



March 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Golf at Red level under the COVID-29 Protection Framework has continued at similar levels throughout February, with Summer Singles and Fourball, qualifying for B&A Watson, along with big opening days for all categories of membership. However, the guidelines we are following under Red means a limit of 100 people can gather in the clubhouse, so our functions and corporate bookings have been affected as a result. Our staff continue to provide the highest quality service and we look forward to a return to orange setting where we can all move about the clubhouse freely and corporate and business customers can return with some confidence.

A reminder, My Vaccine Passes are required on all parts of the course, including the café and bar, so don't feel offended if one of our staff asks you for your My Vaccine Pass, they are doing what is required of them.

### Bar:

The Committee has completed its review of the bar offerings. You will recall we were looking at this closely late last year. We had multiple options in front of us, and in summary the Committee has decided to maintain the status quo of beer tap, bottle, wine, RTD and cider supply with 50% supply from each of Lion and Dominion Breweries. The Committee will review this again in the near future.

### Landscaping project:

Work has been done on preparing a feasibility for design of the entrance area, in front of the Pro Shop and adjacent to the putting green. Primarily we are looking at foot traffic, goods vehicles, drop off, bike access and where golfers are moving around with carts and trundlers. After due consideration, this project will be reviewed again in the next financial year.

### Cart Shed:

Planning has resumed on the Cart Shed, with quotes currently being sourced from suppliers. We will update you further once a confirmed supplier is locked in.

### 2022 Committees

Congratulations to Dave Boswell who has been appointed Deputy Club Captain for 2022. Boz will support Club Captain, Alan Savell. Alan will lead the Match Committee with Dave Boswell, Natasha Meyer, Deb Archer and Alan Hyatt. The Course Committee will be Chaired by Grayson Joines, with Julie Meiring, James Lovegrove and Kiel Stechman. Finally, the Finance Committee is Alva Joe (Chair), Wayne Masters, Murray Georgel and Derek Walker. The President and Club Captain are ex-officio of all committees, and the General Manager acts as committee secretary.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER CONTINUED

## Governance paper and recommendation

The Committee has received and accepted the Governance paper from the Governance Committee. This proposal outlines a governance structure that is fit for purpose for the running of a modern golf club, in particular a group business like Manawatu Golf Club. The governance paper can be viewed [here](#). The Committee will be facilitating some club forums where members can hear directly from Governance Committee members about the proposal

- Governance forum #1 – Monday 4 April, 6.00pm, Main Lounge of the clubhouse
- Governance forum #2 – Monday 2 May, 6.00pm, Main Lounge of the clubhouse
- Governance forum #3 (if required) – 13 June, 6.00pm, Main Lounge of the clubhouse

The final stage will be a Special General Meeting scheduled for Monday 4 July, 6.00pm.

If you have any questions about the governance paper or the process, please see Chris Wilson directly.

## Staff:

In staff news, Eugene Wilson has finished his role as Greenkeeper and the club is currently recruiting for two roles, a senior Greenkeeper, and an apprentice. The club is also considering what the most suitable organisational structure is in the Pro Shop, with coaching retail and golf operations currently being reviewed with a plan in place by the end of the month.

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

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

## New Committee members:



Natasha Meyer



James Lovegrove

## Returning Committee members:



Brent Cawthray



Grayson Joines



Alva Joe



Alan Savell



Julie Meiring



Wayne Masters



Dave Boswell



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Hi everyone,

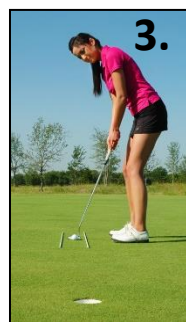
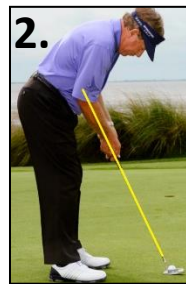
I hope you are all well. We have been extremely busy here in the shop over the past month. Our lesson calendar is booked well in advance and we are very sorry that we can't fit everyone in earlier. If you are after a lesson do try to book it in as fast as you can so you can limit the wait time.

