



December 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

This is a truly wonderful golf club, with an extremely hard working Committee, a totally committed team of employees and of course you the members who appreciate the magnificent facilities you enjoy, it is time to acknowledge those that make it happen. Sincere thanks to all of these people that make it happen. Many of you would have seen the numbers swell in the café so a special mention to Kath, Dana and their respective teams. The quality of food and the service never suffers as this group continue delivering the excellent product day in and day out. The course is in magnificent condition but not is all plain sailing with irrigation break downs continually hounding Kiel and his team. Irrigation is on our wish list and will be included in the new strategic plan. The Pro Shop team ably lead by Alan are geared up for Xmas and are now taking orders with the Jubilee merchandise. And lastly to all the Committee whom continually strive to improve the Club, we thank you all.

As always there is vacancies on the Committee for 2020. If you are interested in any position, Brent is only too willing to discuss with you. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday January 27 so please pencil this in your diary. Information for the Election of Officers along with the Notice of the Meeting will be on display from the week commencing 16 December.

We must also thank you to all the Club Sponsors. Without these people and businesses, MGC would not be what it is today. Sadly we say goodbye to two of our Sponsors, Sport & Rugby Institute and Nuview Wealth Solutions. Sport & Rugby Institute have been with us for two years and Nuview Wealth Solutions for twelve years. This is a significant contribution to the Club. Nuview Wealth Solutions will continue to be the principle sponsor of the Business House Golf until the end of the 2019/20 Summer Series. David Petre along with Murray Main started this tournament 20 years ago and have sponsored the tournament since its inception. David is very proud of the efforts he and Ian van der Veen have made to build the tournament. They have ensured that the tournament will continue by bringing on board another principal sponsor and enlisted another person to help in the running of the tournament. We thank them for all they have done for the Club.

Planning is well underway for the Brian Green Property Group NZ Super 6's. Everything is now up live on the Club's website and Warren is out and about selling the sponsorship packages. This tournament will be totally different from others as we see men and women playing against each other in strokeplay and then move into the matchplay section on Sunday. If you are interested in being involved as a sponsor then please have a chat with Warren. We will shortly be announcing the sponsor of the Pro Am.

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT Continued...

Carparking has become very frustrating for us as we juggle visitors to the golf club through the success of the café and members. The carpark is a high priority in our strategic plan but until we find the best solution for the carpark we ask that people please use some common-sense and not park where other patrons can't exit. Blocking cars in is not smart. Staff on busy days already park on the road freeing up additional car parks. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

And finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Brent Cawthray & Warren Collett



Subscription Increase

The Committee have met to review the club's annual membership fees and it was approved that there will be an increase of 4.5% on the base subscription (excluding levies) across all membership categories from 1 January 2020. The increase will ensure that we can maintain our course and facilities to the standard we have become accustomed to now and in the future. While on the topic of subscriptions, members may wish to consider payment of subs as a monthly Direct Debit, which can be easier to manage than the 1 payment option. If you do wish to consider this option feel free to call into the office and discuss it with them.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is set for Monday 27th January 5:30pm

Information on the AGM will be available mid-December in the card room. Nomination forms will be available from the office or the card room. Nominations close 13th January. If there is a vote, voting members will be notified and voting papers will be sent out after 13th January.

Any person wishing to bring a notice of motion to the AGM must give written notice to the General Manager no later than 6th January 2020

Pro Shop

Hi Everyone. It's nice to have the sun out shining over the last week. November has been a hectic month for us in the shop - with all the events and corporate activities going on, as well as lessons and normal day-to-day stuff. As we are coming into Christmas we have some new and exciting products in store, so be sure to ask one of your Golf shop team members about them.

