



October 2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Covid-19 continues to provide challenges for the Manawatu Golf Club. We were pleased to be able offer golf at relatively normal levels at Alert Level 2, at least on the course. The biggest impact has been on the café and bar and the many functions that are usually scheduled at this time of the year. The gathering limit of 50, meant there were restrictions during the first half of the month, and these continue with 100 gathering limit, currently in place. You will also note that our staff are required to wear masks, in the office, café and bar, coaching and in the Pro Shop. Please ensure you have your mask with you when you enter the café and bar, the office, and Pro Shop. This will ensure everyone in the club, including our staff are kept safe and can continue to provide service to you.

Unfortunately, this month the scheduled 84th edition of the Devils Own was cancelled by the DO organising committee, due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19 alert levels. The Devils Own organisers surveyed their participants and feedback was the majority did not want to proceed with limited entries from the North. The tournament has now been rescheduled to April 2022, with early Autumn likely to be permanent window in future years.

The Committee has been working through objectives in the Club Strategic Plan, including our Club Culture (Objective 10). Most recently, during Māori Language week, we posted the Club name translated to Te Reo Māori on the website. Manawatu Golf Club translates to Te Karapu Hauporo o Manawatu. This got a few of you talking and we appreciate your responses and feedback. Ultimately, our strategy is “all members are aware and appreciate that diversity exists and that individuals hold their own beliefs and values”. The Committee will be working towards all our strategic objectives in a planned approach over the next few years and will keep you updated on the progress.

The cart shed project, planned to be located adjacent to the Greenkeeper's shed is still progressing through the consent process with Palmerston North City Council. The timeline for the completion of the project has been put back due to this process, with Committee reviewing all aspects of the build and fit out to ensure it is fit for purpose and within the budget allocation. We do not have a confirmed start date yet, as the consent is still pending, but will update you as the consent process is completed.

Planning is underway for the 2022 edition of the Brian Green Property Group Super 6's and the Robertson Prestige Pro Am. Golf New Zealand has now confirmed a date change for the 2022 New Zealand Open, now scheduled for 31 March – 3 April at Millbrook. This means a likely date for the NZ PGA Championship, the week prior to the Open. As a result, the new scheduled dates for our event are 3 - 6 March, with the Robertson Prestige Pro Am on Wednesday 2 March. Christine Rose will be managing the club volunteers once again, so look out for the opportunity to register your interest for these great volunteer roles.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER CONTINUED

We are really pleased to announce that Derek Walker has been co-opted to the Finance Committee, joining Alva Joe, Wayne Masters and Murray Georgel, plus Chris and Caroline. Derek brings additional skills to this key committee, and we welcome him to this role.

We hope you enjoy the extended daylight hours and get out to the course after work and into the early evening. This is a great time to play a few holes and perhaps introduce a new member to the club.

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

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



## TWILIGHT GOLF IS ON NOW!

Twilight Golf - every Friday night during summer starts Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Everyone is welcome and no need to book, simply turn up between 3.00pm and 5.30pm and register at the window around the corner from the Proshop.



The competition format is 9 Holes Individual Stableford and there will be a prize presentation afterward in the clubhouse. Take advantage of our fantastic cafe and bar facilities and stay on for refreshments or dinner after your game.

Manawatu Golf Club playing members - \$5.00, Members of other NZ clubs - \$10.00 and non-affiliated and MGC social members - \$15.00

### PRIZES!

Mad Butcher Vouchers and golf ball prizes for Stableford competition.

Each week there will be a lucky card draw for some fortunate participant. You have to be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw to win - Approx 7:30pm or when the last person is in from the field. If not won in any week it will jackpot.

This is a great opportunity to play at the Club in a competition for a small fee so bring along your friends and have some fun.



Hi everyone,

Congratulations to our winners from the Lockdown Raffle:

Draw 1: Standbag - Micah Bremner

Draw 2: Hat and Headcovers - Brian Leslie

Draw 3 & 4: Range token bulk bags - Jeff Clayton and Snapper

Also, congrats to (Rodney Thomas), the Lockdown Quiz winner of the sleeve of Titleist Pro v1s!

