

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Merry Christmas to every single one of our 1157 members! We have a fantastic community of members who have enjoyed an outstanding course in 2023. When we look back over the year, we can celebrate a year the club well and truly bounced back from the Covid times and moved toward a very exciting future.

In any club, progress sometimes takes longer than anticipated, and there are always bumps along the way, but to see plans come to fruition this year has been very rewarding. The future of the club has been assured by the overwhelming support given by the membership at the SGM to the new Governance structure. I am keen to continue as President through this transition period to ensure it is a smooth and positive change. I love being President of the Manawatu Golf Club and consider it an absolute pleasure and a huge honour.

I lead a very competent, committed, and courageous Committee. This team have so much energy and expertise and they give their time so generously. I genuinely enjoy the debate around the FCC table and know the decisions we make are thoughtful and considered. Next year there will be the opportunity for new ideas and new people to join the Full Club Committee. Our excellent and charismatic Club Captain — Alan Savell — has given two years and literally thousands of hours to our club. His legacy is huge, and the club has definitely gone from strength to strength under his captaincy. One of the great things about working closely on a committee is that you start out as colleagues, and you end up as mates. Savs is a wonderful man and a very good mate. I hope every member who has benefitted from Savs' enthusiasm buys him a beer in 2024 to appreciate what he has done for the club in 2022 and 2023. To use Savs' words, he is "humble enough to know he is very replaceable, but cocky enough to know it will be a downgrade". That sums up Savs perfectly. I am delighted that Dave Boswell has put his hand up to stand for the Club Captain's role. Bos has served a two-year apprenticeship as Deputy Club Captain and — if elected — will bring his own unique style, skillset, and personality to the role. Bos is passionate about the Club, about Junior Golf, about Pennants, and Becks beer — possibly not always in that order.

If Bos moves into the CC role, this will create at least one vacancy on the FCC. I cannot encourage members strongly enough to consider putting their name forward to stand. Natasha Meyer is also retiring from the committee (by rotation), and she has indicated she is still deciding whether to put her name forward again. Everyone who works with Tash respects the passion and planning she brings to anything she does. Tash is equally comfortable working the BBQ to coordinating the Autumn mixer, contributing to the Course Committee or considering options for Membership categories on the Membership Review Committee. Tash has done everything required of a fully committed committee member — plus a whole lot more. I hope Tash stands again as I think she has so much to give.



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Christmas is a time to reflect on the year and be very grateful for what we have. The Manawatu Golf Club is very grateful for every volunteer who has contributed to our wonderful club culture this year. Whether this be in the garden, in the divots, on a committee, as a convenor, on a BBQ, as a marshal, during Super 6, or in any of the other important roles — I am truly grateful for your contribution to the club.

At Christmas time it is also a chance to appreciate our wonderful staff team. Thanks heaps to James, Alan, Kath, Kiel, Braden, Rebecca, Carl, Chrissy, Nikki, Andre, T, Anna, Tim, Brydie, Guy, Steve, Ian, Kyle, Angus, Corban, Billsy, Sam, Twinkle, Louisa, Brady, TK, VJ, Emma, Taylor, Awa, Lilli, and Taylah. If, as members, you get to say thanks and Merry Christmas to one of our team, I know they will appreciate it.

I had a highlight on Wednesday this week at Christmas Cheer — I went home with a packet of scorched almonds. Now this isn't at all unusual — what is unusual is that I didn't even play in the competition. The Christmas spirit was alive and well in the club rooms and I was the beneficiary!

Merry Christmas and thanks for being a great member of our wonderful club.

Brent Cawthray - President



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

This is the final GM Report for 2023. This has been a year of great progress and good challenges. I am very appreciative of the support provided by the committee, the membership, and the staff. This has ensured we have moved closer to achieving our vision of being a club that our members enjoy and are proud to belong to.

The changes we have made to the Membership Categories are positive and will result in greater options for members and hopefully increased club income. I strongly support the move away from offering prime golfing opportunities at discounted rates. I am looking forward to the recommendations from the Female Ambition Sub Committee about what new initiatives we can trial to increase our female membership

numbers and the quality of the female golfing experience. If you would like to be involved in the Female Ambition Sub Committee, please contact Brydie in the Golf Shop. The creation of the new '4 Day Weekday' membership is also a positive step for new golfers or golfers who have the flexibility to play most of their golf mid-week. Any questions about what the best form of membership is for you, pop in and see Chrissy in the MGC Office — she is here to help. Change is never popular with everyone, and this is certainly the case with this membership initiative — but I know it has been made for the right reasons.