As this is the last newsletter of the year I would first like to thank my team here in the Golf Shop; Andre, Lisa, Tim & Guy - you are all awesome and make my life a lot easier so a massive thank you to you all. It has been a busy year for us and you have all done a fantastic job. Secondly, a big thank you to all of you (our members) - I have been around many clubs in the country and Manawatu Golf Club is the best by far, so thank you to you all. All of us in the shop love this place and that is because of the awesome members we have.

Interprovincial' s:

The men's Manawatu-Wanganui Interprovincial team did really well this year, finishing fourth and narrowly missing out on the final last week at Hastings Golf Club. Representing Manawatu Golf Club was Regan McConaghty, Trent Munn & Liam Finlayson. Well done on the week boys!!! Also good luck to our four members that are flying the flag for Manawatu Golf Club at the women's Interprovincial in Napier this week (Lisa Herbert, Lily Griffin, Chee He and Tara Raj). They finished third last year and have a strong chance of improving this year.



Christmas gifts in the shop:

We have some great gift options for Christmas in the shop and if you are still uncertain what to get then we have gift cards that can be used on anything including lessons. They can also be used in the Café.

From all of us in the golf shop have great Christmas and New Years and we look forward to another great year in 2020.

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

Your Proshop team - Alan, Andre, Lisa, Tim and Guy

A message from the Club Captain

2019 Club Championship Results

For a change this year we had a stunning day for the 2019 Club Champs matches. Thanks to Iain and Kiel who prepped the Course early in the morning, Ralph and Brent who kept things working and the many spectators who turned up to support the Club's Champions.



Results for 2019 Club Champs finals

Championship finals over 36 holes

- Senior Ewan Westergaard beat Kirk Brough 11 and 10
- Intermediate Richard Shaw beat James Amon on the 38th hole
- Junior Peter McRedmond beat Aaron Kibblewhite
- C-grade Barry Griffin beat Jon Bryant 4 and 3
- Ladies Silver Lisa Herbert beat Casey Chettleburgh 3 and 2
- Ladies Bronze 1 Elizabeth Lander beat Di Betts 6 and 5



Championship final over 18 holes

- Ladies Bronze 2 Robyn Higgins beat Glyn Robinson 2 and 1



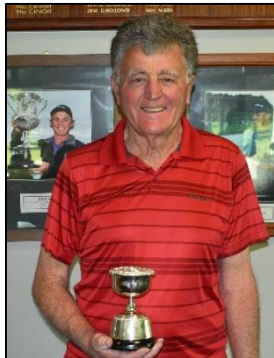
Championship flights over 18 holes

- Senior Sam Smith beat Chris Edsall 8 and 7 (played over 36 by agreement)
- Intermediate James Lovegrove beat Hamish Pryde 2 and 1
- Junior Mike Kellet beat Luke McConaghty 6 and 5
- C grade Rob Cuff beat Lew Hirini 5 and 4

Championship Handicap finals over 18 holes

- Senior Martyn Nail beat Jon Salmon 4 and 3
- Intermediate Maurice Jackson beat Peter Steer 4 and 2
- Junior George Allen beat Derek Walker 3 and 2
- C grade Bill Bendall beat Lyall Schroder 4 and 3

9-hole finals



Mens Div 1

Wayne Revell beat Murray Crawford 2 and 1

Mens Div 2

Don MacDonald beat Ray Abbott 1 up

Womens Div 1

Liz Burgess beat Margaret Birchall 1 up

Womens Div 2

Lynne Browan beat Sue Cook on the 10th hole

Mixed Bronze

Tarnea Leslie beat Colleen Buckler

Junior 18 hole

Kaleb Fagan beat Max Herbert 5 and 4

Junior 9 hole

Kees Elkerbout beat Henri Anema 4 and 3

Junior 3 hole

Stellan Lawrence beat Paris Walker-Warren 2 and 1



The Best Gross Shootout

The Best Gross Shootout was played between our best golfers in very windy conditions over 9 holes. Eliminated on the 10th (1st hole) was to everyone's surprise, Ewan Westergaard in a chip-off with Kaleb Idemaru. On the 11th Steven Charles lost in a chip-off to Ben Matthews. On the 12th a 5 way chip-off was required and a measure between Don Cleland's ball and Lisa Herbert's ball resulted in Don being eliminated. On the 13th Malcolm Neall had a bogey 5 while everyone else had par or better. On the 14th Regan McConaghty was eliminated with a 6 after being above the hole on the par 5 for 2!



