



March 2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

As we enter Warren's last month, we thought it was time for an update on finding his replacement. We are going through PN Personnel, who had received 32 applications as at last Wednesday. By the end of this week, these will have been whittled down to two, possibly three.

These candidates will then be interviewed by the appointments sub-committee, which is made up of Brent, Grayson Joines, Wayne Masters and Vicki Worker. The plan is to conduct initial interviews on Zoom, Monday 8 March.

There will then be an interview in person, where the preferred candidate will not only meet with the sub-committee, but also key staff. The membership will be kept informed when there is something to report.

Another Brian Green Property Group Super 6 Tournament has come to an end. What a wonderful week of golf, with every round being played in sublime conditions. The course was as good as it has ever been, and this was reflected in the comments from the players, many of whom have been coming here for years. To Brian Green "Greeny", Dave Tarrant – Dealer Principal Robertson Prestige (Pro Am sponsor) and all of the other sponsors, we cannot thank you enough. All in all a wonderful team effort from all staff, and our amazing volunteers. Numerous players comment each year on how our Club has so many more volunteers than other venues they play at. We are confident this event will take place in coming years – Golf NZ are insistent it does, which augurs well for us hopefully being to attract a name player or two.

We have received some excellent news regarding the Riverland Sale. We have been advised late last week we have a response from DOC. PNCC shared the news with us that DOC approved the land exchange.

The estimated timeframe to complete this land exchange are as follows:

1. Resource Consent approved by PNCC (approximately by end the of March): the PNCC consent team will continue to process the Resource Consent (RC) submitted earlier, it is looking at approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete the consent writing.
2. Land Transfer plan approved by LINZ (approximately by end of April): Once the consent is obtained, PNCC will need to have the Land Transfer plan approved by LINZ. The Land Transfer plan is part of the necessary document for gazette.
3. Gazette Notice approved by DOC (approximately by end of May): After PNCC have obtained the approval from DOC for Gazette Notice, PNCC will arrange the payment of the land exchange into their solicitor's trust account.

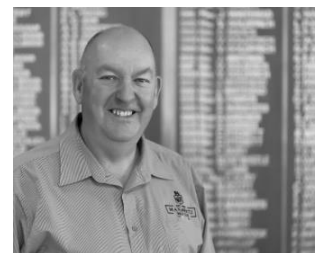
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4. Completing of the Gazette Notice (approximately by end of June): After the completing of the gazetting process, the payment will be released to Manawatu Golf Club.

It has been a battle but the end is in sight.

Good golfing everybody.

Brent Cawthray and Warren Collett



### House Accounts

Our House Account system seems to be working very well and we thank you for your support and use of it. It can be used to pay for items purchased in the Café and Pro shop as well as for annual membership subs but it cannot be used for “Cash Outs”. A percentage of most purchases automatically goes onto your House Account in the form of Loyalty Points, along with your Pros Comp winnings – so make sure you state your membership number when making a purchase.

Money can be put onto your House Account by EFTPOS at the café, Pro shop or at the office, as well as by internet banking to our bank account

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### Tree Removal

For some time we have known the huge old pine trees splitting the 14th & 15th fairways are a “ticking time bomb”. The issue of old trees on the golf course was raised at the Annual General Meeting and subsequently the Committee have addressed this issue and agreed to have these removed commencing on Sunday 4 April (Easter Sunday) weather dependent. The stumps will also be removed and taken off site. The contract states, the work will take approximately 10 days weather dependent, start to finish. This is an opportune time to remove the logs out of the property while we have access through the Wallace Development. WDCL have kindly allowed the contractor to exit these logs out through their property which will save the course in the future with some major repair work.

Holes 14 & 15 will be out of action with players having played the 13th hole out will then walk to the 16th tee and all this is because of health & safety reasons. As far as what do you do with your scoring, please take (2 points) for each of the two holes you haven't played. This is not permanent but a simple solution to the problem. If progress is smooth and ahead of time within the 10 day period then we will look to open up these holes but more than likely there will be roped off areas.

Thank you for your understanding of this matter.



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# THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!!

To all the people behind the scenes that made this tournament so special, thank you so much for your contribution, it never seems enough to just say thank you. Some of you will say I didn't do much, but with everyone doing their bit, we managed to put together another great tournament.