For a number of reasons — both controllable and uncontrollable — we got the calendar wrong in November. Sunday players have been unfairly and adversely effected for at least three and sometimes four Sundays this month. We are working hard to ensure this is not repeated in 2024.



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We have also offered to increase access for 5 Day and 6 Day members in December to make up for the overly restricted access in November. The 2024 Programme is almost completed and highlights just how busy our club and course are. The balance between protecting member access and providing corporate and community golf days has been very difficult — the Corporate Golf Policy approved in 2023 does give greater clarity for planning, moving forward.

The changes we made in and around the Driving Range also presented challenges. Again, they were made for the right reasons and that relates to the health and safety of our staff, and the health and safety of our members. I am pleased to report that the number of near misses reported on the range, and on the course, have decreased by 90% since the changes were made. It is important to note that revenue from range balls has decreased by 13% since the changes were made. Sometimes making hard decisions has a cost, and in this case this cost has been both financial and in member satisfaction. This negative feedback has expedited the need to investigate and plan for an enclosed driving range with the most up-to-date fit-for-purpose technology. I hope to provide some ideas and plans around this in the first quarter of 2024.

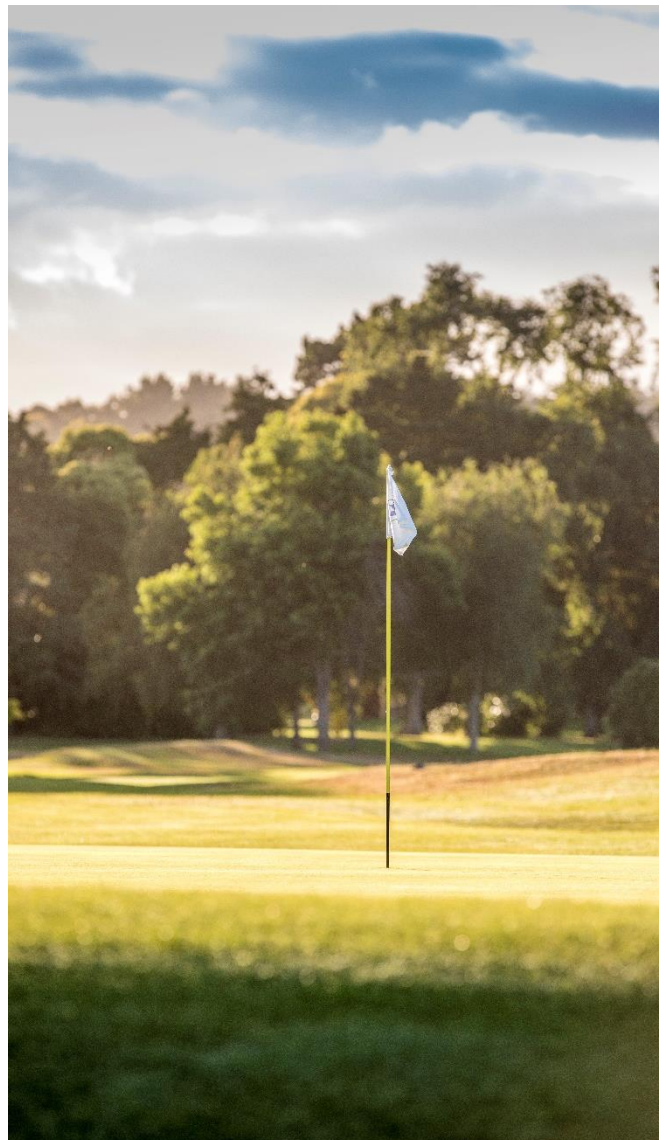
It has been interesting to read in the news of the Falcons interaction in [Rotorua](#) and [Wellington](#). It seems the Kārearea are out and about in force. They must be nearing a status upgrade change from 'endangered' suffice to say the club are managing the falcons as best we can and the best form of protection (for both the birds and the people) is information and communication.