On the 15th Kaleb Idemaru lost in a chip-off with mate Sam Smith. On the 16th Josh Sedgwick had a 3-putt bogey to be eliminated. On the 17th Lisa Herbert had a birdie while Ben Matthews and Sam Smith with pars, had a to endure a chip off over the infamous left-hand bunker. Ben flew past the flag but Sam's chip just cleared the bunker only to roll back in and be eliminated. On the last, Lisa made a great recovery from the 1st right hand fairway bunker to make the mid front of the 18th green but Ben played an even better shot into the gale force wind to within 5 feet. Ben made the birdie putt to win. All the contestants provided great feedback and we will definitely continue with this competition in 2020.

Wade Cup for 2019

Congratulations to Josh Hartwell and Lyall Schroder who shared the season long Men's Wednesday competition, the Wade Cup for 2019. This is only the 2nd time the trophy has been shared (other time was in 1983). Josh & Lyall finished with 214 points, being the combined total of their 5 best monthly Stableford scores over the season.





B-Grade Championship

Congratulations to the Unreal Grass B Grade Champion for 2019 Peter Balfour! A great 27-hole championship. Grayson Joines took out the cup for best stableford in the afternoon 18-hole round. As well as taking out the overall championship, Peter also won the morning 9-hole best stableford trophy. Thanks to Baz from UnReal Grass for your continued support of the B Grade Championship.

Closing Day

Closing day saw Helen & Brian Wilkinson make a clean sweep of the mixed trophies for 2019! They shared Opening day with Tarnea & Brian Leslie and won the Imlay-Saunders trophy over Eva Heinrich & Mark Grayson. In winning the Closing day Galloway Cups, Helen & Brian had +7 to Par.



There was also a BBQ and a special visit from Santa and his helper!



Men's Interprovincial

The Manawatu-Wanganui Men's Interprovincial team for 2019 consisted of Tyler Wood, Liam Finlayson, Trent Munn, Tyler Hodge, Regan McConaghty and reserve Angus Findlay. All but Tyler Hodge are or have been members at MGC. Playing at Hastings Golf Club (Bridge Pa), the team only had one loss in the round robins to make the semi-finals where they played Auckland. Unfortunately, they lost this by the narrowest of margins 3-2 with Trent finishing his match All square then losing on the 19th to a birdie. Auckland went on to win with a 5-0 clean sweep of Otago.

Thanks to the match committee, the 9-hole and women's conveners, interclub/pennant team managers, ProShop staff and the GM and for their great work through the year to ensure we all have trouble-free golf along with the associated competitions through the year. I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing festive period in preparation for our 125th Jubilee year.

Richard Shaw Club Captain

2019 Mens Trophy Winners



MINA SEIFERT CUP (Lowest Gross during season) Ewan Westergaard - 66 achieved twice

MOODIE CUP (Lowest Nett during season)

Paul Johnson - 59

McHARDY CUP (Division 1 Stroke)

Steve Aburn

DRUCE CUP (Division 2 Stroke)

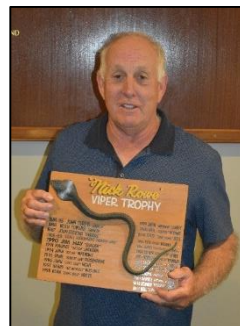
Mark Smith

PLUNKET TROPHY (Division 1 Par)

Sam Smith

COOPER RAPLEY CUP (Division 2 Par)

John Bills



WIGGINS CUP WINNER (Division 1 Stableford)

