

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to Autumn golf, which implies Summer has come and gone! Whilst the weather may not have been at its best, when we consider our friends in Hawkes Bay and especially clubs with reciprocal rights to MGC like the Napier Golf Club that have been so badly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle, it is a good chance to thank our lucky stars we have a course in such pristine conditions to enjoy. And apart from the good weather, those 'lucky stars' have names – Kiel, Scott, Ian, Steve, Mitch, Matt and Billsy – and their extended team of volunteers - presented an outstanding course for February golf and in particular, for the Brian Green Super 6s.

There was a consistent message from Golf NZ, Champion Jordon Loof and Runner Up Jared Edwards – that the Brian Green Super 6's is the best run event outside of the NZ Open. We've got great leaders in Chrissy and James and the team of MGC staff, and most importantly anyone who wore a red volunteers bib at any stage of the event – thank you. The Robertson Prestige Pro Am, the Brian Green Super 6s and every part of the week was outstanding to be involved with. This included the exciting climax where the play off hole being played on repeat four times before 1st time winner Jordy Loof was crowned champion. I am not sure who was a prouder Dad, caddy Paul Loof (Dad) or billet host Dave Boswell (Super 6 Dad). Thanks to all billets for the week, that's a feature of our hosting and is so appreciated by the players.

This March (28th) we have the first of our 'Information Evenings' about the new Governance proposal, please put it in your diary and come along to ensure you can make an informed decision. The Governance review committee will present, and we have independent advice by Governance guru Terry Kilmister who started the MGC Governance review process over 5 years ago, we also hope to have Golf NZ representation on the night to ensure the full picture is presented.

I write this month's report from a quiet holiday spot on the shore of Lake Taupo. No I have not given up golf in embarrassment after my Pro AM performance, but suffice to say Kane Williamson and I have a lot in common in raising the bat often to celebrate bringing up the tonne – unfortunately for me it was on about the 16th hole.

March is one of the best months of the year for golf. It is also the time we host the Michael Higgins Memorial Arohanui Hospice tournament. It's an honour to support this fantastic cause and on 23rd of March – as a club - we will all give everything we can to support this fundraiser. There are a number of other corporate events in March and the rescheduled TailoredNZ Par 3 event comes round very quickly on April 2nd, the date change was made with the impact on the course in mind and the hope for more settled weather – get in early to register to avoid disappointment. I can assure you I won't be racking up centuries in this event ... I hope.



Enjoy your golf this month, take time to get to know the new committee members (James, Leander and Stuart) and ensure you are actively involved in the info evenings about the proposed governance reform.

From out of the rough.

Brent Cawthray
MGC President



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Thank you to the many volunteers, staff and sponsors who made February such a successful month. Great playing conditions, a successful Brian Green Super 6 Event, a full field for the Robertson Prestige Pro Am(s) and great feedback from Golf NZ and the playing Pros, makes us all very proud to be MGC Members.

Thanks to our team for presenting the course in incredible condition, the members are really enjoying the chance to play on such a great greens, fairways, bunkers and tees are all presented and playing beautifully – the rough is tough – but possibly so it should be when everything else is in top notch condition?

It is important to acknowledge our 1100+ members who shared our course with Golf NZ for the Super 6's. We understand that it is hard to have the course out of action for 7 days and this is a commitment we don't for granted. In saying that I didn't receive one complaint from any member, so I hope that is a sign of widespread support for the Super 6 Event. Members will have their chance to give in-depth feedback about our course, and events we host, as part of the Annual Survey in May.

This week we changed our photo on the MGC Facebook page to recognise the 50+ volunteers who helped with Super 6s. The Red bib team were acknowledged by Golf NZ as one of the key reasons why this is such a successful and respected tournament. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the unofficial volunteers too, like the 40+ team who came at 6am on the morning of the Pro Am to prepare the course after the storm, and the 35 + staff who go above and beyond any paid hours when we are hosting a special event. Thanks also to the MGC committee who are always willing to step into any role to ensure things are running smoothly.

