, New World Melody's, Kelly's Shoes, Village Wine Trader, and Bunnings, along with support from our members. This means, of course, that there are great prizes to be won by playing great golf, but don't forget there is always the raffle, thanks to our member's contributions!! So, get online and enter – <https://forms.office.com/r/iFELJPiqjc>

Once we have had a great day of golf at the Manawatu Women's Open Day, we have the Mellsop Cup to be played for on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. This is for those of you who have won an LGU round over the season. The winner is the best nett. The list for those who qualify will be in the locker room.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Fling. All women golfers can join in this, with play starting from 12.30pm. The golf is played as a Greensome Foursomes and costs \$10. Further information can be found on the poster on the following page. Put it in your diary now!

Next, some of you will be playing your semi-final rounds of our Club Champs. These are to be played by 22<sup>nd</sup> October — all the best. Winners will be playing the Club Champs Final on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This is then followed by the Champion of Champions on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Manawatu.

The women's Shootout, as you know, is next on the list. The top 13 of you who have qualified will be vying for the Reta Parkinson Cup on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The penultimate list is in the locker room and will be updated shortly as you will have played the final round last Thursday. If you will not be available, please let Jill Dixon know.

The Dorothy Taylor Cup for Grandmothers was also played on Thursday and the midweek winner for 2023 was Helen Wilkinson.

Then, low and behold, before we know it, we will be into November with closing days, Christmas Cheer, and the Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This is open to all women members so look out for more information coming your way.

Plenty of golf to be played and enjoyed as there will always be at least one good shot on a hole.

## Deb Archer Women's Club Captain



**Above:** Congratulations to Helen Wilkinson, who won the Dorothy Taylor Cup for Grandmothers on 28<sup>th</sup> September.



Manawatu Golf Club Women's  
Committee invites  
**ALL MGC WOMEN  
GOLFERS**  
To the  
**ANNUAL SPRING FLING  
GREENSOME FOURSOMES**  
on  
**Thursday 19 October 2023**  
First Tee off 12:30pm

Enjoy an afternoon celebrating Women's Golf at MGC

**INCLUDES**

Novelty competitions include longest drive and closest to the pin (2 divisions)

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

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

**Please note that tee times may vary slightly on the day so please ensure you are ready to start at least 20 minutes to your allocated tee time.**

Enter at <https://forms.gle/eck6FxVbr1hdh2yo9>

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



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# Manawatu Women's Open Day

Sponsored by Manawatu Knitting Mills

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Registration 8:45am – 9.30am Siren start 10:00am  
Open to 18 Hole golfers



Three divisions— up to 40.4 index

**GROSS—NETT—STABLEFORD**

Entry Fee—\$30.00 includes morning tea,  
twos, longest drives and accuracy

**Best Gross, Bronze Division: Alison Schultz Cup**

Players must be in the Clubhouse to be eligible for major prizes

Enter online using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/iFELJPiqlc>



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*Footloose*  
SINCE 1916

# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

September brought more rain and difficult windy conditions for all players but the golf course has held up superbly and credit must go to the green staff who work under all conditions just so we golfers can turn up and play many rounds of golf. It still amazes me how our golfers battle harsh conditions to play the game they love.

October brings hopefully better conditions and remember Twilight Golf starts again on Friday 27th so this means we are heading for the warmer months...yay!

The club champs are in full swing and there are many historic trophies up for grabs.

We have finally returned to daylight saving so this means summer is on the way. This brings much more activity on the golf course so please think of others when playing a round. Raking bunkers, repairing pitch marks, and replacing divots makes for better golf, so be proud of your golf course.

Before teeing off, please make sure you all read the notice board on the wall on the clubhouse. By now you should know we have returned to "Placing only on your own fairway". Yay... so this means we are heading to better weather and course conditions.

## Men's Club Championships 2023 Reminder

It is important to remember that as per the entry condition, make sure you arrange matches early as there will be **No Extensions** other than a course closure. The last play date afternoon is the default day if players cannot agree to play, so keep those dates free. After playing a match, make sure a result is entered on the sheet in the card room to avoid disqualification and to give the next round players time to arrange their matches. For more info, please refer to the 2023 Programme Booklet. It's all there.

## Craigs Investment Partners Tankard 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Congratulations to Jim Rogers who won the September Craigs Investment Partners Tankard. He equalled his age to shoot 44 stableford points. Nigel Tristram was a close second with 43 points and Shane Hearn was one point back on 42 points. Well done to all three players!