The Cart Shed is now fully operational and — apart from a small technical glitch this week — is very successful. We have one or two spaces left. The upgrade to the Trundler Storage area is also ready to go on Monday; this features increased security, upgraded CCTV, new fob security access systems, and a new layout make this a far better user experience.

We have positive leads for a new Pro joining the team early next year and this will allow us to return to a full offering of services, programmes, and lessons. In the first newsletter of '24 I hope to be

able to introduce a new International Pro to join our team. She will be great!

It has been a pleasure to be in the club house for the festive season celebrations and closing days of various memberships. The Ladies Dinner was a particular highlight as was the full club rooms at Closing Day — I certainly now see a few of the ladies in a new light. Congratulations — and thanks — must go to all convenors this year, and in particular Alan Savell, who has done a wonderful job as Club Captain over the last two years. He will leave a legacy of clearly defined playing conditions, strong competitions, upholding the MGC traditions, and an engaged and active membership. At all times Savs has been a pleasure to work with and a fantastic CC; the club's best interests are always the top priority with anything Savs leads.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

We are a Golf Club, and our club is naturally based around golf; we are very fortunate to have an outstanding golf course as our key resource. Without a great golf course, we are simply a club. Everything we do is focussed on maintaining and improving our course. In 2024, the plans around the irrigation, the 9th hole development, the design of the range, the course plan, and the removal of trees, are each essential to ensure we continue to have a fantastic course to play.

Since our SGM in mid-2023, the governance change process has largely stalled. There are understandable reasons for this (such as the development of the Constitution template by Golf NZ) but I expect this to spark back into action in 2024 to ensure we are on track to present a detailed proposal to the 2025 AGM with the view that this would come in to action at the 2026 AGM.

In early December, the first intake of the MGA Junior Performance Academy will be announced. Eight young players, who are the future of MGC pennants teams, will start their programme in January 2024. Thanks to Bos for driving this initiative and for being part of the interview panel. Thanks to Alan and Tim for leading this

programme's content and delivery — we really are lucky with the expertise and resources we have to deliver a high-quality programme.

Thank you to each and every one of our committee members for the excellent level of support offered on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Thanks also to the hundreds of members who offer support, advice, and thanks for everything happening at the club. There are many challenges faced every day as GM and I enjoy leading the team to overcome these challenges and work towards our goals.

I'm really looking forward to Christmas Cheer on Saturday, to Dog Golf on Monday 11/18th, to the MGC Staff Christmas celebration on the 10th of December, and to playing in the Summer Cup.

Have a wonderful festive season. I am looking forward to enjoying lots of golf and some lovely time with family and friends.

Ngā Mihi and Merry Christmas

James



MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

We have had a very busy month — with both good and bad weather.

We played our "Shootout", which is great fun, BUT due to the Rugby World Cup Final, supporters were a bit scarce. Many thanks to those who did come to cheer everyone along (at least next year we won't have that problem). The winner was Rachael Anderson — Well done, Rachael. Great game!!! The Runner up was Wayne Revell — Well done, Wayne.

Club Champ Finals Results:

Div 1 Ladies (top photo): Winner - Elizabeth Burgess
Runner up - Margaret Birchall

Div 1 Men: (middle photo) Winner - Paul Grieg
Runner up - Guy Sextus

Div 2 Ladies: (bottom photo) Winner - Tarnea Leslie
Runner up - Sherryl Bethwaite

Div 2 Men: Not played

Div 3 Mixed: Not played

Champions of Champions were played at Foxton. Congratulations to Guy Sextus for winning the Best Men's Trophy.

The rest of the team, and supporting players, absorbed the rain at the Tri Series. The final round was played at Palmerston North. It was another win for Manawatu, with 34 players participating. Great support — thank you to every one of you.

Congratulations to Carolyn Gibson on winning the Sue Bunt competition for the Manawatu/Wanganui District

Christmas Cheer saw another couple of fun days where Wednesday and Saturday players enjoyed Mummy & Daddy



Christmas serving them with Christmas Cake (thanks to Barbara Smith for her beautiful cakes), port chocolates, and lollies. There were some great dress ups — even Karyn Green in Trevor's pjs and Murray Crawford with Christmas trundler and himself — Great Fun!!