**BRIAN GREEN  
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NZ SUPER 6'S  
MANAWATU**

Here are some things that people said over the week:

- It always feels like I am at home here, the people involved are so kind and helpful. (from a player)
- This tournament is the next best after the NZ Open, we just love coming back and playing on this course.
- We love coming here the volunteers know their roles and the tournament is so organised we can just relax and enjoy ourselves because we know everything is taken care of.
- Nowhere else is NZ do they have so many volunteers doing so many different roles. So friendly and helpful.
- They go out of their way to help us.



This is all because of you and is really saying something!

As always, a very special thanks to those Volunteers that went above and beyond – you are exceptional, and you will know who you are.

Players, Golf NZ, Sponsors and everyone involved provided outstanding positive feedback. This feedback is mainly due to you – Well done everyone.



## Strategic Plan

Work has commenced on the Strategic Plan with the first of the Sub-Committees having been put together. The Leadership and Governance Sub-Committee will be chaired by Wayne Masters with Dave Forrest and Ewan Westergaard making up the three person group. Once this group has met and have items to communicate then these will be sent out to the membership.



## Pro Shop

Hi Everyone, I hope you all enjoyed watching some really good golf last weekend and maybe you saw some not so good golf on occasions that can make you feel really good about your own game 😊. But what a great final with some great golf!!!

News from the shop: The week of the Super 6's is really quiet for us. But that has been a good change from the usual hustle and bustle - we haven't had a quiet week since we come out of lockdown last year, it's been all go.

Tip of the month: Faster Greens.

With the greens being a bit faster lately the common phrase we hear from members is "I really struggled on the fast greens out there" and I also hear this a lot when I am coaching. Sometimes it is the other way around - people that are used to putting on fast greens don't like slow greens. What we need to do is learn to adapt. The speed can change day to day and course to course and sometimes the reason why golfers struggle is because they panic - it wasn't what they were expecting and puts them off for the rest of the day.

Below are guides to help you with that. There is no reason why you can't putt better on faster greens.

**Rule #1: Change Mindset: Play more break!!** As greens become quicker, even the smallest degree of slope will drastically affect the line of your putt. Don't fall into the trap of thinking most putts run straight. To compensate for this, make sure to play more break than normal and focus on missing your putts on the high side of the hole thereby giving yourself a chance to make the putt. Always keep in mind that putts missed on the low side of the hole never had the opportunity to drop in and keep moving away from the hole not towards it.

**Rule #2. Try and make the ball creep into the hole!!** Speed is the biggest determiner of both break and your ability to one and two putt as opposed to three and four putting. To help with this, imagine the hole is painted onto the green and that you are trying to stop the ball on the black dot. This will help to prevent racing the ball past the hole. The closer you can have your first putt finish the shorter your next putt will be.

**Rule #3: Get the feel:** Give yourself plenty of time on the practice green before you head to the first tee. This is your one chance to make yourself comfortable and confident and get a gauge for the green speeds before you have that first putt on the course.

**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

Congratulations to Alan Bailey who won the Kenneth Neal Cup for being the top qualifier for B&A/Watson Cups. Alan won by countback from Simon Burton and VP Grayson Joines with net 68s. Draws for the matchplay are up in the card room and on the news page. First round matches are to be completed by 14th March and round 2 by the 4th of April.

The MacLennan (Saturday 4-ball competition) registration sheet is up in the card room. You have until Saturday 13th March to enter your, and your partner's names.

If you would like to enter the Saturday Stableford Shootout you need to pay \$30 to Warren Williams or Richard Shaw by March 13th 2021. If you would like to enter the Gross Shootout you need to pay \$15 to Richard Shaw by 7th August 2021.



## Pennants

We have had just one round of Interclub Pennants for 2021. Well done to Lisa & Rebecca who started the Women's Championship with a 5-0 win over Feilding. The Men's A grade team (The Hawks) beat Hawkestone 8.5 to 0.5 after going up 3-0 in the morning foursomes. Both of our teams played at home.



At Castlecliff the Men's B grade team (The Falcons) lost to Marton 3.5 to 5.5 after being 0-3 down after the morning Foursomes. The Men's C grade team (The Eagles) came back to halve with Rangitikei 4.5-4.5 after being 0-3 down after the morning Foursomes. The Handicap team had a first-round bye.

Round 2 pennants on Sunday March 7th sees the Women Championship and Men's A pennants playing at Feilding. The Men's B grade, C grade and Handicap teams are at Marton.

