



December 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The month of November has been an exceptionally busy and rewarding month for the Club. Club Championships and prizegiving, Closing Day, Gilmour's B Grade Championship and the Tailored NZ Par 3 Challenge have all been held in the month, along with the start of our Christmas Cheer tournaments. These have been big days at the Club, with full fields, the course in great condition and many, many people enjoying our great hospitality in the café and bar throughout the month.

We would like to thank our Manawatu Golf Club team for their hard work during this busy period. Kiel, our Superintendent, and his Course team, have done a fine job, preparing the Course to the highest standards. This is no easy feat, with the course in heavy demand. This is the best time of the year for course conditions, so we encourage you to make the most of it and get out and play some golf. Our kitchen and front of house teams, continue to provide us with exceptional service and quality in the café and bar. Throughout November and December, we are full of Christmas functions, corporate days, Friday night dining and people throughout the day in the café and bar. Our team do a great job, serving you and the public, during this busy festive period, so give them a smile and thank them, next time you are in the clubhouse.

We now have more clarity on the Government's Covid-19 Protection Framework, or the Traffic Light System as it is also called. The Committee formally adopted the Manawatu Golf Club Covid-19 Vaccination Policy, at it's meeting on 30 November. This means that the Club, including the course, facilities, shop and clubhouse are a Covid-19 Vaccine certified venue. You will need to have a copy of your "My Vaccine Pass", either on your phone or a copy on paper. Our staff will ask you to provide this, when you enter any part of the Club. Please don't be offended by this, it is part of the process we are all working through. The good news is that once we reach Green, the Club will return to normality. You will be able to move around the clubhouse freely and enjoy our great facilities.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 31 January, 5.45 pm. The notice of meeting, request for notices of motion and nominations for committee member roles are to be distributed in the next week. The Club is for its members, so we encourage you to consider putting your name forward for vacant committee roles. Davy Forrest is not seeking re- election after his two year stint, and our Club Captain Richard Shaw is also stepping down. We thank them both for their contributions over their respective terms. So there will be two vacancies on the committee.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club over the next month.

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



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Hi everyone,

As this is the last newsletter for the year - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!! Your Golf Shop team have had heaps of fun over last 12 months. We hope you all have a great break over the holiday season and get a lot of golf in!

Manawatu McDonalds Junior Open: Well done to all who came out for our annual Manawatu McDonalds Junior Open. We had another awesome day and the kids loved the great golf course that we have and also the free McDonalds and Cookie Times which they get for playing in the event.

We had over 70 kids participate this year over the 18, 9, and 6 hole formats. Big thanks to Justin & Kelly Leck (McDonalds Manawatu) and Vicki and Shane (Cookie Time Manawatu) for sponsoring the event. The next event is our Manawatu McDonalds Junior Masters which is normally held in April/May

Tip of the month: Summer golf - The golf course is starting to firm up and winter is in the rear vision mirror finally!! But summer golf brings new challenges with it, not just the positives. So, what can we do to make the most out of summer golf?

1. Try a different ball: The greens are firmer so what can help is a ball with more stopping power. One of the mistakes with golf balls is that we think softer means more spin around the greens, but this is not necessarily the case. A soft ball can sometimes have less spin around the greens. For maximum stop around the greens try a Titleist Pro V1 X, Callaway Chrome soft X LS, or Bridgestone tour B XS.





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2. Chipping & pitching: The course plays shorter in the summer and because of this we tend to chip more! That shot that was 50m short of the green in winter is now just off the green. Spend time practising the short game and if needed invest in a lesson to help you chip & pitch more successfully.