Richard Shaw

MAUNDER CUP WINNER (Division 2 Stableford)

Gus Fowler

HAY & WATSON CUP (Amasses most points)

Rodney Thomas

3 Putt Club Best putters

Rodney Smith & Ray Barnett (tied)

3 Putt Club Worse putter

Pete Stewart

ALL FEDEX cup points 2019

McHardy Cup			Plunket Trophy			Wiggins Cup		
Rank	Net Division 1	Points	Rank	Par Division 1	Points	Rank	Stableford Div 1	Points
1	Steve Aburn	1129	1	Sam Smith	1095	1	Richard Shaw	1349
2	Richard Shaw	924	2	Bill Barber	1086	2	Maurice Jackson	1191
3	Brent Dickins	865	3	Danny Gainford	1050	3	Ray Barnett	1128
4	John Beaumont	846	4	Adrian Christie	981	4	John Simmonds	1086
5	Ray Barnett	843	5	William Leipnik	975	5	Adrian Christie	1049

ALL FEDEX cup points 2019

Druce Cup			Cooper Rapley Cup			Maunder Cup		
Rank	Net Division 2	Points	Rank	Par Division 2	Points	Rank	Stableford Div 2	Points
1	Mark Smith	1320	1	John Bills	1237	1	Gus Fowler	1209
2	Rodney Thomas	1238	2	Rodney Thomas	1096	2	Ian Craig	1188
3	Rodney Smith	1034	3	Bill Towler	1078	3	Mark Smith	1105
4	Dave Whittle	990	4	Gus Fowler	994	4	Alan Savell	1069
5	Ghee Tan	902	5	John Symon	955	5	John Symon	1054

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

The competitions are over, the trophies have been presented and engraved, the Christmas trees are up, so now we can relax and enjoy the beautiful sunshine on our course which is looking stunning.

As usual, November was a very busy month with Finals day, Champion of Champions together with Closing days, Christmas Cheers and the Annual Dinner.

The Thursday Club Shootout also took place on October 31st. Once again it was fiercely contested with Helen Wilkinson (what a season she has had) winning the Rita Parkinson Cup and Marlene Judd the Runner-Up. Many thanks to Rosie Honeyfield and Pam Lamberton for providing the tea and coffee and delicious muffins at the half way mark. Thanks also to our marshalls, Edna Short and Alicia Boag, who dressed up as witches to oversee the competition.

Club Championships

Ladies Silver: Lisa Herbert, runner up Casey Chettleburgh

Ladies Bronze I: Elizabeth Lander, runner up Di Betts

Ladies Bronze II: Glyn Robinson, runner up Marlene Judd

The following week the **Champion of Champions** was contested at Pahiatua. Although the weather was challenging, forcing a break for an hour or so, the Manawatu ladies performed very well.

Our team of Lisa, Elizabeth and Di were runners up to Palmerston North in the Gross Stableford Rosebowl.

The Apiti Nett Cup for Bronze I was won by Elizabeth Lander and Robyn Higgins was second in the Bronze II competition on a countback.

The Jenny Ritchie Shield for the best team nett was won by Lisa, Elizabeth and Robyn.

At Pahiatua it was also announced that Manawatu were the inaugural winners of the Susan Farron Race to the Shield which is an interclub competition designed to encourage ladies to attend other clubs' open days.

The following Tuesday 12th November we had our Closing Day competition and the 18 hole and Senior 9 hole Prize Giving. Congratulations to all the Tuesday Ladies who won prizes.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report Continued...

The next Tuesday we prepared for the WAM Dinner where we were able to enjoy a lovely dinner thanks to Kath and her staff. There was a lot of laughter as we tried to sing along to some Elton John songs. Many thanks to Claire Davis for adapting Candle in the Wind to a golf theme and to Sue Fletcher for playing the piano.

Our President Brent Cawthray and Vice President Grayson Joines also enjoyed the festivities.