### What can we learn from the Ryder Cup to help our own personal game?

What a Ryder cup that was, especially if you were supporting USA! The biggest learnings we can take out of events like this is the reminder that these male and female golfers are not perfect. Don't get me wrong, they are amazing, but in a normal event you only see the golfers who are in form that week. Use Matthew Fitzpatrick as an example - coming to the 18th hole he was tied in his match and 5 under on the day, on one of the toughest courses in the world. He hits a booming drive down the fairway on a hard driving hole. At worst he needed to halve his match so Europe didn't lose by a record margin since the inclusion of continental Europe in 1979. He proceeds to chunk his second shot at least 20 yards short of the green and ends in the hazard. This is just one snippet of the week and there are plenty more I can bring up to back the point I'm about to make. The best players hit bad shots and sometimes at the worst moment. For some reason, and maybe TV is to blame for this, we expect to hit every shot exceptionally.

That isn't reality - not even for the best players in the world. So, what can we learn? Expect that you won't hit every shot well, and then when you do have a bad shot, it doesn't hit you like a freight train of surprise and derail the rest of your game. This will mean you will be able to move on and forget about it and prepare for the next shot, not letting one bad shot derail the rest of your round no matter how bad the shot is. And that is another thing we can learn from the best - they hit a bad shot and almost every time they hit a good shot after it.

This is because they accept they will hit bad shots and it's how well they bounce back from that shot that determines their score. Ben Hogan summed golf up a long time ago: "Golf is not a game of good shots. It's a game of bad shots." "The most important shot in golf is the next one." (Picture of Tommy Fleetwood hitting one out into the lake) I see this flight a lot aye Tim Berry and Brydie Hodge 😊





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Update on our very own PGA Tour member Tim Wilkinson: You may have noticed Timmy didn't play much (or at all) over the second half of the season. This was due to an injury. He has had surgery on his right knee this last week. A little birdie (the lovely Helen) has informed me that it went very well. Thankfully the PGA tour will allow him to play the amount of starts that he missed when he is fit to play again to hopefully secure his card.

**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 Cheycoda.



## NEW STAFF

Cheycoda joined the Pro Shop team at the beginning of August. She is an only child that grew up in Masterton. Cheycoda started playing golf at 15 years old and used to represent Wellington (She will now be eligible to play for ManWang!). While working at the Pro Shop she is also finishing up the last 6 weeks of her Bachelors of Sport and Exercise with Massey University.

Welcome to the team Cheycoda!

## Junior Golf Highlight

The end of September saw the Juniors battling it out for the Strokeplay Championship leading up to our Club Champs. The 18 Hole division champion was William Dunsmore with a great score of 85 off the Blue tees. Our 9 hole champion was Ryan Block with a score of 41 off the green tees. Our 3 hole champion was decided on a play off between Austin Hyatt and Ryan Fong after both shooting 13 off the 90m marker, with Ryan Fong defeating Austin in a playoff.



Ryan Fong



Ryan Block



## A message from the Club Captain

Congratulations to Shengyi Ye and Charles Pan who beat Megan Waugh and John Bills in the final of the Imlay-Saunders mixed match-play competition. The remaining Consolation draw matches have until the end of October to be played.

We are now into the Men's Club Champs match play rounds now. Congratulations to the top qualifiers Seniors Ewan Westergaard (72), Intermediates Martyn Nail (78), Juniors Mike Kellet (87) and C-grade Martin Townend (90).

With the tight timeframes as detailed below we recommend you organise playing your matches early. There is little to no room to allow for interference from bad weather and of course there are no extensions! We are having Club draws most Saturday afternoons through October and early November so that matches get to play the premium tee slots.

### Revised dates for Club champ's rounds, remaining Saturday competitions and Club draws

Sat 2nd October – Round 1 matches. Stableford. Craigs Investment Partner Tankard. Club Draw

Sat 9th October – Round 1 matches. Par Comp.

Sat 16th October – Round 2 matches. Stroke comp. Club draw

Sat 23rd October – Round 2 matches. Par Comp. Club draw

Sat 30th Oct – Semi-finals. Stroke comp. (Last Saturday club comp). Club draw

Sat 6th Nov - Finals. Craigs Investment Partner Tankard Club Draw

Club Champs finals day for 2021 will be on SATURDAY 6th November, not the date shown in the Programme book.