Thanks for your understanding around Café closure in March, it was a very hard decision to make as we are very aware of our loyal and supportive café customers. Many options were considered and the balance of 1 x Sunday (5th) and 2 x Tuesdays (14th/21st) was the best compromise. Some of our kitchen staff have been working close to 130 hours a fortnight for the last 3-4 weeks as we try to recruit staff, and this is not sustainable. So, the decision has been made, and now the focus returns to recruitment, I am hopeful of having some good news to report in the April update although anyone in the hospo community will tell you that recruiting good staff is very hard at the moment. If you get the chance, please ensure you let our team in the café (and the pro shop and greens team) know how much we appreciate them.

It's great to see the site preparation for the new Cart shed. Below is a concept plan for the cart shed and the location. We are lucky to have a strong projects team managing this process and we are on track to have the building ready mid year.

It is great to see our pennants teams doing so well. This success is not limited to results (which have been awesome) but the culture and camaraderie developing in the pennants teams is something that everyone (players and manages) involved can be proud of.



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

This week I am working remotely in Arrowtown. Alongside a small number of MGC members, I am volunteering at the NZ Open at Millbrook – what a neat experience. It is also great to see the leading role Chrissy Rose is playing as Transport Manager for Golf NZ. I am sure the experience and opportunities she has had at Millbrook will benefit Manawatu Golf Club for our upcoming events.



Be sure to try out the new bunker rakes by the 18th Green. Kiel and I spotted these at Royal Wellington and we've got two to trial for the next month. I know no golfer deliberately goes into a bunker, but if you do end up there, let me know how the rakes perform. You can even have a go if you aren't playing golf, just wonder out from the café for a bunker raking trial. Here is a video on how to use the rakes

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Enjoy being a Member of the Manawatu Golf Club in March.

Ngā Mihi

James Lovegrove
General Manager



Governance Review Report

The following dates for information evenings and the SGM have been set. All meetings are held at the Manawatu Golf Club.

**Information Evening #1 for Governance Review
Tuesday March 28th at 6.15pm**

**Information Evening #2 for Governance Review
Thursday May 4th at 6.15pm**

**MGC Special General Meeting for Governance
Review Vote June 19th at 6pm**

Here is a link to the Governance Review Document, if you would like a print out of the document please pop into the MGC Office.

[Governance Review Report Sep 2022\[54\].pdf](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Here we are into March already and Club competitions are underway in earnest.

What a great week of top golf we had for the Brian Green Properties NZ Super 6's tournament. Luckily the weather gods cleared the clouds on the last 2 days and it was great to see so many people watching the fantastic golf. All players remarked on the condition of the course as were quick to congratulate Kiel and the green staff.

Please remember to enter your scorecards immediately after playing a round of golf!

Please remember to rake the bunkers after playing your shot!

MGC Opening Day 4th February

Opening Day Weekend was postponed a week due to the course being closed thanks to Friday overnight rain. Thank you finally for a wonderful, warm and hot Opening Day.

The Queenan Memorial Salver is contested for the best pair Par Round. So big congratulations to Michael and Anna Wyatt (Only 12 years old) who won overall with +4 on par. 2nd was Casey & Tony Chettleburgh +3 and Vicki & Kevin Bryson a close 3rd on +2.

A great day was had by all and good to see a great variety of Members playing.



2023 Manawatu Men's Pennant Results

5th February

Kicked off a great start to the Manawatu-Wanganui Interclub season. The Men's A-grade beat Castlecliff at Castlecliff 8-1, the Men's B-grade beat Waimarino 7-2 and the Men's D-grade team beat Palmerston North 1, 4-2 at Levin.

The D-grade team had an exciting finish with Des Armstrong and Mike Smith both 1 down playing the last hole and the team needing at least one half from either match to win the overall match. Both Des & Mike powered great drives to within 10m of the 9th green (downwind) and chipped close enough to get two match halves.

26th February

Another good set of results from Round 2 of pennants. At Feilding, the Men's A-grade team beat Hawkestone 6.5 to 2.5.

The Men's B-grade won be default to Wanganui.