3. Driving: Summer is great for driving but it is also extremely penalising. As the ground firms up the ball keeps bouncing and rolling and any slight offline drive now rolls under the trees. So, make sure: 1) You have the right driver for you or your driver is set up correctly for your golf game. 2) Here are couple of basics tips to drive the ball better - Setup: Ball position inside left heel and tilt away from the target so the left side of the body is slightly higher the right side (for a right-handed golfer, it is the opposite for left-handers). Backswing: Make a full turn, try and get your back pointing at the target at the top of your back swing. A little tip to help you get there is to lift your lead heel up in the backswing which will give you a greater range of motion.

Christmas Gifts: We have stocked up for Christmas, so if you are after any golf gifts for Christmas, we should be able to help you out. We have great stocks of trundlers, GPS & range finders, package sets and many more popular Christmas gifts!!



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

Your Proshop team - Alan, André, Tim, Brydie and Cheycoda.

A message from the Club Captain

Men's Trophy winners for 2021 season

We have been using Fedex cup points for determining the season's long Strokeplay trophies. Congratulations to winners for 2021. Tables of winners, top 10 and points

WIGGINS CUP	
Div 1 Stableford	

Steven Charles	1222
Peter McRedmond	1088
Barry Henderson	1050
Bert Chang	1032
Bob Rankin	952
Alan Vonk	951
Edwin Van Der	
Merwe	933
Hamish Pryde	919
Darryl Chalmers	899
William Leipnik	819

PLUNKETT TROPHY	
Div 1 Par	

Bob Rankin	1573
Peter Morris	1418
Mark Pene	1075
Leigh Thomas	1070
Alan Vonk	1031
Ray Barnett	995
Edwin Van Der	
Merwe	912
Paul Woodhead	907
Richard Shaw	887
Alan Savell	883

McHARDY CUP	
Div 1 Net	

Pete Stewart	1050
Peter Steer	816
Simon Burton	750
Charles Pan	700
Martyn Nail	700
Robert Spencer	672
Edwin Van Der	
Merwe	666
John Simmonds	664
Simon Fowler	663
Donald Cleland	588

MAUNDER CUP	
Div 2 Stableford	

Heath Champion	1385
Gus Fowler	1239
Robert Cuff	1166
Ian Bevins	1003
Lew Hirini	952
Ghee Tan	943
Barry Griffin	888
Dave Boswell	863
Jim Rogers	839
Phil Cattle	821

COOPER RAPLEY CUP	
Div 2 Par	

Mike Kellett	1507
David Pick	958
Richard Maclean	942
Keith Wedlock	895
Ghee Tan	891
Paul Johnson	878
Rodney Smith	822
Keith Bell	790
Gordon Reynolds	756
Gus Fowler	753

DRUCE CUP	
Div 2 Net	

Allan Bailey	855
Steve Gill	817
Ian Craig	764
Tom Hattle	760
Robert Cuff	674
Gus Fowler	672
Jeffery Clayton	655
Mike Crawford	635
Paul Johnson	628
Ashley Gurney	614

HAY & WATSON CUP	
Amasses most points	

Bob Rankin	2958
Gus Fowler	2664
Edwin Van Der	
Merwe	2511
Alan Vonk	2483
Ray Barnett	2426
Robert Cuff	2390
Peter Steer	2377
Murray Brown	2256
Ghee Tan	2143
Steven Charles	2136

MINA SEIFERT CUP (Lowest Gross during season)	
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Angus Findlay	65
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MOODIE CUP (Lowest Nett during season)	
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Keith Wedlock, Ashley Gurney	62
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3 PUTT CLUB	
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Best Putter	Gus Fowler, Peter McRedmond
Most Putts	Keith Bell

A message from the Club Captain

Wade Cup 2021

Congratulations to Russel Down who won the Wednesday Men's Wade Cup competition run from March to October. As per usual with this competition it was very close across the top of the table!

Pictured: Dave Tarrant, Dealer Principal Robertson Prestige presents Russel Down with the Wade Cup.