**Above:** Club Championship Top Qualifiers. L to R: Steve Aburn (Intermediate); Mitchell Proctor (Senior); Tony Rule (C Grade); Dave Boswell (Junior).

**Below:** Jim Rogers, winner of the September Craigs Investment Partners Tankard.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

## Men's Devils Own Cup 16<sup>th</sup> September

This cup was donated by the Devil's Own Lawyers many years ago as a thanks for allowing them to play their annual tournament at our course. So, congratulations to Rob Cuff who, in windy conditions, won the annual Devil's Own Cup. A stableford competition, he scored 39 points, one ahead of Tony Trass and Simon Burton who had 38 points. Club President, and last year's winner, Brent presented the cup to Rob.

## MacLennan Consolation Final

Well done to Ashley Short and Gerard Gillespie who beat Ben Cousins and Ryan Ansley in the Men's MacLennan Consolation final. It took 20 holes to find a winner. This pair won the main MacLennan Championship in 1993, so they now have the double 30 years later.



**Above:** Rob Cuff.

**Below:** Gerard Gillespie & Ashley Short.



**Above:** Congratulations to Tony "Slide" Rule who got a hole in one on September 2nd on the 4th hole. Well done "Slide"!



# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

## Some golf tournament news in September

Several of the club's members and others who practice at MGC played the Wellington Strokeplay Championship at Otaki on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, with some good results.

Also, the Club Zones Team had a first win in this knockout pennant competition. Well done Bert Chang, Mike Smith, Russel Down & Rob Cuff, who ended up tied 3-3 but won on countback 1up against Palmerston North at Feilding.

## Saturday Men's Devil's Own Bus trip to Pahiataua 23<sup>rd</sup> September

44 Saturday men ventured to Pahiataua for the annual Devil's Own away trip. Apart from the difficult weather, most enjoyed their day, but the scoring was generally low.

Blind pair prizes were handed out and well done to Ryan Dickins/Mark Smith for their combined stableford points of 68. Closely followed by Brent Dickins/Rodney Smith on 67, with the pair of Tony Patterson/Neil McKechnie on 64 points.

Well done to all travellers.

## Some Rules Of Golf

Here are a few rules from the R&A



### 7.1 Ball Search: Finding and Identifying Ball

#### How to Fairly Search for Ball

7.1a/1 Examples of Actions Unlikely to Be Part of a Fair Search

Examples of actions that are unlikely to be considered reasonable as part of a fair search, and will result in the general penalty if there is an improvement to conditions affecting the stroke, include:

- Taking an action to flatten areas of grass beyond what is reasonably necessary to walk through or search for the ball in the area where the ball is thought to lie;

Wellington 72 hole Strokeplay at Otaki Golf Club -Mens							
Position	Name	Home Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jayden Ford	Judgeford	66	68	68	69	271
2	Ryan Rooney	Feilding	72	75	70	66	283
3	Jono Cane	Manor Park	70	70	74	69	283
10	Anthony Ilton-Mayer	Foxton	70	70	81	74	295
12	Regan McConaghty	Manawatu	74	73	76	76	299
19	William Dunsmore	Levin	78	77	75	76	306
22	Daniel Haretuku	Manawatu	76	76	80	75	307
23	Denzil-Viper Tatana	Manawatu	84	71	73	79	307
24	Mitchell Proctor	Manawatu	71	73	83	83	307
56	Bradley Morgan	Manawatu	87	84	81	80	332
60	Ryan Block	Manawatu	82	89	90	83	344

Wellington 72 hole Strokeplay at Otaki Golf Club -Womens							
Position	Name	Home Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Casey Chettleburgh	Manawatu	76	73	75	74	298
4	Sera Raj	Wanganui	79	74	78	79	310
12	Leander Tyacke	Manawatu	81	82	90	94	347

- Purposely removing any growing thing from the ground; or
- Breaking a tree branch to allow easier access to the ball when it could have been reached without doing so.

## How to Identify Ball

### 7.2/1 Identifying Ball That Cannot Be Retrieved

If a player sees a ball in a tree or some other location where they are unable to retrieve the ball, the player may not assume that it is theirs but rather must identify it in one of the ways provided in [Rule 7.2](#). This may be done even though the player is unable to retrieve the ball, such as by:

- Using binoculars or a distance-measuring device to see a mark that definitely identifies it as the player's ball, or
- Determining that another player or spectator saw the ball come to rest in that specific location after the player's stroke.