At Waimarino, the Men's D-grade followed up their great start to the season with a win over the home team 4 to 2. Bradley Morgan won 2 up, Richard Shaw, Michael Morris-Jenson and Mike Smith all won 2/1 while Brian Spencer & Ryan block lost 1 down.

It was great to see the men supporting the women in their pennant matches too.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

B&A and Watson Cups 11th February

Congratulations to Ron Eglington who won the Kenneth Neal Cup as the best scorer for the B&A and Watson Cup qualifying day with a net 65. A great score for an club veteran .



B&A and Watson Cup Info

This is a Men's singles match play competition based on handicap. It is open to men (and juniors) with full playing rights. There is one qualifying round (net) played on 11th February 2023. The top qualifier wins the Kenneth Neal Cup. The top 32 players compete for the B&A Cup and the second 32 compete for the Watson Cup. Draw will be prepared based on qualifying round ranking and displayed in the Card room and on the Club's website. Matches must then be played by:

Round 1 by Saturday 11th March

Round 2 by Saturday 1st April

Round 3 by Saturday 22nd April

Semi-finals by Saturday 13th May

Final by Saturday 27th May

Please see Programme book for information on arranging matches.

Craigs Investment Partners Tankard February 11th

On the same day, Ron Eglington won another trophy, as he was also the winner of the February Craig's Investment Partners Tankard with 43 stableford points. Well done you.



A Quick Reminder - 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.

Good Golfing

Alan Savell - Club Captain



COURSE NEWS

Wow! What a February we have just had. Firstly, I just want to say we all are feeling for all those affected by the cyclones, I wish them well in the rebuilding stage. While the cyclones were happening we were preparing to host the Brian Green Super 6s. I would like to thank the many Volunteers that have helped throughout the build-up & during the tournament, with out volunteers these things wouldn't happen as smoothly. A big mention to the 40 – 50 odd members that came out at 6am in the rain on Wednesday 15th, I was blown away to see so many people in the shed. THANKYOU for your help and support. The tournament was a huge success with the course holding up well in the conditions it was faced with. I would like to thank my team for the support in the build-up & through the tournament. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the huge effort from the staff in the clubhouse, pro shop and office. All of this is possible with a great leader James Lovegrove. I hope all members & visitors enjoyed the quality of the golf that was played 😊.

In March, we will be 'solid tinning' the greens on the 20th March. This shouldn't affect anyone playing, although may I please ask, when the tractor is on the green, hit to the side & move on to the next hole, add two putts if you like. Coring/dethatching the Tees on the 6th of March. Going to start tumble coring & dethatching fairways each Monday & Tuesday following until these are completed with as little disruption to play as possible. If we are working on a fairway, please give way to us as much as possible. Other courses do close their course for several days while doing this, we may need to look at this in the future.

We are looking to build an all-weather practice area to the 3rd chipping green, this will consist of two artificial tees either end of the tee with grass in the middle. The mounding beside the 6th Tee to begin.

As always, please continue to repair pitch marks, replace all your divots & rake the bunkers once you have finished. When driving golf carts, stay off the tees, surrounds & greens. I have noticed that so many people drive on the surrounds, this is extra wear and tear on the course & it is unnecessary. There are rules around cart use, please adhere to them. The Greenkeepers wish all members & visitors well in the coming month. Let's hope for some nice sunny days ahead 😊.

I'm sure we all have similar thoughts to these 😊

Kiel Stechman 😊



Congratulations to Colleen Fraser who scored a hole in one back in December last year.

16th Hole
9th December 2022

PS Apologies for missing this in February's newsletter!

WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Autumn is here so I am sure we will get the best weather for our golf.

Our women's pennant teams have enjoyed golfing in fine weather and for some it has shown in the results.

Our Championship teams, Manawatu Red, Lisa Herbert and Leander Tyacke, have had two good wins to start and the Manawatu White team, Casey Chettleburgh and Steph Hyatt, had a close tussle with Red first round and a great win in the second round. The third round will be at Manawatu 12th March. Leander has her wedding that weekend, so Lindy Wheeler will be the super sub here. All the very best for your special day Leander 😊

Our weekend team, of Eva Heinrich and Linda Hill had a loss in their first round at Levin but had great team spirit.