The Presidents lost their first match away at Rangitikei going down by the narrow margin of 5.5 to 6.5.

Sympathies must go the Ladies mid-week pennants team who have had the first 2 rounds suspended.

## NINE HOLE NEWS

Very enjoyable playing golf in this lovely weather. We have had big fields each week, everyone ready to get back into competition golf.

Congratulations to our two ladies who played in the Masters Games in Whanganui. Ann Flipp winning a silver medal and Barbara Smith a bronze. Well done.

Last week we went on a roadie to Royal Wellington Club. It was a lovely day but golf was average. We were well looked after by pro shop, but I must congratulate our cafe, theirs was definitely not up to our cafe standard. How lucky we are with our lovely food and fantastic service.

Monday we had quite a few players who played at Tawhero Open Day. Manawatu did very well. Men's winners were Alan Maclean and Brian Day (Brian also only player making a two). Women's winners were Ann Flipp and Marie O'Brien with stableford prizes and Ann also got longest drive. \$50 raffle winners were Judy Rowe and Colleen Fraser. It was a lovely day. They have new course lessees and they are really improving the course which is great to see.

Good golfing for next month which there is quite a bit on. Hopefully the weather stays good for us

Colleen Fraser

## NEW MEMBERS –

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

**7 Day** – Ian Brandon, Steve Davey, Gregor Willox

**6 Day** - Ben Cousins

**5 Day** – Paul Bailey, Pramod Gopal, Hyung Sun Lee, Scott Robson, Andrew Ross, Darshan Singh, Andrew Smith, Leigh Stewart

**Under 25** – Fletcher Leslie

**Under 30** – Brendan Desmond, Nelson Gaw, Jinyoung Park

**9 Hole** – Tony Fell, Diane Lee, Jason Lee, Dwayne Richardson, Tony Watts

**Restricted Junior** – Logan Kemp, Navdeep Singh, Oliver Smith

During this same period, 8 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1038 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.





# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

Just when we are beginning to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather and the course is in great condition Wham! Another lockdown – albeit only Level 2 for Palmerston North, but still a nuisance.

All the players and many of the ladies volunteering discovered on Saturday evening that we were in lockdown again. Fortunately, the Super 6 tournament continued but the pennant selectors and club captains had to make the decision about playing Silver and District pennants on Monday March 1. Unfortunately pennants was cancelled again.

### Opening Day

The Mid-week ladies Opening Day was a great success with a large field enjoying lovely weather. The winning team was Angela Pivac, Shirlee Jenkinson, Lesley Martin and Maxine Whittfield and the Pot of Gold was won by Jill Dixon.



The Marj Chrystall trophy was won by Marlene Judd, who also celebrated her 80th birthday. Another venerable octogenarian! Congratulations Marlene on both counts.

### Pennants

Fortunately the Championship Pennant team was able to play their first round at Manawatu and they recorded an excellent win. Congratulations to Lisa Herbert and Rebecca Hopper for their 5-0 win over Feilding. The weekend team had a bye.

### March Golf

Hopefully we will be able to complete our March programme

March 2nd LGU & Putting

March 9th National Teams Day

March 16th Pro Shop Stableford

March 23rd Par

Thursday March 4th Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes 36 Holes

On Tuesday March 16th the ladies have invited our General Manager Warren Collett to play with them. This will give us a chance to say how much he will be missed by everyone. He has been very supportive of the ladies, being very generous with his time and also efforts to progress ladies golf. We have appreciated his work, not only for us, but for the whole club. He will be sorely missed. Thanks Warren.

Jill Clifton



# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Saturday Ladies

We got the year underway with a very colourfully dressed field, even including the tees and balls, and at lunch we were able to acknowledge Eva and Jill for their summer wins.



Several of us volunteered for the Brian Green NZ Super 6's, ably supervised by our own Christine, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Next up..... drinks and nibbles to welcome our new members.

Helen Wilkinson

## COURSE REPORT

As we head into March the year seems to be moving by fast. The start of the year has brought a couple of things along, the Super 6s and the ongoing pandemic. We are still wary of what is next in days and years to come. Hope you all have enjoyed the recent golfing months and got out to watch some great golfers play in the Super 6s. I would like to thank all the volunteers and staff for the amazing effort you all put in. We can't produce a tournament without you all helping.