## Ball Accidentally Moved in Trying to Find or Identify It

### 7.4/1 Estimating Original Spot on Which to Replace Ball Moved During Search

When a player's ball is accidentally moved during a search and its original spot where it must be replaced must be estimated, the player should consider all reasonably available evidence about



# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

where the ball was located before it was moved. For example, when estimating a ball's original spot, the player should consider:

- How the ball was found (for example, whether it was stepped on, kicked or moved with a probing club or hand),
- If it was visible or not, and
- Its location relative to the ground and any growing objects, such as whether it was lying against or under the grass and how deep in the grass it was located.

In replacing the ball, the player is not required to replace loose impediments (such as leaves) that may have been moved since loose impediments are not part of the lie and, in many cases, it would be nearly impossible to reconstruct the original situation if loose impediments were required to be replaced. For example, while searching for a ball that is covered by leaves in a penalty area, the player kicks the ball and moves the leaves that were close to the ball. Although the ball must be replaced on its original or estimated spot, the leaves do not need to be put back in their original position even when the ball would certainly have been lying under the leaves.

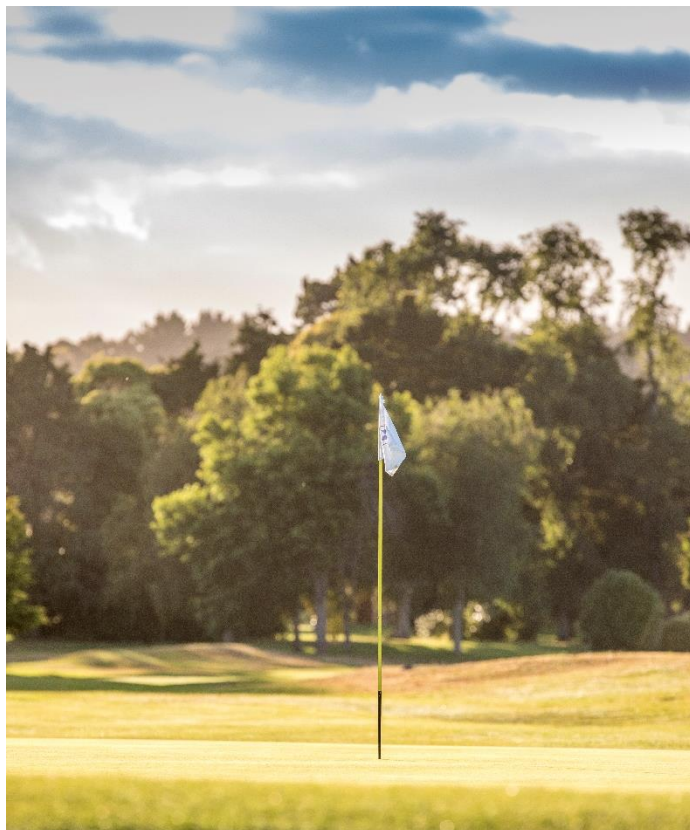
## Returning Of Scorecards – A Friendly Reminder

As the Club Captain of the Manawatu Golf Club, one of my jobs is to monitor the entry of golf cards by club members after playing a round of golf.

This is very important for the integrity of the scoring system as well as the fairness of golfers when playing competitions or matches.

There seems to have been some confusion in regard to match play cards, with some members believing they are not required to enter cards for handicapping. This is incorrect. The handicapping system requires that scores from all forms of competition, including match play, must be entered for handicapping purposes.

Please note, the full Match Committee Playing Rules are on the noticeboard in the Cardroom. It is very important that you familiarise them for your future reference.



## Up and Coming Events

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Craigs Investments Men's Tankard

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Men's Club Champs 2nd round to be completed. Men's Club Champs round 1 flights to be completed

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Final qualifying for men's shootout

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October:** Semi finals of club champs & flights to be completed

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** Men's & 9 Hole shootout day

Good golfing to all members

**Alan Savell**

**Club Captain**



# MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

Spring is supposed to be here, but nobody told the weather gods - never mind, it is on its way!

We played the second round of our Tri Series (our first being cancelled) in Feilding. We were beaten by Feilding by 3 points. We had a great turnout, with 26 players. Great work team! We need to beat Feilding at Palmerston North for the third round. I'm sure, with the support we have, we can do this.

Our Club Champs matches are underway. Good luck to those still in.

