

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everybody,

I am very pleased to announce that our new General Manager is James Lovegrove.

After a thorough, Australasia wide search, the panel of three committee members and an independent consultant received 26 applications and interviewed 5 strong candidates. Following a final interview, including feedback from senior staff, the panel unanimously concluded James has the capability we need and will be a great 'fit' for our club. We were impressed by James' understanding of what makes our club special, his commitment to maintaining/enhancing your membership experience, and the collaborative style he will bring to leading our team of 31 staff. Our senior staff are looking forward to working with him. He is a sound administrator who displayed both a vision for development of the club, which aligns with our own, and a track record of making good change happen in a sports/social organisation.

James currently has a high profile in our community as General Manager of Manawatu Cricket (2018-2022). The skillset he has successfully demonstrated in that role will benefit MGC. James' has delivered growth in club cricket, the return of first-class cricket games to the Manawatu, the exponential growth in the female game and ensured the associations financial sustainability.

As an MGC member since 2018, James knows us and has a great passion for our club. In 2022, he demonstrated both his commitment to our future, and members confidence in him, by joining our committee as the top polling candidate. James' prior leadership experience (overseas) - managing high performing sporting businesses and organisations – also equip him well to work with members and staff to achieve our mission "to be a Golf Club that members are proud of and enjoy belonging to".

To allow James to fulfil his commitments to the Manawatu Cricket Association, James will be joining MGC on a full time basis from July 25th. However, through June and July, James will be at the Club each Wednesday from 8.30 - 5pm to start the onboarding process.

James is a local Manawatu man, a graduate of Massey University and a proud husband (Jenny) and Dad (Ellie, Summer and Penny).

Please join the MGC committee in welcoming James to the Manawatu Golf Club General Manager's role.

Good golfing, Brent Cawthray



A message from James

I am thrilled to join the Manawatu Golf Club in the General Manager role. I've played this wonderful course since 1990 and have been a member since 2018. I am incredibly proud of the course, the club and the MGC community.

I am really looking forward to working with, and for, the members and leading our team of amazing staff.

My first job in the GM role is to show our club's appreciation to these incredible staff members who have really 'held the fort' so well through the last few months, and few years.

It's a real pleasure and privilege to lead the MGC team and I am excited about meeting the members, sponsors and wider MGC community as soon as possible.

Nga Mihi

James Lovegrove



Sunday Winter Live Music Series!

Winter series of Sunday afternoons at the Manawatu Golf Club
Live Music, platters and drinks

Get a group of friends together and enjoy a wonderful Sunday
afternoon in the clubhouse

Get your tickets now from the office

\$50 table of four | \$100 table of eight
includes antipasto platter and live music

19 June | 24 July | 21 August



A Night with the Relatives

The Relatives Band live at the Manawatu Golf Club

Saturday 9th July

7:00pm - Happy hour

8:00pm - Band starts

Tickets \$30 per person includes light supper

TICKETS ONLINE or AT THE OFFICE

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GOLF CLUB

Hi everyone,

There have been some cold days out on the driving range lately. Is it too early to wish for summer again? 😊. Lessons are still in extreme demand, so if you are in want of help with your game make sure you book it in as fast as you can to limit the wait time.

Many of you will have noticed a new but familiar face back in the shop. Guy Perry has once again joined our team. He is working on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Welcome back Guy!!!

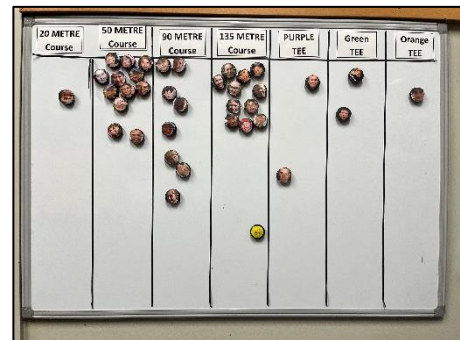
Junior Programme update:

Our junior programme is as strong as ever. We have 65 kids participating in the coaching programme spread over 6 classes - and many more on our waitlist wanting to join. We also have plenty of the kids participating in our playing programme. You may have seen the board (See Picture) in the card room with kids faces on it. This is where kids have to shoot Par or better over these courses to progress to the next course. This gives kids an incentive to play and a progression pathway. Tim & Brydie are doing a great job of delivering the programme.



WINTER CHECK LIST

- Waterproof golf bag
- Golf specific Rain Jacket and Pants
- Rain Glove
- Fresh tread on the shoes
- Waterproof shoes
- Fresh grips on the clubs
- Umbrella
- Rain cover for the bag if not water proof



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 Guy

A message from the Club Captain

The winter weather has finally struck after a great run of fine and windless weather which had presented golfers with a pleasurable last couple of months. It is great to see so many members using the course all through each week and weekends.