For their second round Linda and Jo Taylor travelled up to Waimarino with the D Grade team last Sunday and although they had a loss they did get one game point! Their next round will be at Wanganui 12th March.

Our Monday Pennant team also travelled to Levin for their first round and although they looked good didn't quite make the cut. Their second round was at Eketahuna and they still looked good! plus improved bringing home a half. Their next round is at Palmerston North, 13th March so closer to home.



Coming up for our month of March the 18 hole women have National Teams on 7th and 11th of March. This is a \$3 entry with money going to Golf NZ and the district. The competition is LGU and the 4 best nett players play in the district event on 28th April. This is where the money to the district goes, towards prizes. You may enter on the Tuesday and the Saturday if you'd like as long as you pay the \$3! Yes, for some of us it's a donation!!

March 28th is another Golf NZ fun event in the Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes. Quite a mouthful so we'll just call it Nancy. This is open to 18-hole women golfers and played in pairs, obviously, over 36 holes alternate shots. There is a sheet in the locker room to put your name down either with a partner or single and we can sort out partners. Yes, you may use a cart.

Fun fact, Nancy was appointed Secretary of NZLGU (NZ Ladies Golf Union) in 1932 and remained in that office until her death in 1952, hence the memorial which started in 1953, possibly before some of you were even around let alone started playing golf!! So, get your name down and we'll remember Nancy.

There are also a couple of Thursday club rounds, so get booked online for those and then a draw is made.

Reminder that Tuesday 14th and 21st March Kath and her staff are having a break so if you'd like to bring your own picnic lunch for after golf feel free.

Saturday 18-hole women will be playing their Par competitions on the Trifecta course. This is making the most of the different coloured tees we are lucky enough to have on our course. It is called trifecta as you are using three colours over your round of golf. This plays in order of RED, ORANGE, WHITE, on continuous repeat. The course has been rated so your handicap could be slightly different, but it means this course is a valid course. The card does have a note beside each hole so R for red, O for orange, W for white to help you remember or just think ROW. Good to test our brain out.

A quick heads up, if you like to have a hard copy of the 2023 programme the books are available in the locker room so grab one and check out the upcoming golf.

Looking ahead we have the Autumn Mixer for 9 hole and 18 hole women members Sunday 23rd April. Save the date for a relaxed opportunity to get together and play a bit of golf. I will remind you in the April newsletter.

Make the most of the month of March and get some golf played, as before you know it, it will be Easter and we'll be loaded down with chocolate and Easter buns.

Deb Archer
Women's Club Captain

NZ OPEN

Congratulations to Super 6 winner, Jordan Loof who clinched the last spot in the NZ Open through qualifying on Monday, 27th February. Like the Super 6's, the result was confirmed in a playoff!

To view Super 6's photos, click on the following link

<https://www.bwmedia.co.nz/gallery/Golf-Manawatu-Super-6s-2023/G0000V72MeRbpjho/>

Password: nzgolfplayers2023





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GOLF SHOP NEWS

Hi everyone,

Our thoughts go out to all those who have been affected by the weather events in Hawkes Bay.

New Member of our team: You may have noticed a new face in the shop in the shop over the last few weeks. Daniel Haretuku (currently a member here) has joined our team. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

We say goodbye to Team Zenith (Golfers from Korea). The group has been here since late December and will depart for Korea on the 2nd of March. It has been awesome to have them here and hopefully they have loved their time here. Speaking to Coach Kim, he says this is their favourite place that they have been around the world because of the course and how nice and welcoming everyone has been. Hopefully we see them back here soon.

Tip of the month: Hitting out of long rough!

We have had a very wet and sometimes humid February which has really helped the rough grow nice and juicy. Below are some tips to help you out on those rare occasions that you may miss the fairway (I'm usually in the fairway, but not my own!!).