Rank	Name	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Best 5
1	Russel Down	35	41	39	36	37	41	40	33	198
2	Stuart Keith	41	35	40	32	34	34	35	44	195
3	Phil Cattle	40	37	34	34	42	35	40	35	194
3	Hans Van Dam	44	39	36	36	35	33	39	32	194
5	Warren Williams	41	37	35	37	36	33	39	39	193
6	Murray Georgel	0	29	39	35	36	42	40	34	192
6	Neil Wynne	35	37	41	36	37	36	41	33	192
6	Peter McRedmond	43	37	35	40	34	22	37	0	192
9	John Symon	41	41	35	0	30	23	34	40	191
9	Paul Clapperton	34	36	36	36	39	41	37	38	191
9	Derek Walker	36	39	38	35	41	35	37	35	191

Closing Day 2021

Another great turn out for Closing day with 52 teams entered this year. The successful teams tied on +5 were Julie Aldridge & Peter McRedmond and Christine & Guy Sextus. Third was Helen & Paul Otway on +4.



A message from the Club Captain

Best Gross Shootout

For a change, some indifferent weather was experienced by the club's best golfers playing in the 2021 Best Gross Shootout. Eliminated on the 10th (1st hole) was Steven Charles after putting his first tee shot well right and OB. He lost in a chip-off with Bert Chang who zig-zagged up the 10th. Both had 7s. On the 11th James Saywell-Summers short game left him as he made a 5. On the 12th Bert Chang found the hosel a couple times and was eliminated with a 6. On the 13th both Malcolm Neall & Trevor Shailer were OB left. Malcolm's short game left him at the green and picked up before most had completed the hole. On the 14th Trevor and Micah Bremner made 6s requiring a chip off up the green, however Micah's shot was closer to the boundary than the green and was eliminated. On the 15th most made the green for threes, however a wayward chip by Campbell Ogilvie and a 3-putt by Lisa Herbert (her last one was probably last century) resulted in a chip off with Lisa coming up short. By now the rain had settled in. Playing the 16th were Sam Smith, Campbell Ogilvie, Trevor Shailer & Richard Shaw. Trevor thinned his chip over the back of the green and eventually made a 5 to be eliminated. On the 17th Richard's drive was deep in the right-hand pine trees. Sam & Campbell made pars while Richard's five saw him eliminated. On the 18th both Sam and Campbell made pars resulting in a chip off over the last right-hand fairway bunker. Sam's chip landed near but right of the pin, while Campbell's went beyond the flag handling Sam the title.

Thanks to the raffle boys for their donation to the prize-money and Brent Cawthray and Bert Chang for overseeing the chip-offs.

Hole	Player eliminated and their score
1 st hole (10 th par 4)	Steven Charles (7) in a chip-off with Bert Chang
2 nd hole (11 th par 3)	James Saywell-Summers (5)
3 rd hole (12 th par 4)	Bert Chang (6)
4 th hole (13 th par 4)	Malcolm Neall picked up (8ish)
5 th hole (14 th par 5)	Micah Bremner (6) in a chip-off with Trevor Shailer
6 th hole (15 th par 5)	Lisa Herbert (6) in a chip-off with Campbell Ogilvie
7 th hole (16 th par 3)	Trevor Shailer (5)
8 th hole (17 th par 4)	Richard Shaw (5)
9 th hole (18 th par 4)	Campbell Ogilvie (4) chip off with Sam Smith (winner)



A message from the Club Captain

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 club champs

36 hole Matches

C-grade Champs **Martin Townend** **Heath Champion**
 Junior Champs **Paul Johnson** Rob Cuff
 Intermediate champs **Andrew Penwarder** Charles Pan
 Senior Champs Ewan Westergaard **Angus Findlay**

Thru 9	Thru 18	Thru 27	Final
Square	Heath +2	Heath +3	Heath 2up
Sqaure	Rob +3	Rob +1	Paul 2n1
Andrew +2	Andrew +4	Andrew +7	Andrew 8n7
Angus +2	Angus +2	Square	Angus 1 up