The last Order-of-Merit event for the district is Wanganui Open on Sunday October 17th. Entry fee is \$60, enter by E-mailing [manager@wanganuigolfclub.co.nz](mailto:manager@wanganuigolfclub.co.nz)

Twilight begins on Friday 22nd October. More details on page 2



Congratulations to Brent Jaslarz on his hole in one! Brent got his hole in on one on the 8<sup>th</sup> Hole on the 31<sup>st</sup> July



## A message from the Club Captain Continued:

### Course etiquette

**Replacing divots** (or that bit of turf removed when playing mainly iron shots). If the divot is intact and there is soil still attached, simply replace it in the correct orientation and firmly press the divot into the ground with your foot. Pressing down is important because this establishes good contact between turf roots and the soil, which helps the divot heal. Pressing down also creates a firm, smooth surface that provides better playability if someone's ball ends up on the divot while it is healing.

Making our best effort to repair divots is an easy way to care for the course and help others enjoy their round. Who knows, the divot you repair today could give you a better lie the next time around.

### Repairing pitch marks (or the depression left on the green from your ball's impact)

As a general rule, a ball mark repaired within 10 minutes will heal with a smooth surface within two to three days. An unrepaired ball mark may take as long as three weeks to heal, but the result will be an uneven surface.

It is your responsibility as a golfer to fix your own marks. If you're truly a steward of the game, you'll fix any others you see while your partners are putting.

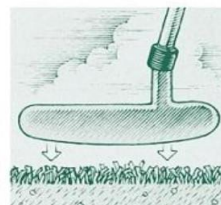
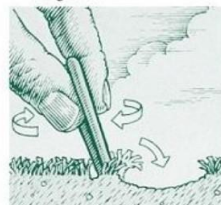
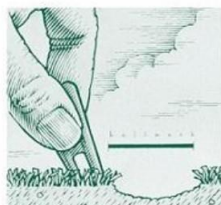
Richard Shaw

Club captain

### *The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark*



- 1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.
- 2** Insert at the edges of the mark—not the middle of the depression.
- 3** Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.
- 4** Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.



Source: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

## Welcome

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

**7 Day** – Marko De Vries, Cameron Marshall

**Under 30** – Scott Pemberton

**Country** – Patrick Kim

**9 Hole** – Carmen Fraser, Yumi Jung, Felix Li, Greg Lough

**Restricted Junior** – Declan Buhr, Jina Yoon

**Social** – Harkaran Nijjar

During this same period, 4 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1073 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

We have played the last LGU round so the Mellsop Memento Cup and Doris Dixon Memorial Teams will be played on Saturday 16th and Tuesday 20th of October. The list of players who have qualified for the Mellsop Cup will be put up in the locker room.

## Thursday Club

There is only one round to go in the Thursday Club. This will be played on Thursday September 30th in conjunction with the Dorothy Taylor Grandmother's Trophy. If you haven't qualified for the Thursday Club you have one last chance to have a great score and make the cut.

On Friday September 24th 7 ladies travelled to Feilding for their annual spring tournament with Jill Clifton winning the Denbigh Cup. Deb Archer and Maxine Whittfield also scored points for the on-going Race to the Shield. We are now well ahead of Feilding on the table so Feilding will have to play well at our own Open Day to make up enough points to take the shield from us. Well done, ladies.

## Club Championships

Ladies continue to play their Club Champs matches keeping to the revised dates of October 3rd for the 1st round, the semi-finals by October 24th and the finals on Saturday 6th November.



## MANAWATU KNITTING MILLS LADIES OPEN DAY

As you all know the big focus for October is our Open Day on Thursday October 7th. Once again, because of Covid, Broadway House of Travel were unable to be our major sponsors. Fortunately this year the Manawatu Knitting Mills is very happy to become our major sponsor so you can look forward to winning vouchers to buy some lovely knitwear. We thank John Myszczyzyn from MKM and all our other sponsors who have very generously made donations to the prize list. Also thanks in advance to the many ladies who are making donations for the raffles and who have offered their time to help on the day.

Let your friends know it is going ahead and we would be happy to see them. To enter on-line, go the club website, click on Play Golf, then tournaments and events.

In summary, Tuesday October golf is as follows:

- 5th Stableford
- 12th Bisque Par off the orange tees
- 19th Mellsop Cup and Doris Dixon (Also Saturday 16th)
- 26th Committee Choice – Spring Rabbits

# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Social

The Spring Fling is now taking place 21st October with a 12.30 pm start. We will invite 9 holers to play Foursomes over 18 holes. There will be drinks and nibbles afterwards so we can get to know 9 hole members who we don't see so often.

