

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The season is well and truly underway, as is the Wallace Development next door. Most of you will be now be aware that all trees that we agreed to have removed, are gone. The work was carried out on Sunday/Monday 17 & 18 Feb, with little if any disruption to our members.

The committee will shortly be receiving plans for the realignment of the 12th hole. We are very mindful of the fact that we are regarded as one of the finest golf courses in New Zealand, and of the need to make the right decision. This decision will be based on what is best for the club, not the lowest price.

We have now had our first full committee meeting, and I am very pleased to announce that Chris Edsall has been elected as Men's Vice Club Captain. Chris is an outstanding young man and will be a real asset in this role.

We have had a lot of visitors to our wonderful course over the past few months, and the comments have been effusive in their praise. The course is in magnificent order, and it is really important that we as members play our part in maintaining the quality of the course. It does not take much effort to repair pitch marks and replace divots.

31 March will mean that we are 6 months into our financial year. As such, we think it is important to hold an information evening where any queries can be answered, and members can find out just how things are going. This will be held in May – details in next newsletter.

Good golfing everybody.

BC



Brent Cawthray – President

## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Late last year we purchased a new refrigerated cabinet for the café and I think you will all agree the increase in size has allowed Kath and her team to sell a range of different products. The Team serve up a variety of salads and these have certainly been welcomed by the patrons. This new initiative has worked extremely well and as always we welcome any comment that can differentiate us from the rest. We must make mention of the fantastic support we received in allowing the Club to make this capital purchase. The Midweek Women, the Saturday Men and the 9 Hole sector all were very quick to donate contributions towards the cabinet, thank you all.

While I am thanking people, The Grand Master Putting Competition was a great afternoon and thank you to all the members who brought family and friends down to the Club either to enjoy the atmosphere or have a crack at the prize. The general consensus is that all participants enjoyed the afternoon so with that in mind we will lock this event into our golfing calendar for an annual event.

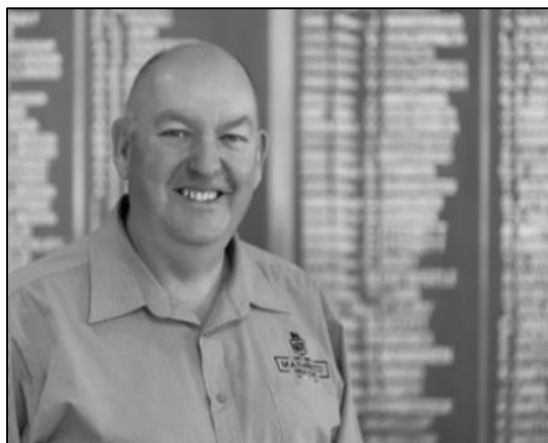
Progress by Wallace Development is ongoing with the most significant change being the removal of several trees on the 12th boundary. The agreement between the Club and WDCL is in full swing with pricing starting to come in for the realignment of the 12th hole. Once the Committee have received all this information, a contract will be signed and work will commence. All drawings will be put on display for members to view indicating how the new hole will look. We are investigating all avenues as to how we can keep the existing hole in play for as long as possible causing the least disruption to the membership. Hopefully we will be in a position in the next couple of weeks to explain exactly when and how all this work will happen.

Following on from the Annual General Meeting, a second valuation report has been received on the river land sale. There were some concerns raised around the 16th boundary and these will be addressed as part of the whole process. The Committee will look at the valuations they have received and take action from there. Once a decision has been made, the membership will be informed of the next step in the process.

2020 sees the Manawatu Golf Club celebrate 125 years. The 125 year book is currently well under way under the guidance of Peter Lampp. We are now in the process of forming a sub-committee for this event, if you are keen to get involved then please let me know.

Good golfing everyone

**Warren Collett – General Manager**



# 2019 Committee Members



Grayson Joines – Vice President



Alva Joe - Treasurer



Richard Shaw – Men's Club Captain



Vicki Worker – Women's Representative



Rodney Thomas – Committee Member



Rob Green – Committee Member



Warren Vining– Committee Member



Chris Edsall – Committee Member and  
Men's Vice Club Captain

## Pro Shop

Hope your golf game has had a good start to the year.

### What's been happening in the shop:

On Friday the 22nd of Feb Ben and I (Alan) travelled down to Royal Wellington golf Club for a clinic taken by Michael Campbell and his golf coach from the States, Jonathan Yarwood (who has been coaching “Cambo” since before he won the US Open). The clinic was really good and we learnt some new info which was fantastic. Cambo was a really nice and down to earth guy. I wish him all the best for his restart of his career on the Champions Tour as he has been a great ambassador for NZ Golf.