Silver **Lisa Herbert** Casey Chettleburgh
 Bronze1 Ae Kyung Han **Julie Aldridge**

Casey +2	Casey +3	Lisa +1	Lisa 3n1
Square	Han	Square	Julie 2 up

18 hole Matches

Senior flight **Malcolm Neall** Reid Perry
 Senior handicap **Bevan Clarke** Bert Chang
 Intermediate flight Grayson Joines **Leigh Thomas**
 Intermediate handicap Kaleb M Fagan **Steve Aburn**
 Junior flight **Ray Barnett** Ian Craig
 Junior handicap **Murray Brown** Rodney Thomes
 C grade flight **Johnathon Cosgrove** John Philpott
 C grade handicap **Allan Crews** Keith Bell
 Bronze 2 **Maxine Whittfield** Helen Wilkinson
 Junior 18 holes **Bradley Morgan** William Dunsmore
 Junior 8 hole
 Junior 9 hole **Kexu Cheb** Angus Clifford Moore

Malcolm by def
Bevan 4n2
Leigh
Steve 24th hole
Ray 2up
Murray 6n5
Johnathon 5n4
Alan 5n4
Maxine
Bradley 19th
Austin Hyatt
Kexu Chen 5n3

9 hole Matches

Mens 1st Division **Guy Sextus** Brian Day
 Ladies 1st Division Liz Burgess **Margaret Birchall**
 Mens 2nd Division **Alastair Johnstone** John Drake
 Ladies 2nd Division **Anne Flipp** Jackie Blackmore

Guy
Margaret 2 up
Alastair 2 up
Anne 2 up



Gilmours B Grade Mens Open Championship

Another fantastic day on Sunday for the Gilmours 2021 Manawatu B Grade Men's Open Championship!

A fine morning for the 9 hole round, turned into a blustery and rainy afternoon for the 18 hole round. Thanks to all of the players including those that travelled to play. Thanks also to Pete from Gilmours for sponsoring the championship!



WINNER! Pete from Gilmours with winner Barry Williams (60 points)



Runner up David Griffin (58 points)



3rd place and best 18 hole score, Reece Calkin (58 points overall with 41 points in the afternoon 18 hole round)

Tailorednz Par 3 Challenge

What a fantastic day for the Tailorednz Par 3 Challenge! Thanks to all the teams who played in this sold out tournament. Thanks to the team from the sponsors Tailorednz for making the day a success!



WINNERS! Frances, Isabelle, Carolyn and Lyn with Steve from Tailorednz



2nd place! Natasha, Jackie, Carolyn and Andrew with Steve from Tailorednz



3rd place! Vicki, Paul, Helen and Karen with Steve from Tailorednz



Winners of the non-handicap division! Isaac, Kieran, Matt and Gareth

WOMEN'S GOLF

The 2021 season has been capped off with the usual activities of trophy presentations, annual dinner and Christmas Cheer. With only a couple of hiccoughs along the way we were able to complete all our competitions, not forgetting the stellar performances of all the pennant teams.

The Tuesday ladies held their closing day on November 9th. Trophies were presented to the successful ladies, including the senior 9 Holers.

This year the Champion of Champions competition was held at the Palmerston North golf club where once again Lisa Herbert was named the Silver Champion and the team of Lisa, Julie Aldridge and Maxine Whittfield were equal first in the Jenny Ritchie Shield for the lowest team nett score. Well done ladies.



The WAM dinner was held in the clubhouse on November 16th where we all enjoyed a delicious dinner thanks to Kath and her staff. This year, entertainment was provided by quite a large group of ladies all of whom had had a joint replaced. They entered looking very shaky with their sticks and crutches and then, miraculously, were able to perform Knees Up

The victorious pennant teams were also presented 'gold' medals by charming Japanese Gheishas. A lot of fun was had by all the ladies and our special guests President Brent Cawthray and Men's Captain Richard Shaw.