This of course means more stress on fairways, greens and the bunkers. It is therefore important for all golfers to be aware of replacing divots on the fairways and repairing pitch marks on the greens

To be honest the raking of the bunkers is poor so please remember to think of golfers behind you by raking them as this is just pure golf etiquette.

The May, Craig's Investment Partners Tankard was won by the "silent assassin" very popular Phil Belk who won with 43 stableford points narrowly from Club Captain Alan Savell who had 42 points. Ewan Westergaard representing Craig's investment Partners who presented the Tankard shot a fine 66 off the stick with 38 points. A fantastic day with awesome weather.

The Watson Cup final was finally completed .Well done to the experienced Martyn Nail who beat teenager Jack Clarke on the 19th hole to win the Watson Cup. A great match and played in very trying windy conditions.



Ewan Westergaard and Phil Belk



Pete Blackwell, Tara Raj and Jono Cane



Martyn Nail

The Gilmours Manawatu Open was held Sunday May 22nd. This annual 36 hole strokeplay championship for men and women was played in very testing windy conditions but the forecast rain luckily never arrived. Congratulations to Tara Raj and Jono Cane who won the Women's and Men's Competitions. A great day was had by the over 80 contestants. It was also noted that many players from outside our Club commented on the quality of the organising and the course during this event.

The very strong winds for most of the day made for some very tough golf. Thanks to all the competitors, greenkeepers, staff and volunteers.

A message from the Club Captain

The Lionel Abraham Cup was contested on Saturday for the best net. In great conditions it was won by the popular Gus Fowler with a net 68 who just pipped Ryan Block with a 69.

The B&A Championship Cup final was contested on Saturday in fantastic conditions. After a great start by Andrew Penwarden, Anthony White eventually shone through and won on the 17th hole. A great match and Anthony at last won the cup after being a previous runner up. Congratulations to both finalists.

Please Note :- Returning of Score Cards

Please read the below script as this is a very important part of golf especially with the serious match season now in full swing.

There seems to have been some confusion in regard to match play cards with some members believing they aren't required to enter cards for handicapping. This is incorrect.

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

Following the feedback from the 2014 handicap survey, New Zealand Golf has clarified the requirement for when match play cards are to be returned for handicap purposes. Formats where scorecards are not exempt from handicap purposes and must be returned include:

Groups of three or four that play a best ball competition, this includes the MacLennan Cup matches. To avoid any embarrassment, members playing in the MacLennan Cup, either the Championship or the Consolation must submit a card from their round for handicapping purposes.

In matches if you wish to accept/concede holes resulting in picking up of your ball, then when printing your card chose "No" to entering the Club and Pro Shop competitions. When filling in your card for handicap purposes enter the "The Most Likely Score" when the hole is not played).

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Club Captain Alan Savell



Gus Fowler



Anthony White

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report

We have managed to get through May and play most of our golf in reasonable weather. We may now have to be prepared for a slight change in conditions but I'm sure everyone can manage. Remember head on down to golf regardless as weather is fickle and can change quite quickly! I'm hoping this is true as I am writing this with rain pouring down outside.

A good case in point was Monday pennants. The forecast was terrible for the Friday and weekend prior to the Monday so a contingency plan was put in place BUT the wind blew the wet away and the sun shone on the Monday, all good to go. Our team had a terrific win against Pahiatua 7-1 and have completed the season 7th out of the 11 teams playing. Great perseverance and well done.

It was great that most of our pennant players were able to have a brief get together not only to return their shirts but also so we could extend our thanks for their contribution to the women's pennant season. Without your commitment to the Manawatu Golf Club we wouldn't have been able to enter teams in the competition let alone win some of them, great job by everyone. Thanks also to the dedication of our selectors, Angela Pivac, Pam Lamberton and Jill Clifton.

The Saturday versus Midweek annual challenge was played a few weeks ago so read the Saturday section to get the result.

I know some of us have struggled with bunkers causing some angst particularly on a stroke round of golf. There are a couple of ways around this I guess, firstly don't get in them but more to the point, if we do get in, once we're out make sure we rake the bunker so it is easier for the next person. There are plenty of rakes around now so we have no excuse. If you are not sure of the way to rake bunkers just ask. I know sometimes it may mean raking other parts of the bunker that players earlier have failed to do. Another option maybe hitting out backwards or sideways from a bunker, we don't always have to go straight for the pin, percentage golf is the aim! The final option maybe to declare your ball unplayable as in rule 19.3 and use one of the three choices with a one shot penalty:

- go back to where the last shot was taken.
- drop a ball within two club lengths in the bunker, no nearer the hole,
- back on line relief, as far back as you like as long as it's still in the bunker, drop a ball within one club length on a line from the hole through the spot of the original ball.