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Don't forget we have a Summer Competition which has now started — write your results on the form on the card room wall.

Colleen Fraser
Nine Hole Club Captain



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COURSE NEWS

What a year 2023 has been — we have achieved a lot throughout the year. Firstly, thank you to all the volunteers that put up their hands to help — you are all a valuable part of our wider team. The Tuesday volunteers and Wayne Revell for the great organisation. To the committee and the wider Manawatu Golf Club team — thank you. James Lovegrove, thank you for the great leadership you have shown and given since being at the club, long may it continue as we grow. Finally, a huge thank you to my team, which included John Bills, without the support, the endless work, day in and out, we wouldn't be able to produce an outstanding course.

This year has had its challenges — weather being the main one. We have had new staff coming and going also. We have trialled two bunkers on the 11th, and I believe these were a success. We will be looking at redoing more in 2024. With our increasing membership, I will be looking at ways to do maintenance that has little impact on golfers. Mondays and Tuesdays are the best days to be completing our work due to our busiest days being later in the week. We are working on trying to get our bunkers to a consistent standard; they are a lot of work and labour hours. Something that the greenkeepers are proud of is our greens and they have been consistent with the ball roll and quality of cover all year round. Now that the cart shed is completed, there will be more carts used on the golf course, along with that, comes rules. Please follow the rules as cart use does add stress to the surfaces also.

In 2024 we are looking forward to continuing growth as a course. In doing this, we are still heading towards sustainability. Sustainability means low inputs, more weeds, less mowing and



still providing quality surfaces. We are still looking to complete our great team; this will allow us to continue to make improvements around the course also. The members' survey allowed us to get feedback on how the course is doing. With this, it allows us to try to concentrate on areas that need work when time allows us.

Please continue to repair your pitch marks and replace your divots. The greenkeeping team wish all members and guests a happy festive season — enjoy your family time and holidays. We look forward to seeing you all out and about in the new year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the team in the shed.

Lawn tip – Now is a good time to spray your lawn for weeds and start cutting your lawn a little bit longer as it will help the plant stress less.

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



RAT & STOAT TRAPPING REPORT

The MGC are grateful to Larry and Roz for taking the lead on the Good Nature trapping project around the course. This is another great example of the work our volunteers do to keep our course beautiful.

See the update below about progress with this fantastic initiative:

Manawatu Golf Club received a visit from the lovely people at Good Nature last week who dropped off some more supplies for our A24 self-setting rat and stoat traps. The 51 Golf Club traps are fixed to trees around the course and use specialised rodent lure to attract pests to the trap; this is 100% Toxin free and safe for pets. A Co2 compressed canister provides the energy to humanely kill rats and mice then the trap resets itself for up to 48 kills. The smart traps need to be refilled with lure and the Co2 cannister changed about every six months, with the specialised smart trap sending advice to a smart phone when the traps need a new lure pouch or the cannister changed.

Since installing the traps early in 2022 there have been 328 strikes, which is helping to support the

native bird life we see on the course. Look out for the distinctive orange and black traps fixed in the trees. They are doing their part to enrich Manawatu Golf Club.



Above: Amber and Adam from Good Nature traps.

K9 HOLES AT 6PM
MONDAY 11TH AND 18TH DECEMBER

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TWO MONDAYS ONLY - AT ALL OTHER TIMES NO DOGS ON
COURSE

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

We now head into December and all that that involves! But let's celebrate our golfing November first.

Midweek Women's Closing Day is always a great celebration of their year of golf with match play cups and accumulative golf points trophies up for grabs. The McMillan Cup and the Collinson Cup were won by Deb Archer. The Allen Cup winner was Robyn Higgins, and the Wills Cup winner was Helen Weber. The Edith Cooper Fourball cup was won by Deb Archer and Jill Dixon.

Points cup winners were Elizabeth Lander (McHardy Cup), Sue Fletcher (Cunningham Vase), and Jill Clifton winning the Downtown Cinema Cup. Our senior 9-hole winners were Jo Williamson (Evon De Roo Trophy), Jan Looney (Peg Church Salver), and Rosie Honeyfield (LGU Cup).