- Loft is key:** Try using a more lofted club to hit the ball further from the rough. You need to get the ball up quickly so sometimes using more loft from the rough actually goes further than a less-lofted club.
- Swing Aggressive:** The grass will slow the club head down. Like driving a car, when you hit a large puddle of water on the road the friction of the water slows the car down and you feel a jolt in the car. Make sure you swing aggressive to keep the club moving through the long grass. Remember the faster the clubhead travels, the higher and further the ball will travel.

- Inspect the lie:** The lie will determine what shot you can play and how far you can advance the ball. This is vital for what type of club you can use. See picture for lie vs club options.



Just remember, if you have any questions regarding your game, please don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help!

Your Pro Shop Team

Alan, André, Tim, Brydie, Guy & Daniel



NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new and returning members who applied in **January 2023**.

January

Under 30	James Down, Wiri Haerewa, Ihaka Hakaraia-Woon, Daniel Haretuku, Michael Phillips
Under 25	Christian Bradley
7 Day Member	Chris Burn, Brett Edmonds, Liam Nichols, Rick Pene
5 Day Member	Keith Croft, Jonathan Todd
9 Hole Member	Yu Zhu Chen, Nicki Crowley, Blair Harkness, Jinsu Kim, Dan Dhanushka Liyanage, Peter Millar, David Palamountain, Marilyn Palamountain
Restricted Junior	Alexander Gordon, Fraser Lancely, Jack Pettengill

During this same period, 21 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1147 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.

MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

Our season has started with a hiss and a roar since our competitions have now begun.

A group of Wednesday and Saturday players played at the Masters Games in Wanganui coming home with 7 medals. Great to have some new blood maybe even more next time as it is a lot of fun.

Pahiatua is on hold due to weather this is a great day out with lunch at Mangatinoka. Murray is still taking names for this.

Palmerston North had their Open Day last Monday Manawatu doing very well great to have Chris Lough back playing and winning second division. We have a few Open Days coming up and our own Robin Robin and remember all welcome to the Doug Muir Memorial Charity tournament 26th March. All proceeds to Rescue Helicopter (details on flyer following)

All new members make yourselves known on Wednesdays or Saturdays and you will be looked after.

We are now starting a Sunday session for newbies this will be a block booking at 1pm just book in the slot on line first one 5th March. Wayne will be there to start you off

Good golfing everyone
Colleen Fraser Club Captain



9 hole Charity Golf Tournament

In honour of the late Doug Muir

Sunday 26 March 2023

Registration from 1.30 pm

Shotgun start—2.30 pm

Prizegiving—approx. 5pm (Bar will be open)

4-person teams - Ambrose format

Putting competition (bring your gold coins)

Entry is open to all registered golfers:

\$20 per person for Manawatu Golf Club members

\$30 per person for Affiliated members (this includes \$10 green fees)

Payment details will be provided with confirmation of entry

Enter your team now

Entries with 7-digit golf ID's to Carmen Fraser:

cfrasernz72@gmail.com by Wednesday 22 March 2023



All proceeds to Grassroots Trust Rescue Helicopter (excluding green fees)

WHATS 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

	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
	5	4 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford, MacLennan Cup entries close Par 9 Hole: Stableford	3 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	2 Toyota Golf Day	1 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford		
	12 Man-Wang Pennants (MGC Hosting) Course closed. Reciprocal rights apply.	11 Stroke Round 1 B&A and Watson Cups to be completed LGU National Teams	10 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start Crest Hospital Golf Day	9 Thursday Club	8 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	7 LGU National Teams	6 9 Hole: Round Robin 10am-1pm
	19 Final Summer Singles & 4 Ball to be completed	18 Memorial Day Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Rd 1 Pro Shop Stableford	17 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	16 Yorb Business House	15 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue Bunt Round 1	14 Pro Shop Stableford	13
	26 Imlay Saunders Entries Close Doug Muir (9 Hole Rescue Helicopter Fundraiser \$20)	25 Captains vs Presidents - Par 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford	24 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm	23 Arohanui Hospice Golf Day	22 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	21 Par	20
			31	30 Thursday Club	29	28 Nancy McCormick Memorial Foursomes 36 Holes	27

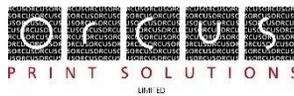


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