On November 23th the final event for the year, Christmas Cheer, took place. We were very pleased to see Santa (aka Lanise Ramson) and her helper Elf (aka Rachel Huxtable) in a cart serving a dram of port and delicious fruit mince pies made by Sue Fletcher.

We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas cake once again provided by Karen Russell.



As we did last year, all the ladies made a cash contribution to be given to a charity. This year the committee decided that they would combine it with the earnings from Meals and Wheels and the combined amount to the charity Dress for Success which we supported earlier by donating clothes at our Spring Fling. Altogether we have \$1000 to give to Dress for Success. The lady members also kindly donated non-perishable food, some of which has already been taken to the Salvation Army headquarters. If anyone wishes to donate more non-perishable items, the Food Bank box will remain in the entrance of the club for any further donations. Again, 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.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I would sincerely like to thank our dynamic Tuesday convener, Deb Archer, and the hard-working committee members; Jill Dixon, Claire Davis, Lorraine Stachurski, Sharen Port, Alicia Boag, Barbara Stuckey, Shirlee Jenkinson and Gloria Campbell. Thanks also to Rosie Honeyfield, the Senior 9 Hole convener; Janine Healey, the Saturday convener; Denny Brunton, the Saturday 9 Hole convener; and Colleen Fraser, the mixed Wednesday 9 hole convener.



Finally, good luck to Lisa Herbert and Tara Raj (who works in the café) when they represent Manawatu-Wanganui in the Women's Interprovincial competition to be held next week in Timaru

We really don't know what we might face next year with the borders opening, but I'm sure that we will deal with it calmly and continue playing golf at our wonderful course as long as we are able.

Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year. I'm sure you will all get into the festive mood as Natasha Meyer did for the Saturday 9 Hole Christmas Cheer. Have fun.



Jill Clifton, Women's Captain

Saturday Ladies

It's been great to be back playing again under near-normal conditions, so fingers crossed that the new variant of the dreaded Covid comes to nothing.

We enjoyed a lunch and prize giving a couple of weeks ago – most going to, sadly absent, Lisa, and to Janine, Lindy and Evelyn. After lunch we adjourned to the Ladies locker room for our traditional Secret Santa and gift opening, swapping and grabbing. Great fun, if a little crowded, and no wine was spilt! Dinner at the club last week took the place of our usual potluck evening, and was enjoyed by all.



NINE HOLE NEWS

Another year gone, our competitions were able to be completed with some interesting results. We played the final of the Tri Series at Palmerston North course which we won, so we hold onto the trophy for another year! Well done team!!!

We hosted Champion of Champions for 2021. Ladies champion is Margaret Birchall and a Feilding player is champion man. A great day had by all. Monday we are hosting Man/Wang Round Robin Christmas round. We have 100 entries with a game format using mulligans. Next Sunday we have our fun afternoon game followed by dinner and prize giving.

Congratulations to Christine and Guy Sextus on winning the Galloway Trophy. They complimented each other well.

We are now starting our summer competition, good luck everyone. A big thankyou to our cafe staff for looking after us during the year and coming in specially for our Monday tournaments. Thanks to our greenkeepers for keeping our course so beautiful.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year stay safe.

Colleen Fraser Convenor



Fledgling Golf at the Manawatu Golf Club

New and Beginner golfers

With the festive season upon us, it is a perfect time to look back over the year and celebrate our accomplishments.

Our club has welcomed over 180 new or returning members in 2021 across all membership categories and varying levels of golf experience. Our new-to-golf members many of whom started out in the Discover Golf programme in February, are now well integrated members of the club competing in regular competition, the Spring Fling, Closing Day, Twilight, Christmas Cheer and the Par 3 Challenge, Several ladies also attended the annual WAM Dinner.

Throughout October and November some of our members were fortunate to be part of a 4-week Coaching Clinic led by the wonderful Tim. Everyone learnt a little bit more about their own game and a few tricks for out on the course. It was great to see everyone's VERY competitive spirit come out on occasion too!