New Arrivals in Store: Brydie has stocked up the walls with the new Robbie Brown clothing!! Also we have the All New Callaway Rogue fitting kit, so pop into the shop and make yourself acquainted with the new arrivals.



Tip of the month - Putting: 3 ways to improve your putting.

1. Have you got the correct putter for you? We all get fitted for a driver, but for some reason very few of us get properly fitted for a putter. Having a putter that is best suited for your putting stroke can make a radical change to how well you putt. If you are interested in checking if your putter is correct for you, simply come into the shop and we will help you out.
2. Take more break!!! Try to over read the greens. Most amateur golfers under read their putts (meaning that they don't take into account enough break) so they miss the putt on the low side of the hole. So the next time you have a putt, and for example the putt is breaking left to right, start the ball more left of the hole than you normally would.
3. Setup is key!!! Go through this step-by-step guide to get into a great putting setup: 1) Stand up straight with your forearms and putter shaft in one line and as close to parallel to the ground as you can. Then draw your elbows in until they touch your sides. To keep the shaft in line with your forearms, your wrists will be arched. That will help your wrists stay firm throughout the stroke. See picture 1. 2) Tilt from the waist, maintaining the shaft-to-arm relationship (Like picture 2), until the putter hits the ground. Unlike this picture, try your best to keep the sole of the putter flat on the ground. 3) Alignment. See picture 3, put some clubs or alignment sticks down to make sure your putter face is perpendicular to the target and your feet perpendicular to the putter face. Use this drill to make sure everything is aligned.



**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 and Brydie

## A message from the Club Captain

Well, what an introduction to the Club Captain's role. Rain, storms, wind, course closures and then.. it was all go. February has meant that the new golf season has begun in earnest. But due recurring foul weather on the first two weekends, play became difficult and the course had to be closed on the 2nd weekend.

The draw is now up for the B&A and Watson Cup rounds. Always check the notice board in the card room. You are all encouraged to enter the various club competitions through the year when the sheets are put up. Currently these include the Men's McLennan Cup with entries closing on Saturday 12th March and the Mixed Imlay Saunders Plate with entries closing Sunday 27th March. I encourage as many players as possible to enter the various competitions all year.

Remember to grab the new 2022 programme booklet for all the info and various playing dates, conditions of play etc. If you are away or cannot play a round don't enter as the only extensions to matches will be a course closure.

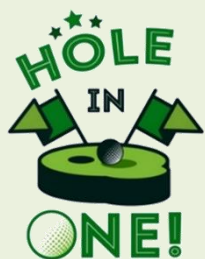
### MEN'S CRAIGS INVESTMENT PARTNERS FEBRUARY TANKARD

The first Craigs Investments Partners Tankard for 2022 was contested on Saturday 5th and was won on countback by Craig Eising with 38 stableford points from Alan Savell.

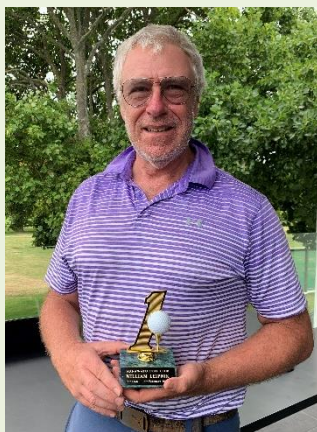
It was a credit to the field of 32 finishers that they doggedly completed their round in atrocious conditions. So congratulations to all players.

### MEN'S B&A AND WATSON CUP QUALIFYING

After a week's delay ,qualifying for this longstanding club net competition decided the 32 players to contest for each of the B&A and Watson Cups. The best net score on the day saw Edwin Van de Merve win the Kenneth Neal Cup with a net 63 and a great round of 74 of the stick. A great effort for a very keen club golfer with a brand new knee. Well done.



Congratulations to William Leipnik who got a hole in one on the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole on 4<sup>th</sup> February!