In the last week of November we enjoyed our Christmas Cheer with Santa (Warren Collett) and Elfie (Rachel Huxtable) providing a sip of port, delicious Christmas tarts thanks to Sue Fletcher and chocolates thanks to Deb Archer. Because of the warmer weather the consumption of port was down on last year, but it will keep. Thanks also to Life Member Karen Russell for providing the delicious Christmas cake.



The ladies donated \$10 each to go toward a charity of our choice with the money we have earned from Meals on Wheels. This year we have decided to donate the money to MentorEd, a registered Charitable Trust which aims to give 1:1 support to children at school.

The charity believes advocating for and mentoring children facing adversity can lift academic engagement. They aim to boost confidence, resilience and perseverance in order to help children navigate the challenges of life. They develop close relationships with teachers and children because their mentoring takes place at school during the day. Their learning support aims to increase the child's sense of engagement, wellbeing and chances of succeeding at school.

Since we raised \$346 from our donations together with the \$442.47 we will be able to top it up to \$800 to give to the charity. Many thanks to the ladies and to Elizabeth Lander and Alicia Boag who continue to organise the rosters for the Golf Club's contribution to Meals on Wheels.

Since this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to sincerely thank the Tuesday Ladies' convenor, Deb Archer, who has made my job this year considerably easier, the ladies on the committee (Alicia Boag, Claire Davis, Sue Burmeister, Lorraine Stachurski, Helen Weber, Sharen Port and Dawn Lavender), the greens staff, the kitchen staff and all the ladies who were willing to help with various functions throughout the year.

Have a great Christmas and Happy 2020.

Jill Clifton, Women's Captain

WOMEN'S GOLF

Saturday Women's Report

As the year winds down it is nice to reflect on the successes of the past season, with several women selected for representative teams.

We have welcomed some new members, farewelled a few others and hope the group continues to grow in 2020. November saw the club champs played in lovely weather, and the Saturday ladies' prize giving where we enjoyed a three club challenge followed by lunch with shared platters.

Ladies' club dinner and prize giving with excellent food, great company and entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to our convenor Eva's generosity, our Saturday ladies' Christmas potluck evening complete, with darts, bowls and exchange of secret Santa was the usual great night out. It was also a chance to reconnect with former members who we hadn't seen during the year.

Closing day was enjoyed by a good number of our group with success coming to the dynamic duo of Helen and Brian Wilkinson who cleaned up on the day. Mention must also be made that Helen and Brian won the prestigious Imlay Saunders Competition.

All in all Saturday women's golf continues strongly .

Now is the time to enjoy summer golf and look forward to a new year of fun and competition in 2020.

Thanks to our committee for their input and organising talents.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Sue Spiers

NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in October 2019

7 Day Member – Mike McSherry, Andrew Penwarden, Margaret Read

Under 25 - Jack Bowring

6 Day Member - Greg Clark, Hilary McKenna

9 Hole – Jinhee Cho, Jonathan Moores, Robyn Moores, Aaron Smith

Restricted Junior - Stellan Lawrence, Bella Shim, Jessica Yeonwoo, Jane You

Social - Ken Lansdell, Margot Mortland

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 981 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.



Jubilee Logo Merchandise Pre-order Sale



or buy all 3 for
\$120



NINE HOLE NEWS

Here we are again at the end of another year we have had a great year weather has been kind to us on Wednesdays we have had great numbers on Wednesdays and Saturdays

Last week we went to Marton for the Manawatu Wanganui Champion of Champions and our Liz Burgess became the women's champion a big congratulations to Liz.

On Sunday we had our Fun Day (ambrose and dinner) great time had by all we even had new players came to join us great time to do this, we had go for dinner which once again was superb great big thanks to cafe staff also the way they look after us during the week it is really appreciated.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners and all those that participated in these events.