Saturday women enjoyed their Closing Day particularly as they played their Christmas Cheer alongside, with cheer and goodies delivered by Natasha Meyer!! Winners for 2023 were Jo Taylor (Werner Cup) and Vicki Worker (Watson Bros. Cup). The Myrtle Cunningham Plate for golf points over the year was won by Rebecca Hopper, and Rhea Hazners and Jo Taylor shared the Adam Cup for Grandmothers.

The annual women's dinner, which is open to all women in the club, is another opportunity to not only enjoy a delicious meal and beverage but also the chance to get together to celebrate the year and have a bit of fun. The entertainment was a challenge this year for the viewers to test their knowledge of famous people, story books, and characters. I think our version of the Queen and Dolly Parton stole the show.

Our 2023 winners, over all 18-hole women, were celebrated. The winners were Julie Aldridge (Squibb Salver), Rebecca Hopper (Alison Watson Cup), Lisa Herbert (Jean Whitehead Salver & Aileen Nash Record Cup), Megan Waugh (Australian LGU Coaster), Sue Spiers (Clarice Greenbank Salver & Manawatu Golf Shop Cup), Rebecca Hopper (Irene Dick Putting Trophy), and Gael Elmes (Mellsop Cup). Casey Chettleburgh won the Catherine Queenan Memorial Plate for top Club Champs qualifier.

Many of these trophies, as some of the names may indicate, started their lives way back when the club was young. Now we get to add our names to the history of the Manawatu Golf Club. Congratulations!!



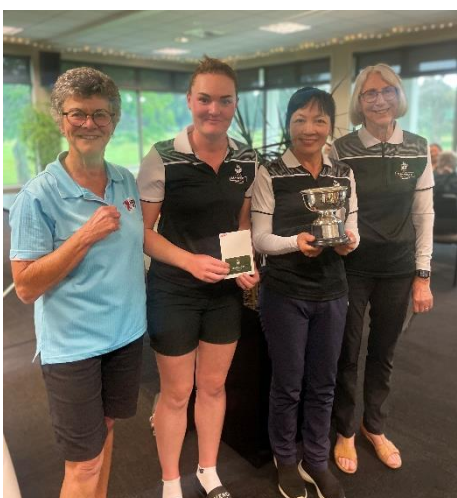
Top: Gael Elmes & Life member Lorna Willis
Middle: Casey Chettleburgh & Life member Karen Russell
Above Left: Julie Aldridge. **Above Right:** Sue Spiers

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

After our Club Champs final, where Casey Chettleburgh, Shengyi Ye, and Rhea Hazners won the Silver, Bronze 1, and Bronze 2 Championship, they very ably represented Manawatu at the District Champion of Champions. This was held at Manawatu and with great play, all our women came home with a trophy. Casey is now the Silver Champion of Manawatu Wanganui district and Shengyi is the overall Bronze 1 Champion. Casey, Shengyi, and Rhea won the team net Jenny Ritchie Shield and Casey, Shengyi, and Jill Clifton (as Bronze 1 runner-up) won the Gross Stableford Rosebowl. The result of this, 82 points, goes through to Golf NZ in a bid to win the National title. I will keep you posted on the outcome of this.

We also had a great celebration of a GolfNZ win with Rebecca Hopper winning the GolfNZ Coronation Medal. This is one of the Home Links competitions you play for during the year. Rebecca was also best in the district for the Gross Cup.

Another celebration was for Grace Manson who won the most improved junior in the district, dropping from a handicap of 54 to 20 over the year. Keep up that great work Grace!



Above Left: Casey, Shengyi, & Jill winning the Gross Stableford Rosebowl.



Above Middle: Silver Champion Casey Chettleburgh.



Above Right: Casey, Rhea, & Shengyi winning the Jenny Ritchie Shield.



Above Left: Bronze 1 Champion Shengyi Ye.



Above Middle: Rebecca Hopper winning the Coronation Medal.



Above Right: The most improved Junior in the district was Grace Manson.

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

After all that excitement, the Tuesday women enjoyed their Christmas Cheer with the help of a beautiful Christmas Cake from Life Member Karen Russell. To add to the cheer, they also had a visit from a cheery Santa and a tall Elf. Great combination.