If it's really tough and for bunkers only you could use the Back on line relief, go back as far as you like out of the bunker, drop a ball within one club length on a line going from the hole through the spot of the original ball. This however does cost you two penalty shots.

I think I might just get a lesson and do some practice.

Further to raking the bunkers is the replacing divots, even scuff marks can be evened out, and repairing pitch marks. Our aim should be to repair all marks we leave on the course so those following have an equally fair chance at a good round of golf.

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED

June golf has our second qualifying round for 18 hole Club Champs on Saturday 18th and Tuesday 21st. Remember just hit qualify when you get print your card and then make a final decision later on.

There is also the annual challenge against Feilding. This year the 18 hole golfers play at Manawatu on Saturday 11th so let Janine know if you will be playing so we can have a matching number of Feilding players.

Natasha has organised that the 9 hole Saturday players can have a similar challenge at Feilding on the same day and she will have talked to you all about that. This is a great opportunity to play a different course.

Enjoy your June golf – Deb Archer

Saturday Ladies

The main event for the month was the annual Mid-week vs Saturday ladies. We lived in hope of taking the cup back, but were defeated. The Tuesday ladies had an average of 31.8 stablefords to our 30.7, but it was a fun morning. Below Janine Healey with Shirlee Jenkinson who holds the cup for the Tuesday ladies.



The weather hasn't always been kind to us, but matches are now well under way for the Werner and Watson cups, so fingers crossed for not too much rain or wind.

Helen Wilkinson

Welcome

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in April 2022

7 Day Member: Andy Sawyer

Country Member: Lefty Prendergast

Under 30: Bradley Moreland, Nathan Sycamore

Under 25: Corbin Cottam

9 Hole: Karyn Green, Greg Pryce

Tertiary: Ross Greig

Restricted Junior: Hunter Brough, Edward Westergaard, Zac Wormgoor

Social: Siyao Liu

During this same period, 14 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1099 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.



NINE HOLE NEWS

It seems everyone is still taking advantage of the weather we have been having and so good to still be getting a bit of run and the course is coming right after the big tree removal. Well done Greenkeepers!

Our Walker/Georgel tournament has been won by Sue Rule and Alva Joe. Well done to you both. It wasn't an easy tournament to get through due to some players contacting covid. Hope you are all well now.

We are now into the Gillespie and Lavender Cups and the Odd Couples matches. Good luck to those players still in .

We hosted our Tri Series tournament with Feilding and Palmerston North. A beautiful day with some exceptionally good scores and also some not so good! The result being Manawatu 194 Feilding 169 Palmerston North 168, so we do have a jump on the others but they could feature better on their own courses. Great tournament enjoyed by everyone and thanks to our cafe for serving us a lovely lunch.

Some Wednesday players did a roadie to Castlecliff and played the holes we don't normally play when we play their tournaments. Very interesting, very hilly and some of our men getting lost but they got there in the end. Thanks Murray (I think) for organising the day nice to have some Feilding players join us.

We have Feilding Open Day on Monday (perhaps) as weather forecast is 100% rain.

I guess this is what we have to look forward too in the near future.

Good golfing everyone enjoy the golf and the camaraderie .

Colleen, Natasha and Dave



Congratulations to
Murray Crawford who got
a hole in one on the 4th
Hole on 18th April



COURSE REPORT

Well, the rain has finally come in May, it had to at some point. Even though the rain is late it will help some areas of the course recover. Was good to hear the Manawatu Open was a success, even after the week of rain leading up to it. Congratulations to those involved in running the Arohanui Hospice Tournament, was great to hear of the money raised for a good cause. Over the last month, we have been working on getting areas sown & completed. Greens have a great cover, they have been rolling true. As a turf manager, I prefer true roll over speed. Tees & surrounds have great cover, will be looking to core both these areas as time allows through the winter months. This will help with infiltration & help firm surfaces up. 16th surround will regularly get cored or vertidraind as it is holding a lot of water. Over the next month we aim to work on the paths, tree trimming & bunkers where possible.