We have started our summer competition result sheets in card room put your name on the sheet and your gross and stableford scores

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year enjoy your summer golf

Colleen Fraser & Wayne Revell - Nine Hole Convenor



Congratulations also to Lynne Browan who got a hole in one on the 4th hole on 31st October!

Well done Lynne!

COURSE REPORT

It's the last month of the year as we count down to the festive season. This year has just flown by. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their golfing months. Congratulations to all those who won a competition during the year. Well Done! This December for the green staff we are bringing on board a new staff member, James Haerewa, if you see him out and about a friendly hello wont go amiss.

Greens are due to be renovated on Monday 16th of December, we will be over seeding and topdressing at this time. All going well we should have the process completed by the Tuesday afternoon. Assuming the weather plays its part. Tees and surrounds will have wetting agent applied to help them through the summer, as well as fertiliser. Fairways are looking good, will continue to foliar feed as well as apply basic wetting agent to help maintain as best as we can. Rough areas, boundary lines and fescue banks will be done as soon as we get some fine weather with no wind.

The Green Staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy your holidays wherever you may go. Hopefully the weather plays its part too 😊.

NOTE: When going into a bunker, you use the rake that is provided and rake it on your way out. This is not happening, all you are doing is penalising your golfing peers. When raking lightly push the rake away from you, this helps spread it out. Divots need to be replaced, pitch marks are also quite bad now, once again you are only penalising your golfing peers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR 😊

Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



Poor behaviour on the Course

Recently we have observed that someone has been chopping up the course as shown in the accompanying photos taken recently on the 1st, 3rd and 13th fairways. Similar older patches are evident on at least the 10th and 12th. These are around the red markers and pretty much the middle of the fairway. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE** on our Golf Course. Our greens staff do a great job presenting our course in superb condition and it is totally unacceptable for their work to be disrespected in this manner. If the culprit is caught they can expect severe censure for this activity.

Perhaps in parallel to this is a rise in unrepaired pitchmarks on greens around the course. Please take the effort to repairs your pitchmarks especially with the warm weather we are now experiencing.



Hokowhitu Café & Bar



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar....



Christmas Goodies

We have a great range of Christmas treats available at the café!

We have Mazurka Christmas slice, Christmas tarts, Chilli almonds and Christmas cakes available!

CHRISTMAS GIFT VOUCHERS

Remember we can issue gift vouchers for those hard to buy for. Vouchers can be made out to any dollar amount and can be issued from the café, the office or the Pro Shop



Holiday Hours

CAFÉ AND BAR

Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th December – CLOSED

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

26th December – Boxing Day – CLOSED

Friday 27th December – Open from 10:00am

28th – 29th - Standard hours

Monday 30th - Tuesday 31st December - CLOSED

Wednesday 1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

Thursday 2nd January – CLOSED

Friday 3rd January - Standard hours resume



PRO SHOP

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

COURSE

The course is open throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

OFFICE

Friday 20th December – Closes at 3:00pm

Monday 23rd December – OPEN

Tuesday 24th – Sunday 29th December – CLOSED

Monday 30th December - OPEN

Tuesday 31st Dec – Sunday 5th January – CLOSED

Monday 6th January – Open Normal hours



What's on in December...

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.

December

■ MEN
 ■ WOMEN
 ■ MIXED
 ■ EVENT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31					1 9 Hole Fun Day from 3pm
2	3 Summer Golf, Early start	4 9 Hole: Summer Competition	5	6 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	7 Club Christmas Cheer AM & PM Compulsory Entry to play	8 Junior Masters
9	10 Summer Golf	11 9 Hole: Summer Competition	12 Nuvview Wealth Solutions Business House	13 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	14 9 Hole: Summer Competition	15 Junior Prizegiving
16	17 Summer Golf	18 9 Hole: Summer Competition	19	20 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	21 9 Hole: Summer Competition	22
23	24 Summer Golf	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28 9 Hole: Summer Competition	29



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