



July 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our GM Chris has settled in well, and has been busy getting to know the staff and members, and also familiarising himself with exciting things like budgets and strategic plans!

The Riverland sale has progressed to the point where the money (\$171,832) is now sitting with our lawyers, until the gazetting process is complete, and the land is in the correct names. The money should be in our account very shortly. What a drawn out process when one considers the agreement went unconditional in December 2019!

The café and pro shop continue to trade really well, and both are testament to our exceptional staff.

During the month, most of you will know that Lisa resigned from the Pro Shop to take up a new and exciting role at the Feilding Golf Club. Our loss is certainly Feilding's gain. Lisa has played a really significant role in growing the Pro Shop side of the business, and will be sorely missed. We all wish her the very best, and the good thing is Lisa intends staying on as a member of the club, and will be playing pennants for us next year.

Dialogue continues with our course architect, Grant Puddicombe. There is nothing of significance to report, as discussions have only just started. We will be discussing his ideas at our Full Committee meeting (Tuesday 29th). As I indicated in the last newsletter, when we have something to report, the members will certainly be kept in the loop.

It is really pleasing to advise that we are currently processing the drawing of \$100,000 of debentures. This is quite an involved process as you can appreciate. This will make a total of \$230,000 over the past two years, which I think is pretty good.

Covid struck again in the weekend, with our big dance with "the Relatives" having to be postponed, due to them being Wellington based. This has now been rescheduled to Saturday 24 July. So if you couldn't make the original night, grab a ticket for the new date. They play great music.

The carpark is nearing completion. It has been swept, and with the forecast for the end of the week looking good, I have been advised the painting should be completed on Thursday 1st July. Thanks once again to Tony Trass, and the team at Higgins. We have received two of 3 quotes we have been waiting on for the irrigation system. These will be discussed by the committee, and the membership will be fully informed when we have something to bring to the table.

It is great to see the inaugural winner of the Brian Green Property Group Super 6's, Daniel Hillier, qualify for this year's British Open. A young man going places in the golfing world.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED

Finally, our great club featured prominently at the recent Golf NZ annual awards, and the Golf Managers awards. Our club won the “2020 Golf Event of the year”, for our superb hosting of the Brian Green Property Group Super 6s.

Former GM Warren received the Golf Manager of the year award, along with the manager from Tara Iti, and to cap the night off, Warren was made a life member of the Golf Managers Association. Great reward for an outstanding manager, and recognition for his 42 years service in the industry.

That's it from me, have a great month on and off the course.

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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

I am delighted to join the Manawatu Golf Club as the General Manager.

After beginning the role in the first week of June, I have already had the opportunity to meet many of you around the club and thank you all for your warm welcome. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself, drop into the office or say hello if the opportunity arises.

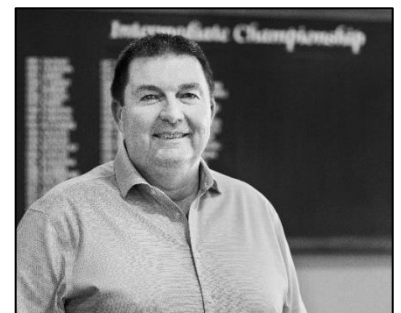
I am originally from Palmerston North, attending St Peter's College and Massey University, however I have been away living in Auckland for the last 27 years, albeit with a brief 3-year return to Palmerston North in the early 2000's.

My career has been in the sport and recreation sector, Regional Sports Trusts, Secondary Schools, Regional Sports Organisation and most recently in management roles with National Sports Organisations. For the last four years I have served as the Chief Executive of New Zealand Water Polo. In addition, I have spent considerable time in sport and not for profit governance roles, including Board Director and Chair roles with Auckland Football, Central Football, Archery New Zealand, and National Youth Theatre.

Yes, I am a golfer, however a more casual one now. I do hope to play more regularly when time allows.

There is considerable activity around the course currently the renovations to the car park, new cart storage shed and the ongoing Wallace Development projects. If you have any feedback on these projects I am interested to hear.

I would like to hear from you about the Club, please come and see me to discuss. In addition, I will be regularly in the Café, from 10.00am each Friday morning, making time to catch up with the members and some of the issues that you may like to discuss. If you would like to drop in, please do so.