For the last few weeks we have been running our award winning Discover Golf programme. We have 37 people taking part this year and we have a really good mix of women and men. We have traditionally run discover golf in October/November but this year we are trialling it in February just to see if it is more successful this time of the year because of the weather.

### Tip of month:

This is the time of the year where a lot of the big golfing Companies are releasing new drivers: whether it's the new Callaway Epic Flash, Cobra F9, Ping G410 or Titleist TS2. No doubt you will start seeing players on TV winning using the new drivers.

So the question we get asked a lot regarding this is “are they better than the previous model and which one is the best out of all of them”. Answer: Yes they are all slightly better than their predecessor. But one is not better than the other. For example, the Callaway is no better than the Titleist or vice versa. What is most important is to find out which is best for you. There will be one of these drivers that is better than the rest for you, but you won't know that unless you go through a fitting process where you get the chance to try all the drivers together and compare. They all have some really cool features and new technology in them. So just pop in to the shop and book a fitting time with one of our experts and find out how far you can hit them!

Lastly: Best of luck to two of our members playing in The 100th NZ open: Tim Wilkinson & Lachie McDonald.

**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, Ben, Lisa and Tim



## A message from the Club Captain

Hasn't it been great to have settled weather to start the Club's season with? Perhaps this is why we are seeing the total Saturdays fields (18-hole men & women and 9 holers) averaging 20 more each Saturday than over the same time in the previous 2 years!

The MacLennan (Saturday 4-ball) and Imlay-Saunders (Sunday mixed 4-ball) registration sheets are up in the Card room. You still have plenty of time to find a partner and add your names to the sheets.



Ian Craig winner of the  
Craig's Tankard

Please note, as Ian Anderson highlighted in the December Newsletter, the Manawatu Golf Club Committee has chosen NOT to adopt the optional Local Rule that allows players to drop a ball with a 2-stroke penalty for a lost or out of bounds ball. It is important to check the local rules when visiting golf clubs to check what their Local rules are. At the 1st weekend of Handicap pennants one local club turned up at Marton assuming this rule was in place. Thankfully all was sorted before any embarrassing situations eventuated.

The first round of pennants produced mixed results for our interclub teams. The A's playing at Palmerston North thoroughly bet Taihape 8.5 to 0.5, the B's playing at Buckley got a good win over Rangitikei 5 to 3. Unfortunately, the Handicap pennants team followed last years poor start with 2 losses going down 3-6 against Castlecliff then 2-7 to Foxton. The Presidents team started with a good win 8.5 to 3.5 over Levin at home but then lost away to Linton 3 to 9. The women's teams have had a slow start, but Lisa and Rebecca did have a first up win over Wanganui in the Championship pennants.

I hope everyone has been embracing the new Golf rules. It has definitely sped up golf rounds, I have yet to play a round over 4 hours this year. That said, I have recently had to deal with an issue of slow play on Saturdays. With the new rules there is really no excuse now for slow play. I for one like the option to leave the flag in, perhaps only taking it out for big breaking putts or where the pole's shadow is confusing my read.

Please note that the temporary fences on the 8th and 11/12th are immovable obstructions. You may not cross these fences to get your ball. If you can identify your ball and it is still in bounds you may take free relief (see Rule 16). However, if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in or on an abnormal course condition i.e. between the out-of-bounds and the temporary fences and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief under Rule 18.2. Make sure you have the new rules book in your bag or the App on your phone.

Remember first and foremost Golf is about fun!

Richard Shaw

# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

The ladies have continued enjoying the fine weather and playing on our delightful course.

### Pennants

The Silver and District pennant teams have had mixed success at the beginning of the pennant season.

In round 1 both the Silver team of Deb Archer, Jill Clifton, Sue Fletcher and Angela Pivac and the District team of Jill Dixon, Gloria Campbell, Barbara Stuckey and Christine Rose found playing Eketahuna at Eketahuna a difficult task and came away with no points.

However, in round 2 we were more successful. The Silver team of Deb Archer, Sue Fletcher, Jill Clifton and Janine Healey came away with two points against Levin at Rangatira and the District team of Kate Courtney, Pam Lamberton, Glyn Robinson and Robyn Higgins also scored 2 points against Feilding. Many thanks to our selectors, Angela Pivac and Megan Waugh. So, well done ladies. Keep up the good work.