We were lucky enough to have Janine Healey and Barbara Stuckey as convenors for our Saturday and Tuesday women over the past couple of years. We thank them for all their work and welcome Rebecca Hopper and Sue Spiers into those positions. It is always great when people put their hand up to help in different positions and there will often be a position if you are interested — don't hesitate to ask the question!

Summer golf has now started so time to get out and enjoy that sunshine! The Saturday golf booking sheet is the same as usual and Tuesday golf is a stableford competition with the best 4 from 7 possible rounds to count for the Summer Salver. There is also the chance to post an amazing net score for the Field Summer Cup. The sheet is in the card room. Play needs to be off the white tees, no gimmes, and any day that is not a competition, so not Tuesdays. Thursdays is play as you book and over summer there is an eclectic competition running. Plenty to play for.

Before you know it, the end of January will be here and the golf season for 2024 will be ready to start so keep your diary free for 27th January for Club Opening Day.

All the best for your December and January with whatever you have planned but also those spontaneous times. Enjoy! And remember, there will always be someone around to play summer golf with.

Don't forget you can drop some food off by the Christmas tree that we can deliver to the Salvation Army for the Christmas Food Bank.

Take Care,

Deb Archer

Women's Club Captain



Above: Congratulations to Leander Tyacke on her Hole in One on Hole 8 on the 14th of October.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

It is unbelievable that we are in December already and another year of golf is coming to an end. With all the club trophies handed out and Closing Day done, it has certainly been an action-packed November just gone.

November brought the usual spring winds and, luckily, very little rain.

Congratulations to all the winners of the various trophies through the year. 9-Hole, Women and Men's golf is certainly on the rise in our club and there are many people responsible who give up their time to ensure the club runs as smooth as possible. Remember that running this club is a large task and volunteers do their best and learn all the way along. A big thanks to you all.

Make sure you all have a little break from golf over the Christmas and New Year periods and enjoy time with your extended families. Life is short, so enjoy it whilst you are all still upright.



Above: Charles Pan, winner of the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard for November.

Craigs Investment Partners Tankard 4th November

Congratulations to Charles Pan who won the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard for November. Charles had a great 44 points ahead of John Symon (42) and Ant Dahlkamp (40).

Thanks to Ewan Westergaard from Craigs for the sponsorship and presenting the tankard to Charles.

2023 Club Champs Finals Day 4th November

It was again decided to have all the finalists from all sections of the club — junior, 9-hole, women's, and men's — play on the same day to ensure great club togetherness both on the course and at the presentations afterwards in the club house. Well done to all the winners and a credit must go out to the older members of the club who played two rounds of golf on the day.

2023 Club Champs Final Matches

36 hole Matches

Junior Final	Gus Fowler	bet	Euan Avery	6 & 5
Intermediate Final	Kaleb Fagan	bet	Charles Pan	5 & 4
Senior Final	Ewan Westergaard	bet	Campbell Ogilvie	8 & 7
Silver Final	Casey Chettleburgh	bet	Lisa Herbert	3 & 1
Bronze1 Final	Shengyi Ye	bet	Jill Clifton	5 & 3

18 hole Matches

Senior flight	Bradley Morgan	bet	Mark Denton	1 up
Senior handicap	Jonny Currie	bet	Hamish Pryde	1 up
Intermediate flight	Mark Gunning	bet	Jacob Cranston	2 up
Intermediate handicap	Chris Burn	bet	Ant White	1 up
Junior flight	Anthony Dahlkamp	bet	Rob Cuff	2 up
Junior handicap	Tony Webster	bet	Alan Bailey	3 & 2
C-grade Champs	Brent Cawthray	bet	James Wang	1 up
C grade flight	Lyll Schroder	bet	Mark Smith	by default
C grade handicap	John Symon	bet	Nigel Tristram	6 & 5
Bronze 2	Rhea Hazners	bet	Sue Spiers	1 up

Juniors

Junior 18 holes	Bradley Morgan		Ryan Block	to be played
Junior 9 holes	Stellan Lawrence	bet	Alexander McGechan	1 up
Junior 3 hole	Bryson Clement	bet	Tristan Hyatt	2 up