A Night with the Relatives

The Relatives Band live at the Manawatu Golf

NEW DATE: Saturday 24th July

7:00pm - Happy hour

8:00pm - Band starts

Tickets \$30 per person includes light supper

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Pro Shop

Hi everyone,

As most of you already know, Lisa is finishing up here on the 1st of July. We are all very sad that Lisa is moving on! She has had an extremely positive impact here in the shop and the wider golf club. Lisa has been a pivotal part of our great team chemistry here in the shop over the last three years. Even though I'm sad to see Lisa go, I am very happy and excited for her in her future endeavour at Feilding Golf Club. We will still see Lisa around as she loves this club and is staying on as a member here



From the 28th to 30th of June, Tim & Brydie were away at the NZPGA Trainee School held at Formosa Golf Club. This is one of two trainee schools held throughout the year where all the trainees get together, and as in past years, they were busy working on workshops and listening to guest speakers.

In mid-June Chris, Kiel and I were lucky enough to go the inaugural GMANZ/ NZGCSA Summit in Auckland. It was a great couple of days and I learned a lot. Also, it was capped off with Warren Collett being awarded the General Manager of the Year award and also a Life Member award of the GMANZ organisation. It was great that we were there to celebrate with him on his great achievement.

GMANZ/NZGCSA Summit



Tim & Brydie at trainee school

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, Lisa, Tim & Brydie.

A message from the Club Captain

Amazing weather for June greeted the players in the Feilding Interclub. The Manawatu guys played solidly to regain the trophy. Thanks to Feilding Club Captain Seb Baker and the 23 others who came over. Our ladies also won over at Feilding. Hopefully we can get plenty of Men to go to Palmy on July 10th for the next interclub event.

Well done to Full Playing Junior member and Handicap pennants player Jack Clarke who won the June Craigs Investment Partners Tankard with 41 points. Jack tells me his putter was on fire! Second with 39 points was Bob Rankin and 3rd Rob Cuff with 38 points.



Feilding Club Captain Seb Baker with Brent Cawthray



Jack Clarke

2021 Horowhenua Open

Just 9 members tackled the Horowhenua Open on June 20th. While the morning round was played in little wind and just light rain, expected bad weather and doubts over completing the 2nd round meant only 1 round was played. Best of the Manawatu GC golfers were Kaleb Idemaru 74 and 8th equal. Lisa Herbert had 81 to come 4th, four behind Casey Chettleburgh. The women had to play off the Men's White tees which was a tough ask. In the Net results young Jack Clarke came second with net 71 and Rebecca Hopper achieved the same score and placing in the women's field.

Pos	Name	Gross	Net	Pos	Home Club
1	Zack Swanwick	70	73	5=	Napier
2=	Cameron Elers	72	74	11=	Paraparaumu
2=	Sam Marsters	72	73	5=	Miramar
8=	Kaleb Idemaru	74	75	14=	Manawatu
12	Rhys Harold	75	77	23=	Manawatu
22	Richard Shaw	79	73	5=	Manawatu
29=	Bert Chang	86	78	27=	Manawatu
35	Jack Clarke	77	71	2	Manawatu
37	Bevan Clarke	80	84	37	Manawatu
38=	Kaleb Fagan	94	80	34=	Manawatu

Pos	Name	R1	Net	Pos	Home Club
1	Casey Chettleburgh	77	73	3	Palmerston N.
2	Tara Raj	79	77	5	Wanganui
3	Tessa Jane McDonald	81	78	7	Poverty Bay
4	Lisa Herbert	81	75	4	Manawatu
7	Rebecca Hopper	94	71	2	Manawatu

A message from the Club Captain Continued...

Course etiquette

Slow play, not raking bunkers or doing this poorly, not fixing pitch marks and not replacing divots, are an ongoing issue on any golf course. In recent months we have a large increase in complaints about all of these. Members keep asking what we are going to do about it. So here is what hopefully will be a series about how each of us can improve on all of these etiquette issues.

Good golf etiquette – Raking a bunker

The quality of bunker raking is one of those things that can irk players so here are some tips on how to do it better.

Firstly, you owe it to golfers playing after you to leave a bunker in great condition. In a game that at times can be frustrating, there is possibly nothing worse than to find your ball sitting in a rotten lie because a previous player has poorly raked a bunker, or worse still not even attempted to do so.