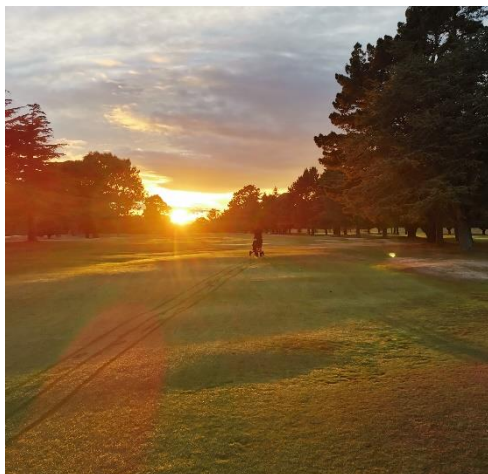
Remember as we get into winter we will get regular frosts, please be patient with greenkeeping staff. We will try to get players off as soon as possible. When you play on the frozen leaf it damages the plant, with the colder temperatures the recovery is next to none. We also use the status on the website, please look on the main page to see any change which includes Carts/No Carts, Open/Closed.

Please continue to repair your pitch marks & replace your divots. Watch where you drive, please remember the rules for cart use. Thank you to everyone who everyone who does their best to follow these. Remember as the rain comes the surfaces will be become slippery, again be careful and watch where you walk.

Enjoy your up & coming month of golf, whether you are playing matches or just for social enjoyment. Set some goals to try and achieve them 😊.

Below are some of the work the volunteers do each Tuesday morning, they are great to have as part of our greenkeeping team.

Kiel Stechman



Sunrise on the course captured by our members

Rules Corner

With winter conditions approaching and the likelihood of further regular rainfall, a common problem we all face from time to time under these conditions is playing from a bunker that has temporary water. We will in this issue look at options we have under the rules for playing a ball that may be affected by temporary water in a bunker.

Penalty free options

1. Rule 16.1c(1) covers penalty free relief for a ball in a bunker when there is interference by an abnormal course condition – in this case temporary water. Interference occurs when the ball touches or is in the temporary water and/or there is interference to the player's stance by the temporary water. The player may take **free relief** by finding the nearest point of complete relief (ie there is no interference by the temporary water) and then dropping the ball in the relief area (within 1 club length of this point). **The nearest point of complete relief and the relief area MUST BE IN THE BUNKER.** Note, if there is no such nearest point of complete relief in the bunker, the player may still take this relief by using the point of **maximum available relief** in the bunker as the reference point.
2. Under some circumstances, the amount of water in a bunker may make it impossible or impractical to enable players to fairly proceed under Rule 16.1c(1) and the Committee can declare the bunker out of play as has been the practice of late for the bunker on the 16th hole. For convenience the bunker, while technically not GUR, has been deemed to be un-marked GUR. Players are entitled to free relief for a ball in this bunker with the margins of the bunker defining the area of GUR/abnormal course condition.
 - a) If the ball can be identified and retrieved, the player can proceed under Rule 16.1b by determining the **reference point** as the **nearest point of relief not nearer the hole** and then measuring the relief area (1 club length from the reference point, not nearer the hole and which avoids interference from "GUR"). Note: in some cases depending on where the ball is found in the bunker and where the hole is on the green, the player will be entitled to drop a ball close to the green. In other cases the player will be required to play from a relief area with the bunker between his lie and the hole.
 - b) If the **ball cannot be found** and retrieved from the large pool of muddy water, **the ball is lost in an abnormal course condition.** Penalty free relief is still available under Rule 16.1e. In this case, the estimated **point where the ball last crossed the margin of the bunker** is used to determine the nearest point of relief as in 2(a) above.

Penalty option

Under Rule 16.1c(2), a player **under penalty of 1 stroke**, may **drop a ball outside the bunker** in a relief area that is based on a reference line going straight back from hole through the spot of the original ball in the temporary water (commonly referred to as **back-on-the-line-relief**) The reference point for determining the relief area is a point on this line chosen by the player with no limit on how far back on the line.

Members are encouraged to study Rule 16.1a,b,c and e, especially diagram 16.1c to reinforce their understanding of options available when confronted with a ball in temporary water in a bunker.

What's on in June...

Please note some changes below

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.

EVENT

MIXED

WOMEN

MEN

June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 Queen's Birthday	7 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	1 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice Alternate Tees	2	3	4 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw, Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Par	5
13	14 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke	8 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	9 Thursday Club	10	11 Par Rd 2 MacLennan to be completed 9 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford Feilding interclub women at Manawatu	12 MacLennan, Round 1 Consolation to be completed Imlay Saunders Round 1 to be completed
20	21 18 Hole: LGU 2nd Qualifying Rd Club Champs 9 Hole: Par	15 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	16 Yorb Business House	17	18 No comp. Interclub with Feilding men playing away. 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU, 2nd Qual. Round Club Champs, Feilding Interclub Women at Manawatu	19
27	28 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	22 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par, 2nd round Lavender/Gillespie Cups to be completed	23 Thursday Club	24	25 Par 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Stableford	26
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