Murray organised a Roadie to Wellington last week. Playing at Royal Wellington, the winners were Anne Flipp and Murray Crawford. Then we headed to Boulcott Farm, where the winners were Isabelle Vanderkolk and John Bielski (Feilding). It was great to have players from other clubs joining us on the Roadies.

Our Saturday girls went to Wairakei and Waikanae. The Green Jacket was won by Leanne Blumont.

Our "Open Day" is on the 9th of October. We still need raffle donations please and we need to pray for a nice day.

Good Golfing.

**9 Hole Club Captain  
Colleen Fraser**



**Above:** Leanne receiving the Green Jacket at Waikanae.

**Below:** Saturday girls at Wairakei.



Junior Club Championships are taking place at the moment. Our top qualifiers for the matchplay competitions were Grace Manson (18 Holes), Zac Walsh (9 Holes), and Selena Clement (3 Holes). Our strokeplay champions were Bradley Morgan (18 Holes), Henri Anema (9 Holes), and Selena Clement (3 Holes). Grace Manson deserves a special mention this month, having beaten her best score by an amazing 20 shots, shooting a score of 90. Good luck to all competitors.

Grace Manson, Sophie Aburn, Anna Wyatt, and Mea Hohepa have been selected for the Manawatu Wanganui Junior Girls Interprovincial team to compete at Rotorua Golf Club at the start of October. The Junior Boys Interprovincial will take place at the same time, but at Cambridge Golf Club, and the Manawatu Wanganui team includes four Manawatu Golf Club members - Bradley Morgan, Kaleb Fagan, William Dunsmore, and Oliver Smith. We wish our juniors all the best for their time away representing the district.



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

- 7 Day:** Jeff McDonald, Ambrose Plaister, Justin Sallie
- Under 30:** Jason Emery, Tyler Hodge, Anton Hughes, Tessa McDonald
- Under 25:** Ben Burnley, Kody Edwards
- Tertiary:** Jamie Connell, Jake Florence, John Poland
- Country:** Sala Churchward, Michael Feaunati, Raj Narayan, Naren Patel
- 6 Day:** Seb Baker
- 5 Day:** John Adams, Nick Pine, Kenneth Wihongi
- Social:** Ueroa Ngarewa

During this same period, 16 members resigned, bringing our total membership number to 1140 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.



Congratulations to Heung Bae Jeon, who had a Hole in One on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August on Hole 11.



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## GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone,

I hope you have all had a great start to spring and are excited for a great golfing summer ahead.

### **Devil's Own:**

As I write this article, it is the annual Devil's Own tournament. And again, they have unfortunately lucked out with the weather.

Congratulations to one of our MGC members, Kirsten Vos, who won the 2023 Devil's Own. Kirsten also won the practice round competition as well! Also, congratulations to David Smith for being the top Qualifier in the Devil's Own main draw on the Friday for the matchplay. Another MGC Member, Stephen Winter, also qualified for the top 16. Great work from all the members involved in the D.O.

You will see from the photos that we put on an amazing prize table for them. Andre does a great job taking control of this event and running the golf side for the club.

Brydie also ran a She Loves Golf programme for lawyers who wanted to give golf a go. They had a great time!!!

### **Junior Performance Academy:**

We are very proud to be re-launching our MGC Junior Performance Academy. Please see the poster on the following page and click the links for more information. This academy is all about helping young golfers who have high aspirations to achieve their goals.

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, & Penny**





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# JUNIOR PERFORMANCE ACADEMY



COMING IN  
**2024**

See the attached information sheet and application form for more information and to apply.

**The Manawatu Golf Club  
is re-launching its  
Junior Academy in 2024.**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31ST OCTOBER**

# JUNIOR PERFORMANCE ACADEMY



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## SELECTION CRITERIA

- 19 years of age or under.
- MGC member.
- Have a NZ Golf handicap.
- Available to be selected to play for MGC in Pennants.
- Must be driven and have the willingness and desire to improve.
- Must be self-motivated, be able to practice independently, and show desire to play in regional and national events.
- Must have great values, which also align with the MGC values, and have a positive influence on team culture.

## COST INVOLVED

The cost to be a member of the Junior Performance Academy for the 2024 is \$1000.

This includes MGC Full Junior Membership and the benefits listed above right.

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications close 31st October.
- Once applications have been received, the selection committee will select applicants for an interview stage.
- After interviews, the successful applicants will be selected for the Junior Performance Academy, starting January 2024.