### Race to the Shield

The Race to the Shield (known as the Susan Farron Shield) has started well with most clubs able to have representation at the 2 events held so far. The following District Open Day events that will count towards the shield are: Thursday March 7 at Pongaroa, Thursday March 21 at Castlecliff and Thursday April 4 at Pahiatua. So if you feel like playing at another club, find a friend and go along to one, or more, of these days.

### District Day

This year's District Day is to be held on Friday March 15 at Palmerston North so put your names down on the sheet to form teams of 3 with a \$7 entry fee.

### NZ Masters

The Manawatu/Wanganui Women's Masters Team to represent the district at the NZ Masters in Nelson was selected last weekend. The team is as follows:

Lisa Herbert (Manawatu)

Caroline Scott (Wanganui)

Jill Hall (Rangitikei)

Lisa Cotton (Pahiatua)

Rebecca Hopper (Manawatu) as non-travelling reserve.

Good luck to these ladies.



Lily Griffin came 2nd at the Parkland NZ Speedgolf Open

# WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED...

## National Teams

Next Saturday March 2nd and Tuesday March 5th are set up for LGU and National Teams Day. The National Teams is for all players with the best nets to play at the District Final on Friday 3rd May at Marton. The cost is \$3 per person.

Happy Golfing

Jill Clifton, Women's Captain

## Saturday Women's Report

The year has begun fabulously with good attendances and new and old faces returning.

Opening day was a fun day with prizes for best combined stableford over Par 3, Par 4 and Par 5 holes.

These were won by Evelyn Trass - Par3 Janine Healey- Par4 and Eva Heinrich - Par5.

Congratulations to Linda Hill who won the summer eclectics Field Cup Competition.

The Fourball matches have great numbers this year and competition is already underway.

The weather has been kind and the course is offering plenty of run on the fairways whilst still remaining challenging on the greens.

Two of our Saturday women have attended district tournaments and contributed to the Central Districts Challenge Shield points.

Thanks to Janine and Rosie for attending open days at Pahiatua and Rangitikei.

Finally, our condolences go to Heather Dean who lost a dear and special father in late January.

Sue Spiers

Saturday women's committee



Linda Hill – Summer eclectics winner

Right: Eva Heinrich, Janine Healey and Evelyn Trass



## NINE HOLE NEWS

Players have been enjoying the great weather and competitions are underway. Entries are open for the Walker George cup, mixed pairs, a lot of fun. So players get a partner and enter this competition. Well done to the winner, Barbara MacDonald, Judy Crawford and Wayne Revell at Palmerston North Open Day.

Congratulations to the Masters Games golf medal winners; Barbara Smith, Carmen Fraser and Paul MacNeill. This is a great event played at Tawhero Golf Course, which has new owners who have done a lot of work so the course is in good condition. Hope more players can attend in 2021.

We host a round robin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March where other players from our district join us to enjoy a round of golf.

Saturday players don't forget if you are unable to play Saturday you may play in our Sunday slots and your scores will count towards the weekend competition.

Colleen Fraser - NINE HOLE CONVENOR

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS –

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

**7 Day Member – Brian Ouyang, Carl Peters, Hayden Robinson**

**Under 30 – Matt Nobbs, Ben Stirrat, Luke Stirrat**

**Under 25 – Taran Bublitz**

**Tertiary – Russell Pine, Josh Sedgwick (returning)**

**6 Day Member – Anna Hammington (returning)**

**5 Day Member – Renee Brown, Christine Greig (returning), Richard Hampton,**

**Tae Hwang, Matt Sanchez, Peter Schneider**

**9 Hole – Allen Foegeding, Joanna Foegeding**

**9 Hole Senior – Robert Dowse, Christine Fon-Lowe**

**Restricted Junior – Jerome Robinson**

During this same period, 21 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 964 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.



## Rules Corner

As we enter the third month of play under the new Rules of Golf, it is timely to remind members that the basic tenets under which we play this great game remain unchanged. The following advice neatly describes how we should all approach playing golf - "play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it and if you cannot do either, do what is fair. But to do what is fair you need to know the Rules of Golf".

While it is easy for us to be more concerned about what to do when confronted by very unusual (and uncommon) situations during play, I firmly believe that members should concentrate their efforts towards understanding the Rules as they apply to everyday situations that we encounter in almost every round we play. One of my favourite quotes that directly applies to understanding and applying the Rules of Golf is "common things occur commonly". During each round we are regularly faced with situations that require some decision and application of one of the Rules of Golf. It is the important to know and apply the appropriate rule when required to react to these common situations.