## A message from the Club Captain

### MANAWATU GOLF CLUB 2022 MEN'S PENNANT TEAMS

The initial teams have been selected for the various Pennant Teams representing the MGC and are listed as follows:-

The Men's A-grade team of Craig Nash, Micah Bremner, Greg Shaw, Sam Smith, Regan McConaghty, Angus Finlay, Jack Leenards.

The Men's B-grade team of Brett Doolan, Des Armstrong, Shane Hearn, James Saywell-Summers, Campbell Ogilvie and Reid Perry, Robert Spencer, Kirk Brough,

The Men's D-grade team of Ezra Burt, Mike Smith, Richard Shaw, Jason Westwood, Bevan Clarke, Bradley Morgan, Caleb Fagan, Bert Chang, Martin Nail, Steven Charles,

The Men's Presidents Trophy team is selected from Paul Woodhead, Adrian Christie, Brendon Hapeta, Dave Boswell, Gus Fowler, Martin Townend and Ian Craig

Good luck for the Pennants season to all players.

### Round 1 Pennant results 20-2-22

A good start to the 2022 Pennant season by the Manawatu Men's Golf Club teams. The A-Grade team of Craig Nash, Micah Bremner, Greg Shaw, Sam Smith, Regan McConaghty and Angus Findlay beat Foxton 5-4 after being down 1-2 following the foursomes.

The Men's B-Grade team of Brett Doolan, Des Armstrong, Shane Hearn, James Saywell-Summers, Campbell Ogilvie and Reid Perry lost narrowly 4-5 to Marton. Both matches were at Palmerston North Golf Club.

The D-Grade halved 3-3 with Tawhero's only pennant team at Waimarino.

The Presidents Teams match against Feilding at Manawatu was cancelled due to a severe storm.

### Round 2 Pennant results 27/2/22

Tough day for the Club's pennant teams in round 2. At Feilding, the Men's A-grade won the morning foursomes 3-0 against Hawkestone, but struggled at times in the afternoon singles to eventually win these 3-3, to take out the match 6-3.

The Men's B-grade lost 0-9 to Feilding at Feilding.

At Levin the Men's D-grade team lost to Feilding 1-5.

The Presidents team playing Rangitira at Rangitira lost 1-11, although they were the best dressed team according to Boz!



# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

Heading into March and we're all settling into the golf season for 2022. Unfortunately the first two Saturdays were rained out in February but now the weather is hopefully playing ball for everyone. Women's Pennants has had their first two rounds for Championship and Weekend with the Weekend having two good wins as a start. Championship Red has had one win and Championship White two wins.

March is a busy pennant month as our Weekend team are at Pahiatua on the 13th Marton on the 20th and Rangitikei 27th. Our Championship teams have their next rounds at Manawatu March 20th then Foxton on the 27th.

Monday Pennants for the Manawatu team will start at Rangatira 7th March the at Castlecliff on the 28th. Manawatu very kindly hosted the first round as Levin were not happy with their course presentation. Thanks to Barbara's team and Pam Lamberton and Angela Pivac for helping to run the day. Also big thanks to the café staff, Rachel in the office and the Pro Shop for making it all work on the day.

Tuesday's Opening day saw Megan Waugh win the Marj Crystal Cup. This is a memorial Trophy for one of our past members who always hit 'straight down the middle' so of course the trophy is for the golfer who can also hit 'straight down the middle' congratulations Megan.

There are a few things to look out for on the 18 hole side of golf. Sheets are up for match play competitions so add your name to these and Tuesday 8th March is the Nancy MacCormick Foursomes. This is obviously alternate shots and played over 36holes and is open to all 18 holers so get a partner and add your name to the list. Thursday Club is just as it sounds, it's played on Thursdays (when stated in the programme book) with 14 rounds of stableford over the season. The cost is \$25 and your best 5 rounds count towards qualifying for the Shootout. It is not too late to enter and is open to Saturday 18 holers as well. Just note that Thursday 3rd March and 24th March are now Thursday Club competitions as the Super 6's were cancelled and the Hospice Tournament has moved to May.