9 hole Matches

Mens 1st Division	Guy Sextus	bet	Paul Greig	1 up
Ladies 1st Division	Elizabeth Burgess	bet	Margaret Birchall	on the 10th
Mens 2nd Division	Arnold Parnell		Craig McIntosh	to be played
Ladies 2nd Division	Tarneae Leslie	bet	Sherryl Bethwaite	2 & 1
Bronze: (Mixed)	Ray Abbott		Marie O'Brien	to be played

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Club Closing Day 18th November

Congratulations to Toni & Mark Gleeson (pictured below) and Anna & Michael Cochrane who won the Galloway Memorial Cup for Closing day.

Thanks to all who participated — it was great to see 64 plus teams entered. And thanks to the weather gods for only raining a little bit! We hope to see you all again next year.



Imlay-Saunders Mixed Foursomes:

Congratulations to Angela Pivac and Rob Cuff for winning the Imlay-Saunders Mixed Foursomes competition for 2023. Also, well done to Leander Tyacke and Brett Doolan who were the winners of the Imlay-Saunders Plate.



Above: Angela Pivac and Rob Cuff.
Right: Leander Tyacke and Brett Doolan.

Gilmours Manawatu Open B-Grade Championship Sunday 12th November

The Gilmours sponsored B-grade Championship was played in very windy conditions. Well done to Joff Willemsen from Eltham who won after two play-off holes against Ralph Thomas.

MGC staff member Braden Rowe won the Unreal Grass 18 Hole Cup for the best 18 holes in the afternoon. Jeff McDonald won the C A Zimmerman Cup for the top qualifier of the 9 holes played in the morning. Thank you to all who participated on the day. It was a competitive, albeit windy, day out on the course with a full field of players vying for the top spot.

Thanks to Jarrad Boyle of Gilmours Manawatu for presenting the trophies and Chrissy Rose for organising the tournament. We hope to see you all again next year.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Kaleb Fagan for winning the Men's Intermediate Gross Trophy at the 2023 Champion of Champions.



Up and Coming Events:

Saturday 2nd December: Club Xmas Cheer AM & PM, compulsory entry to play.

Thursday 14th December: Business House golf.

Sunday 17th December: Bye Round Summer Singles/Fourball to be completed.

Sunday 24th December: 1st Round Summer Singles/Fourball to be completed.

Monday 25th December: Santa Arrives to your house... A BIG FAMILY DAY

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

& NEW YEAR.

Good golfing to all

Members.

Alan Savell -

Club Captain



NZ Golf Match Play Card Exemption for Handicapping Procedure



The handicapping system requires that scores from all forms of competition, including match play, must be entered for handicapping purposes.

Golf New Zealand has relaxed this requirement for specific match play events as set out below.

Formats where scorecards are exempt from handicap purposes include:

- Club match play championship
- Inter Club / Pennants off the stick format
 - e.g. Otaki Cup, Duncan Cup, Bissett Shield, Woodward Cup
- National / District / Provincial match play championships
 - e.g. New Zealand Amateur, Auckland Match Play
- Inter-District team events
 - e.g. Men's & Women's Interprovincial, Shand Cup, Garrard Shield
- International team events
 - e.g. Trans-Tasman Cup, Michael Bonallack

Note 1: Whilst Golf New Zealand has provided flexibility for the above exemptions, District Associations and golf clubs must continue to ensure that scorecards in all other formats, including nine-hole rounds, are entered for handicapping purposes.

Note 2: If a District Association or golf club conducts a match play competition under a format which qualifies for exempt status and wishes to override the exemption, they are permitted to do so, provided a clause is included within the terms of competition requiring that all scorecards must be returned for handicap purposes.

Note 3: If an individual player, when competing under a format which has been listed as qualifying for exempt status, wants to return a scorecard for handicapping, provided the scorecard is correctly attested, they are permitted to do so.



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GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone,

As this is the last newsletter for 2023, the team in the Golf Shop would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy golfing New Year. The year has flown by, and we look forward to another great golfing year for MGC!!