- Enter the bunker from the low side at a point nearest to the ball. Avoid steep sided parts of the bunker.
- Especially if it is some distance to your ball take the rake with you and place it in the bunker but away from any interference with your stance and swing
- Try not to wander around the bunker and create extra footmarks. If possible, view your shot line from outside the bunker.
- Once you have played your shot, grab the rake and flatten out your shot foot marks, divot and the pitch mark. Smooth out your foot marks as you retrace your original steps.
- Make your final raking movements away from you as this tends to give a flatter surface. Make sure there are no hollows and humps.
- Leave the rake OUTSIDE the bunker with the handle facing parallel to the line of play.

Dragging the rake behind you as you exit is a lazy raking method and can leave a long trail that a golf ball can get embedded into. It only takes perhaps 10-15 seconds extra to properly rake an average bunker trail.

Why leave the rake outside the bunker in a location least likely to affect play (at least that's the preferred practice at Manawatu GC)? When the ball comes to rest on or against a rake in the bunker and the player must proceed under Rule 24-1, it may not be possible to replace the ball on the same spot or find a spot in the bunker which is not nearer the hole. The R&A's view.... There is not a perfect answer for the position of rakes, but on balance it is felt there is less likelihood of an advantage or disadvantage to the player if rakes are placed outside bunkers.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

The numbers of ladies playing continues to be robust despite the rather inclement weather recently. Of course it is winter and rain is to be expected. We battle on with placing through the green helping our cause.

Manawatu/Feilding Interclub

The Saturday ladies, along with a number of mid-week players, travelled to Feilding on Saturday June 12. We were keen to play for the salver after being forced to abandon it last year because of Covid. Fortunately, some of us played very well and we were able to lift the trophy once again. Well done all those who played.



Pennants

The bad weather has forced the pennant season to make some adjustments. Last week the District competition was postponed. It was decided that both Silver and District should play at the same venue, this time at Castlecliff on Monday 28th June. Unfortunately the competition had to be cancelled once again. The final rounds will now take place, all going well, on July 5th. Silver will play Rangatira Blue at Rangatira and District will play Rangatira Plus at Marton. Good luck to both teams.

Club Championships

Two rounds of the qualifying rounds have been completed with the third round due to be played on July 17th and 20th. If you have not yet qualified make sure you play on either of those days.

Manawatu/Palmerston North Interclub

We host Palmerston North once again for the Joan Prout Salver on Saturday July 10th. As the current holders we are keen to defend the title, particularly since it was cancelled last year due to Covid. We would like as to field a good team with as many Saturday and mid-week players as possible.

On a sad note, you are probably all aware by now that our wonderful Lisa Herbert is leaving us very soon to take up her new position at Feilding Golf Club. While we are sorry to see her go I know that we are all happy for her and know that she will be a great success in her new job. Our loss is their gain.

July Golf

6th Par

13th Stableford

20th LGU 3rd qualifying in strict handicap order.

27th Stableford

Thursday Club - 8th and 22nd

Good Golfing, Jill Clifton - Ladies' Club Captain





Fledgling Golf

at the Manawatu Golf Club

With the wet Palmerston North winter well and truly upon us, our new golfers' efforts to get out on the course on Sundays have been somewhat hampered over the past few weeks. As an alternative, they enjoyed some guided putting drills with Wayne and Julie in the rain. Seeing immediate results kept a smile on faces despite being soaked through!

Sunday afternoons, between 1:30pm and 1:51pm, have now been confirmed as a regular time for all new golfers who would like extra guidance around the course. Please book into the tee slots available and meet outside the Pro Shop at 1:15pm. All new golfers or high handicappers are welcome!

Happy golfing!

NINE HOLE NEWS

Winter has now really set in, this will sort out the hardy ones. So far we are still having big fields, hope it continues.

The Walker/Georgel Cup has been completed and our winners are Barbara Trollope and Alva Joe. Well done you two! Runners up were Yeng Sam and Greg Peck.

Our Sue Bunt competition winner was Margaret Birchall. Congratulations Margaret!

The Gillespie and Lavender Cup matches are well under way. Good luck to those still playing and Saturday players have competitions underway also.

We had an Open Day at Feilding with a lot of entries from Manawatu. It was hard work as the ground was fairly wet, but our Yeng Sam was a winner. A few other minor prizes, but they had a big field which was good. Some people even took their campervans and stayed the night.

We have not been to any other clubs events as no one wanted open days etc in the middle of winter, as you get better fields when weather is better.