During the year Clubs in the district hold their Open Days and to encourage women to play at other courses the District run a 'Race to the Shield' competition. Manawatu have won this for the first two years so it would be great if our 18 hole members continue to try and play at some of these events. The next on the calendar is at Pahiatua 17th March, St Patricks Day theme!! If Manawatu support other clubs they will in turn support Manawatu when we have our Open Day in October.

Megan Waugh  
- Marj Crystal  
Cup



Dawn Lavender  
- Karen Russell  
Salver



Helen Wilkinson  
- Summer Field  
Cup



Jill Clifton -  
Summer Salver



# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Club Captain's Report

There are a few changes to the women's 18 hole programme:

Tuesday 1st	LGU & National Teams
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday Club
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Committee choice
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes

Then true to programme

Saturday 12th & Tuesday 15th	Pro Shop Stableford
Saturday 19th & Tuesday 22nd	Par
ADD Thursday 24th	Thursday Club
Saturday 26th & Tuesday 29th	LGU & Putting



As stated at the club AGM we are acknowledging our members who have supported the club with their membership for 50 years. On Tuesday Opening day we were able to present both Robyn and Jim Rogers alongside Sue Burmeister with their recognition trophies. Congratulations.

I know each of our playing groups are well looked after by their Saturday, Midweek, 9 Hole and 18 Hole convenors so if you are just starting on your road, or part way there, to 50 years of membership you will know that it's a great sport to play, a great way to meet people and a great day out regardless of the score at the end of the day!

Here's to 2022 and I look forward to catching up with you all.

Deb Archer – Women's Club Captain

## Saturday Ladies

We have not been lucky with the weather so far, with rain putting paid to our first two weeks, however things are improving. Especially so when Evelyn Trass had her first hole-in-one. She was delighted, and not the least bit perturbed when her son cheekily suggested that it might have set a record – the first scored with a 3 wood!

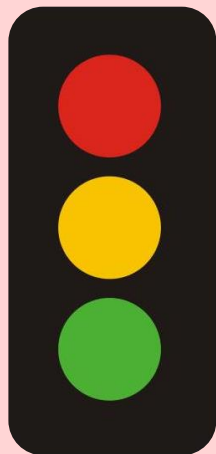
All the best to our ladies who are representing the club in pennants this year.

Here's hoping for sunny Saturdays from now on,

Helen Wilkinson



## Rules at RED:



**PROSHOP:** Must wear a mask while inside.

**CAFÉ AND BAR:** Must wear a mask until seated. Everyone is seated and orders taken at the table. 100 person capacity.

**COURSE:** Golf is open

**CLUBHOUSE:** Must wear a mask while inside including hallways, bathrooms and office

*Please be patient with staff – everyone is doing their best!*

## NINE HOLE NEWS

Great weather we are having for golf. Sometimes too hot, but we won't complain.

We would like to welcome our new members who have joined us. Enjoy your golf and the comradery.

We have started our busy Man/Wang Programme of Round Robins and Open Days. Sadly some clubs are cancelling their tournaments due to Covid.

Several Nine Holers played in the "Rotary Tournament " and came in with good scores on a very hot but great day.

Last Monday we played at Palmerston North in their Open Day. Manawatu did exceptionally well. Debbie White won the Ladies division and many more in the top 10. Men also played well so was a good day all round.

Tawhero have their Open Day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Good luck to our members who are participating

On Thursday a group went and played a fun game at Eketahuna. They have more trees than us as some players found out. Great day! Thank you Murray for organising us. We finished with lunch at the Lazy Graze

The Walker/Georgel tournament draw is done. A good amount of entries this year. Good luck to all those Wednesday and Saturday players competing. Enjoy!