On the course in the next month, will be verti-cutting and topdressing greens. Looking to solid tine at some point also. Greens are in great condition with a dense cover. Tees and surrounds will be slice/dethatched. Fairways are booked to be dethatched on the 19th of April. We will continue to spray weeds throughout the course as the time allows.

Trent Munn has now moved on to Tauranga Golf Club to allow him to play more golf as a Pro & we wish him all the best.

Hoping to sort a few drains out as well as irrigation issues. Greenkeeping staff wish you all well in the coming month of your golf, there are a few tournaments ahead. Please remember to replace your divots, repair your pitchmarks & be aware of where you are walking/driving. Remember we are all responsible for the course. Remember to rake the bunker after you have been and played your shot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bit of Humour to finish;

- There are three ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice constantly ... or start cheating.
- A golfer was having a terrible round – 20-over par for the front nine with scores of balls lost in water or rough. When his caddie then coughed as he steadied himself over a 12-inch putt on the 10th, he lost it.  
“You’ve got to be the worst caddie in the world!” he yelled.  
“I doubt it,” replied the caddie, dead-pan. “That would be too much of a coincidence.”

Kiel Stechman

## Rules Corner

With the recent Brian Green Super Sixes tournament just completed it is timely for members to re-acquaint themselves with some of the Local Rules that cover play at this club and how these may vary from the supplementary rules that applied for the tournament. During the tournament, players were bound by a set of general rules that cover all tournaments run by Golf NZ (as described in their Hard Card) and a supplementary set of Local Rules as set by Golf NZ that apply specifically to play at the MGC. There are some significant differences between these tournament rules and our set of Local Rules.

1. Out of Bounds. The MGC Local Rules list holes 1,4,7,8,9,13,15 and 16 where white stakes alone identify and define out of bounds. The tournament added white lines on several holes which defined out of bounds for those holes. In many cases, the white lines are not direct straight lines between adjacent stakes. It is important that members know that these white lines have no status for general play at the MGC and should not be used by members to determine out of bounds on holes where the white lines are present. Reminder: when out of bounds is defined by white stakes, the boundary edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes at ground level and the stakes are out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds if all of it is outside this line.
2. Ground Under Repair (GUR). The MGC Local Rule identifies GUR as marked by blue lines or stakes and declares these areas as non-playing areas from which relief must be taken as per Rule 16.1b. During the tournament, GUR was within enclosed areas marked by white lines. Again, these areas marked by white lines do not have any status for general play at the MGC (unless the Committee posts a temporary Local Rule that includes these areas as GUR for club play) and penalty free relief is not automatically available from them.
3. Gardens and Landscaped Areas. The MGC Local Rule provides for penalty free relief from these areas if marked as GUR and /or completely surrounded by an obstruction (permanent wood or concrete border). During the tournament, penalty free relief was available only from gardens completely surrounded by an obstruction. Thus the gardens behind the 11th and 17th holes were in play with penalty free relief only available if interference from an immovable blue stake or another immovable obstruction was present.
4. Staked trees and trees under 2 club-lengths in height. During the tournament, penalty free relief was only available from interference by a tree stake – not the tree itself.
5. Immovable Obstructions close to the putting green surface. Under tournament rules, line of sight relief was available if the ball and the immovable obstruction (mainly sprinkler heads) was in the general area on closely mown surface (fairway height or less), the obstruction was within 2 club-lengths of the putting surface and the ball within 2 club-lengths of the obstruction. There is no provision for this relief under MGC Local Rules.



# 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.

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# March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stroke	3 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford (Entries close for Walker Georget Cup)	4 18 Hole: Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes 36 Holes	5 Asteron Golf Tournament 11.45am tee off Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	6 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford LGU National Teams Day	7 Rnd 1 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed
8	9 LGU National Teams Day	10 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	11 Yorb Business House	12 Golden Oldies Tournament: 8:30am 2 tee start	13 Stroke, MacLennan Cup entries close 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford	14 Rotary Tournament
15 9 Hole: Round Robin 10am-1pm	16 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: LGU, R1 S Bunt & Putting	17 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1	18 Thursday Club	19 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	20 Memorial Day S'ford Final Summer Singles/ Fourball to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Rd 1 18 Hole & 9 Hole: Stableford	21 Volunteers Day
22	23 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	24 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	25 Hospice Golf Day	26 Manawatu Club Green Jacket Tournament 30-40 players, Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start Final night.	27	28
29	30	31				



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