We are very sorry to be losing Lisa from the Pro Shop. She has been a fantastic member of staff, always smiling and nothing is too much trouble. But we would like to wish her all the best for her new venture.

Hope the weather improves after this cold and horrible spell and we can get out there.

Good golfing to you all

Colleen Fraser - 9 Hole Convenor

COURSE REPORT

Winter has well and truly arrived with a bang, with the last 2 weeks of June ending with a lot of rain. I would like to acknowledge the staff and volunteers that made the Super 6s so successful and allowing the club to achieve tournament of the year 2020. It takes a true team effort to achieve results like these. For everyone to take time out of your life, away from your families and friends take a pat on your back and a huge thank you from the greens staff.

“Prospering in an unreal world”, was the theme at the New Zealand Golf Managers and Superintendents association conference in Auckland. I attended the conference along with Chris Wilson (New GM) & Alan Hyatt. It is fair to say a lot was taken away.

Just a couple of things that I took away were:

- All the courses have very similar issues throughout the country.
- Maintaining a healthy workplace environment - Both Kristy Von Mindon & Bruce Cotterill touched on this subject in their keynote addresses. Taking time out for yourself and looking after yourself and team dynamics and saying thank you where and when it is needed.

Attending these conferences allows for networking, problem solving and being aware of changes throughout the industry.

With the course in the next month or two, it is about trying to get through winter the best we can. Greens have been good, nice and consistent. Course still has a great cover of turf, with the usual spots causing issues with water and softness. The reason we place the chains and pegs out around the course is to try protecting turf from wear. Please! If you need to move these to play a shot, can I ask you place it back where it was. As much as we do not want them around, its one way to prevent thinning of turf. Carts are also stopped from going on the golf course also to protect from wear. One thing I ask, is remember that the whole district and outside of the area are in the same boat. We will continue to work on the paths, bunkers and moving water away to allow play as much as possible. Tree trimming is also on the yearly maintenance for this time of the year.

Please continue to repair pitch-marks and repair your divots, now with the conditions, the greens are softer so leave a decent indent. I do appreciate all your efforts in doing so. There will now be signs placed in the bunkers to remind you to rake them on exit, this is an ongoing thing. Just remember it is for your fellow member/visitor following you. Please enjoy the next coming month of golf, whether it is competition golf or just for enjoyment & socialising. Look forward to seeing you all out there.

Winter Golf Carts for the future???

Kiel Stechman



Welcome

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

7 Day – Jacob Aldrich, Joshua King, Simon Roebuck

5 Day – Mike Isaac

Under 30 – Jackson Hemopo

Under 25 – Kirsten Vos

9 Hole – Aldoph Nanguzgambo

Restricted Junior – Angus Gifford Moore, Luan Van Onselen

Social – Cory Higgs



During this same period, 14 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1064 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.



David Townend with his Koru that was gifted to him from Golf New Zealand in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the game of golf.

David has served as the Executive Officer for Manawatu Wanganui Golf since 2008.

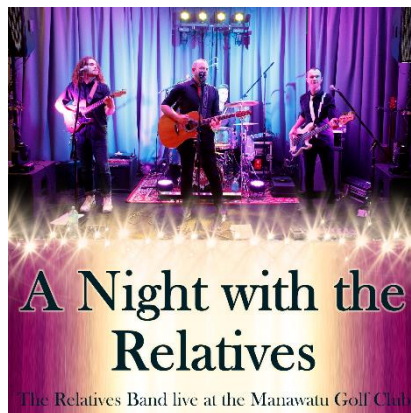
What's on in July...

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.

July

MEN WOMEN MIXED EVENT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5	6 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Par	7 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	1	2	3 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: Par	4 MacLennan Round 2 Consolation to be completed
12	13 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: LGU & Putting	14 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Semi-Final Lavender/ Gillespie Cups to be completed	8 Thursday Club	9 Women's District Golf Day	10 No Club competition. Palm Nth Interclub, men at Palm North 9 Hole: Par Palmerston North Interclub at Manawatu, Stableford	11 Imlay Saunders Round 2 and Consolation 1st Round to be completed
19	20 18 Hole: LGU 3rd Qualifying Round Club Champs 9 Hole: Stableford	21 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees	15 Yorb Business House	16	17 Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU 3rd Qualifying Round Club Championships	18
26	27 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	28 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	22 Thursday Club	23	24 Par 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Stableford	25 Round 4 MacLennan to be completed
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