Last week, Tim and I (Alan) went up to Te Arai with a couple of mates from Manawatu Golf Club. We played the newly opened North Course as well as the South Course. We had an amazing time. This is the second time I have been there, and it's even better the second time!!!! If you get the chance, I highly recommend it. It's not the cheapest round of golf in the world but it is worth every penny for the avid golfer. If you are wanting the widest fairways but toughest greens in the country, then I recommend the North! If you are after amazing views and a slightly tighter, but shorter, course with less sloping greens, then the South is a perfect fit. Or just play both!!!



On the 28th of November, Brydie travelled to Auckland for a PGA All Abilities day. They had an international guest speaker who specialises in coaching all abilities golfers. Brydie went on behalf of our coaching team at the Manawatu Golf Club to learn and up-skill in this area of our teaching.

Junior golf update:

On Sunday the 26th of November we held our annual McDonald's Manawatu Junior Open. Kids travel from all around the lower North Island for the event.



Once again, this event was a huge success, with around 70 kids participating. A massive thank you to our sponsors — McDonald's Manawatu and Cookie Time Manawatu — and also Stu Robbie, and Wayne and Sonja Revell for helping out on the day.

Manawatu Juniors took home all four trophies this year. Zac Tarrant won the 6-hole gross division with a score of 25; O'shay Booth won the 9-hole stableford division with 25 points; Liam Southall took out the 18-hole stableford competition with 37 points; Sophie Aburn was the 18-hole girl's stableford winner with 36 points; and William Dunsmore won the 18-hole gross trophy with a 2-under round of 70.

GOLF SHOP NEWS



Above Left: William, O'Shay, Zac, & Sophie
Above Right: Liam.

We also held our end of year Manawatu Golf Club Junior Prizegiving. This is to celebrate all the junior members at our club and the successes they have had over 2023.

The prestigious trophy winners of 2023 were:

Junior Golfer of the Year	Ryan Rooney
Most Successful Junior Boy	William Dunsmore
Most Successful Junior Girl	Mea Hohepa
Most Enthusiastic & Best Attendance	Stellan Lawrence
Most Improved Overall	Grace Manson
Under 13 Best Etiquette	Austin Haswell
Under 13 Most Improved	Tristan Hyatt
Under 19 Best Etiquette	Cullen Byrne
Under 19 Most Improved	William Grieve
Junior Strokeplay:	
- 18 Hole Gross	Bradley Morgan
- 18 Hole Stableford	Grace Manson
- 9 Hole Gross	Henri Anema
- 9 Hole Stableford	Zac Walsh
- 3 Hole Gross	Selena Clement
Junior Matchplay:	
- 18 Hole Club Championship	Ryan Block
- 9 Hole Club Championship	Stellan Lawrence
- 3 Hole Club Championship	Bryson Clement



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

Your Pro Shop Team

Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, & Guy.

NEW MEMBERS

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

7 Day: Claire Chapman, Phil Harris, Brendon Hart, Sam Rowe

Under 30: Dylan Jones, Vaughn Trego

Under 25: William Caltaux, James van Kerkhoff
Krittamet Chiewvatsagonchai

5 Day: Jeremy Carnegie

9 Hole: Phillipa Carne

During this same period, 21 members resigned, bringing our total membership number to 1151 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.



Above: Congratulations to Allan Mudford for his Hole in One on the 8th Hole on the 13th of September.

MGC CHRISTMAS HOURS

Office – closes 3pm on Friday 22nd Dec and reopens 8.30am on Monday 8th Jan

Golf Shop – closed 25th Dec, 26th Dec, 1st Jan

Café – click [HERE](#) to view the café's festive season operating hours



WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

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 tee times.

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December

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	4	5 Summer Golf	6 9 Hole: Summer Competition	7	1 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	2 Club Christmas Cheer AM & PM Compulsory Entry to play	3 9 Hole Fun Day from 3pm
	11	12 Summer Golf	13 9 Hole: Summer Competition	14 Yorb Business House	8 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	9 9 Hole: Summer Competition	10
	18	19 Summer Golf	20 9 Hole: Summer Competition	21	15 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	23 9 Hole: Summer Competition	17 Bye Round Summer Singles/Fourball to be completed
	25	26	27 9 Hole: Committee's Choice	28	22 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	30 9 Hole: Committee's Choice	24 1st Round Summer Singles/Fourball to be completed
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