Entries are open for our Round Robin on the 11th March hope the good weather continues for us

Good Golfing

Colleen Fraser / John Drake

9 Hole Convenors



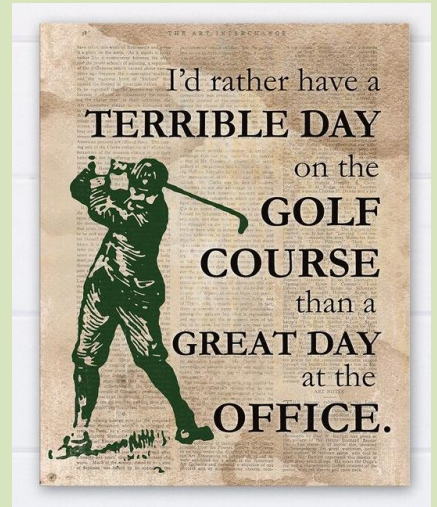
## COURSE REPORT

We now head into the Autumn months as the nights and mornings start getting cooler. As the weather has been warm the course stays dry and is in a true summer condition. In the coming month we aim to renovate the tees and surrounds. This is to remove organic matter and over-seed areas which suffered over the hot months. We will also repair the areas around the tees where the turf has lifted. With the weather cooling, we will be sowing around the 16th Tee and the 15th fairway. Greens are to be vertidraind on Monday March the 7th. Something else we have been working on is sustainability for the course. I believe this is an exciting process moving forward. Bunkers are high on the list to sort through also to come up with a better maintenance plan

Things we are seeing on the course more and more are Pitch-marks, cart usage (not following rules), people not sticking to paths e.g. walking across the front of the 9th green surround to the 10th Tee. Please continue to repair your pitch marks and replace your divots. Think of the groups to follow. To all members and visitors, enjoy your month of golf ahead. Goodluck in all your rounds or matches you may have.

Just remember this:

Kiel Stechman



# Welcome

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

**7 Day Member:** Dean Baker, Jason Cryer, Gavin Howse, Ben James, David Meeking, Clive Pedley

**Under 30:** Logan Allen, Jack Bowring, Zac Ellery, Liam Peck, Aditya Sheth

**Under 25:** Ben Kaveney-Gibb, Bradley Taylor

**Tertiary:** Ben Wilkie

**5 Day Member:** Joseph Au

**9 Hole:** Younhee Cho, Jo Hawkings, Bruce McGechan, Tamara McGechan

**Restricted Junior:** Grace Manson, Alexander McGechan, Clarabella McGechan, Zac Walsh



During this same period, 15 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1087 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.

# What's on in March...

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

March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	<b>1</b> LGU National Teams Day	<b>2</b> Wade Cup Stableford	<b>3</b> Thursday Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Craig Investment Tankard Draw Stableford	<b>6</b> Rnd 1 B&A and Watson Cups
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes 36 Holes	<b>9</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>10</b> Thursday Club	<b>11</b> <del>Great Hospital Golf Day</del>	<b>12</b> Stroke MacLennan Cup entries close 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford	<b>13</b> Rnd 1 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed
<b>14</b> 9 Hole: Round Robin 10am-1pm	<b>15</b> 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: LGU, R1 S Bunt & Putting	<b>16</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1	<b>17</b> Yorb Business House	<b>18</b> Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	<b>19</b> Memorial Day S'ford Final Summer Singles/ Fourball to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Rd 1 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>20</b> Pennants A & B Grade and Women's Championship Pennants. Course closed.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>23</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>24</b> <del>Hoopie Golf Day</del> Thursday Club	<b>25</b> <del>Asteron Tournament</del> Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start Final night.	<b>26</b> Captains vs Presidents - Par 9 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	<b>27</b> Imlay Saunders Entries Close
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 18 Hole: LGU & Putting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

SAVE THE DATE!!

Trivia Night - Saturday 14th May  
Night with the Relatives Band - Sat 9th July  
Wine Match Dinner - Saturday 13th August

These are always popular evenings that sell out fast. Pop the dates in your calendar now and keep an eye on the weekly update email and Facebook for when tickets are available.



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