## ACADEMY BENEFITS

- 1 x monthly individual 1 hour lesson (10 per year).
- 1 x monthly group lesson (10 per year).
- Individualised training programme designed by Alan/Tim/Brydie. It is the player's responsibility for following, recording progress, and meeting training goals.
- Fitness plan and quarterly fitness assessments with James Amon's team at Massey Gym (gym membership at player's own cost).
- 1 x pack of range tokens per month (10 per year) to help with practice.
- 1 x Academy shirt and 1 x Academy hat.
- 2 x OOM trips away led by Alan/Tim/Brydie.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application form and return to [proshop@manawatugolfclub.com](mailto:proshop@manawatugolfclub.com) before **31st October**.

# COURSE NEWS

Welcome to Spring!!!! We have had all four seasons in one day on several occasions. Devil's Own weekend didn't disappoint either, with the usual rain over the weekend. We started to get a false sense of summer, the usual NW winds and the warmer weather started to dry the course out nicely. The course is looking good as we head into the second month of spring.

We are still looking to fill the last spot on the team. We are hoping to find a qualified greenkeeper. Thank you to all of you volunteers for the endless amount of time that you put into the club. We all appreciate everything that you do. It helps us keep our course in great shape. Good to see that things are progressing along in the club, especially with the new cart shed. We have seen many new carts getting delivered day after day.

Over the past month, we have cored and verticut our tees. This is to remove thatch and help with water infiltration. Greens have had solid tines, been verticut, and top-dressed. 11<sup>th</sup> bunkers have now been completed. Trees to the left of the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway have been planted and staked. We have started to lift up the low-lying branches, and we still have more to do.

In the month ahead, we start testing the irrigation, core/dethatch the surrounds, install some more drains, work on more bunkers, and, hopefully, find a new staff member, as well as continue the usual upkeep of the course.

Please continue to replace your divots and repair your pitchmarks, watch where you are driving your carts (remember no one past the red line please - turn 90 degrees and into the rough). Another thing being noticed is the number of balls some golfers are hitting into a green or playing when they are by themselves — remember, you are only allowed to play two balls when out on the course. This can slow others down or greenkeepers may have to wait longer for you to finish.

On a positive note, from all of us greenkeepers, enjoy your up-and-coming month ahead of (fingers crossed warmer weather) golf, whether it be matches or just a casual round with friends.

I think we can all relate to this...

*"We learn so many things from golf—how to suffer, for instance."*

**Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent**





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**HOKOWHITU**

CAFE & BAR

MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

# Member's Clubhouse Christmas Lunch

Join us in the clubhouse for a delightful  
Christmas Buffet Lunch on  
Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of December  
starting at 12.00pm.

*It's the perfect time to embrace the festive  
spirit. We encourage you to bring  
along your family and friends to  
make this gathering even more  
joyful and memorable.*

*Let's celebrate the season together!*

Tickets booked from the Office

**\$52.00 per person**

Priority booking for all our members then open to  
the public from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, so  
be in quick!

**It's Christmas – treat yourself!**





# WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Please note this programme is subject to change. Please remember to always check and book via the fee sheets on the Club website or at the card room kiosk for available fee times.

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## October

SUNDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
<b>1</b> 2nd Round Club Championships to be completed	<b>7</b> Craigs Investment Tanklard Draw Stableford Par 9 Hole: Par.		<b>5</b> Manawatu Women's Open Day Tournament	<b>4</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>3</b> Stableford	<b>2</b>
	<b>14</b> Par, 2nd Round Club Champs & Round 1 flights to be completed Mellsop Cup & Doris Dixon LGU 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU			<b>11</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	<b>10</b> Par Gold Coast Vets (10.30am start)	<b>9</b> 9 Hole: Open Day 10am-1pm
	<b>21</b> Stableford, Final Qualifying for Shootout Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b> Spring Fling	<b>18</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>17</b> Mellsop Cup & Doris Dixon LGU	<b>16</b>
	<b>28</b> Par Semi-Final Club Champs & Semi Final flights to be completed 9 Hole: Stableford (Semi-final of Club Champs to be completed) Par	<b>27</b> Twilight Golf starts 3.00-5.30pm start	<b>26</b> Women's Shootout	<b>25</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>24</b> Stableford	<b>23</b> Labour Day
	<b>15</b> 9 Hole: 2nd Round Club Champs to be completed					
	<b>22</b> Semi-Final Club Champs to be completed					
	<b>29</b> Men's Shootout 9 Hole: Shootout					



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