Here are some examples of the common situations we encounter:

1. Identifying your ball – many believe it is permissible to just roll their ball on the ground to see their identification mark and do so without first marking the position of the ball. Under Rule 9.4b this action incurs a 1 stroke penalty.
2. Relief from an immovable obstruction – it is important to know what the immovable obstructions on our course are ( eg all formed paths and roads, hole signs and surrounding structures, all sprinkler heads, tee markers other than the ones on the hole being played, clearly planted trees under 2 club lengths high, tree stakes – there are others – see the definition of immovable obstructions). Know how to proceed when taking relief from an immovable obstruction.
3. Relief from an abnormal course condition (GUR, temporary water)
4. Relief for an embedded ball – see the new rule 16.3 which now allows relief in the general area and replaces a previous Local Rule
5. Know the three options available for a ball declared unplayable
6. Know when you can ( and should!) play a provisional ball
7. The procedure if your ball is lost – when is it lost?, how long can you search for it?
8. When your ball is OB – what defines the OB, what is the correct procedure?
9. When you can clean a lifted ball – know the times that you cannot clean your ball

It is also timely for members to re-read and fully understand the central principles of the game well described in Rule 1. This Rule clearly defines standards of player conduct and the expectation that all players will play in the spirit of the game by:

- o Acting with integrity – following the rules, applying all penalties and being honest in all aspects of play





CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who competed and won medals at the 2019 Masters Games!



# GRAND MASTER PUTTING COMPETITION



A great afternoon was had for the Grand Master Putting Competition!

Thanks to those who all entered and congratulations to runner up Steven Vindriis and Winner Tim Cranshaw!



Thanks to our sponsors: PNCC, NL Productions, Shane Walker from Fowler Homes, DB Breweries and Chefs Choice.

After a great turn out we hope to make this an annual fixture on the calendar



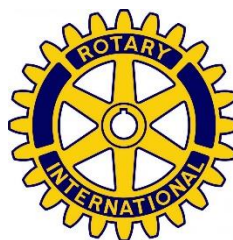
# What's on in March...

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.

## March

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| MONDAY    |   | <b>4</b><br>NZ Golf Safari 50 Players  | <b>11</b><br>Dethatching   | <b>18</b><br>9 Hole: Round Robin<br>10am-1pm  | <b>25</b>   |
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| TUESDAY   |   | <b>5</b><br>LGU: National Teams Day<br>9 Hole: Par                                 | <b>12</b><br>18 Hole: Par<br>9 Hole: Committee choice  | <b>19</b><br>18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford<br>9 Hole: LGU, R1 S Bunt & Putting       | <b>26</b><br>18 Hole: Stableford<br>9 Hole: Stableford                |
| WEDNESDAY |   | <b>6</b><br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Par                                     | <b>13</b><br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Committee choice<br>Alternate Tees                                     | <b>20</b><br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1           | <b>27</b><br>Wade Cup Stableford<br>9 Hole: Stableford                |
| THURSDAY  |   | <b>7</b><br>18 Hole: Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes 36 Holes                   | <b>14</b><br>Nuviev Wealth Solutions Business House  | <b>21</b><br>Hospice Golf Day   | <b>28</b>   |
| FRIDAY    | <b>1</b><br>Asteron Tournament.<br>11.45am tee off<br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm-5.30pm start                 | <b>8</b><br>Crest Tournament<br>(2 tee start)<br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm-5.30pm start | <b>15</b><br>Manawatu Club Green Jacket Tournament 30-40 players<br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm-5.30pm start              | <b>22</b><br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm-5.30pm start                                      | <b>29</b><br>Twilight Golf<br>3pm-5.30pm start                        |
| SATURDAY  | <b>2</b><br>Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Memorial Day<br>9 Hole: Stableford<br>LGU National Teams Day | <b>9</b><br>Stroke<br>9 Hole: Par<br>18 Hole: Par<br>9 Hole: Par                   | <b>16</b> Par. MacLennan entries close<br>9 Hole: Committee choice, Alternate Tees<br>18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford | <b>23</b><br>Stroke<br>9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1<br>18 Hole: Stableford | <b>30</b><br>Par<br>9 Hole: Stableford<br>18 Hole: LGU & Putting      |
| SUNDAY    | <b>3</b><br>Men's A Pennants at MGC   | <b>10</b><br>Rnd 1 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed<br>Rotary Tournament        | <b>17</b><br>A Grade & B Grade Pennants  | <b>24</b>   | <b>31</b><br>Imlay Saunders Entries Close<br>Grade & B Grade Pennants |



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