Finally, a big thank you to all MGC members and staff for extending a warm welcome and your support to our new members – we wish you all a safe and happy festive season.



News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar.....



Christmas Goodies

We have a great range of Christmas treats available for pre-order at the café!

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

CHRISTMAS CAKES – MUST BE PRE-ORDERED

Welcome

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

7 Day Member: Errol Brown, Craig Dais, Clint Neilson

Under 30: Brett Cameron, Hannah Casson, Anton Hughes, Henry Shaw

Tertiary: Jiuk Kim

Country: Ryan Goggin

5 Day Member: Stephanie Hyatt, Shanon Stuu

9 Hole: Jin Choi, Lauren Garland, Mijin Kim, Carolyn Penwarden

Restricted Junior: Laura Meiring

Social: Luke Baker, Neville Berendt, Stella Berendt



During this same period, 17 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1084 members. We wish our resigned members all the best and welcome our new members, we are sure you will enjoy your time at the Club.

COURSE REPORT

As we near the end of the year and enter the festive season I hope you all have enjoyed your year of golf. Although we have Covid hanging over us all, we at least have been able to continue playing golf 😊. The golf course is in great condition leading into the summer months. Going into December, we are looking to dethatch the Greens on the 13th of December depending on weather. Surrounds to be mini cored on the 6th of December also. We are working through the bunkers trying to sort out faces and bases. Tees will be renovated as soon as time allows also.

Couple of things we have noticed, carts need to be used in accordance with the rules which are in the member's book. When out playing by yourself please only hit no more than 2 golf balls at a time. Remember there are allocated practice areas also. Please continue to repair your pitch marks & even one or two more, they are getting bad out there. Continue to replace your divots also. Please when wearing masks, can you make sure that you either place disposable ones in the bin or put away in a safe place. We are finding heaps of masks around the course.

The Greenkeepers would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year 😊. Have safe travels wherever you may be heading & enjoy your break away. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year 😊, lets hope its better than the last two.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Course Superintendent - Kiel Stechman



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is set for Monday 31st January 5:30pm

Information on the AGM will be available mid-December



Remember your
"My Vaccine Pass" next time
you come to the club.

It is now a requirement that
you show it every time you
enter the Proshop and
Clubhouse

Holiday Hours

CAFÉ AND BAR

Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th December – OPEN

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

26th December – Boxing Day – CLOSED

Monday 27th – Tuesday 28th December – CLOSED

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st December - OPEN

Saturday 1st – Tuesday 4th January – CLOSED

Wednesday 5th January - Standard hours resume



PRO SHOP

24th December – Closes at 3:30pm

25th December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

1st January – New Years Day – CLOSED

BALL DISPENSER

2pm 24th Dec till 8am 26th Dec- CLOSED

4pm 31st Dec till 8am 2nd Jan - CLOSED

COURSE

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



OFFICE

Friday 24th December – Closes at 3:00pm

Saturday 25th December – Tuesday 4th January - CLOSED

Wednesday 5th January – Open Normal hours resume



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		6	13	20	27
TUESDAY		7 Summer Golf, Eagles Christmas Cheer	14 Summer Golf	21 Summer Golf	28
WEDNESDAY	1 9 Hole: Committee Choice	8 9 Hole: Summer Competition	15 9 Hole: Summer Competition	22 9 Hole: Committee Choice	29 9 Hole: Fun Day
THURSDAY	2	9	16 Yorb Business House	23	30
FRIDAY	3 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	10 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	17 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	24	31
SATURDAY	4 Club Christmas Cheer AM & PM Compulsory Entry to play	11 Craig Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Summer Competition	18 9 Hole: Summer Competition	25 Christmas Day 	
SUNDAY	5 9 Hole Fun Day from 3pm	12	19	26 First Round Summer Singles/Fourball to be completed	



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