## District Day

This year District Day will be held at Eketahuna on Friday 15th October. Make up a team of 3 and write your names on the sheet in the locker room.

We are looking forward to more settled weather in October and a wonderful month of golf.

Jill Clifton - Women's Club Captain

## COURSE REPORT

As we move into October, we all must agree It is good to see the back of a wet September. In the past month we have been working on finishing jobs we have begun and weather has held us up. A few of the drains have nearly been completed, I must add that a few of these are working well. 11th Tee was levelled/flattened off, I am aiming to have this in play early October. Continually slicing & punching holes in the wet areas around the course also.

The course surfaces are in great condition for this time of the year, even with the downpours of rain we have had. We will be looking to finish off weed spraying around the rough and a few other areas around the course. Renovating tees, surrounds and punching holes in the greens if the time allows. 16th Tee needs to be completed; the wet weather doesn't allow us to compact sand/soil as it makes it go puggy. We will be starting up the fairway irrigation around the course to do an audit also.

The greenkeepers wish everyone well in the up & coming matches they have, hope the weather plays its part also. Please continue to repair pitch marks & divots, these are getting bad. Think of the fellow golfer following you.

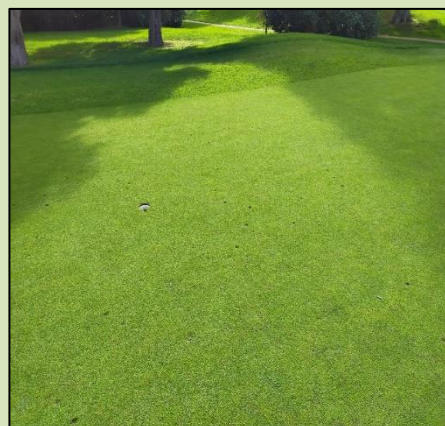
Please also be aware of where you are driving your carts, I appreciate your co-operation.

Have a great golfing month  
😊 achieve your targets.

Couple of Pictures that  
bug the Greenkeepers &  
I'm Sure fellow  
Members/Visitors.

Course Superintendent

Kiel Stechman





## NINE HOLE NEWS

How lovely it was to be able to sit together last Wednesday. We have all missed the camaraderie but some of us were lucky enough to have had a buddy to play with when we were allowed on the course. A big “well done” to the groundsmen as they have done a wonderful job keeping the course in order.

We have completed our Club Champ qualifying rounds and a draw is up for the matches good luck to all those competing.

Last week a group of MGC members and four from Feilding Club went on a roadie to Hawkes Bay playing at Napier course, Waiohiki and then on to Maraenui course. We turned off at highway 50 and could hardly see in front of us so we thought there was a shopping spree coming up. But by the time we arrived at the course and had a coffee it was lovely, so golf was played.

Ladies: Best Gross. - Carmen Fraser    Men: Best Gross. - John (Feilding)  
Best Net. - Colleen Fraser                      Best Net. - Murray Crawford  
Stableford. - Judy Crawford                      Stableford. - Don Macdonald

Maraenui on Friday was beautiful we all had a lovely day.

Ladies: Best Stableford - Sally Darby.    Men: Best Stableford. - Ray Abbott  
Putting - Colleen Fraser.                      Putting - Bill Smith (Fldg)

Thanks to Murray and Judy for their organising and we were able to fit in a bit of shopping as well.

The Saturday girls made a trip to Wairarapa. Day 1 played at Martinborough. Stableford pairs won by Rachel Anderson & Karen Beckett. Day 2 played Mulligans singles. Stableford winner Sue Rule.

Great company, great accommodation, great food. All in all great time had by all!

Good golfing

Colleen Fraser

Convenor



# Hokowhitu Café & Bar



## News from the Hokowhitu Café and Bar....



### NEW STAFF

Vaemaaria (Vae) started with us in the middle of year, so I am sure many of you have already met her.

Vae is originally from the Taranaki. She has 3 dogs, 2 cats and currently a hedgehog that she is feeding in her garden!  
Welcome to the team Vae!

# SUNDAY ROAST



Enjoy a delicious hot roast meal  
including dessert - Sunday 17th October



Rosemary Roast Lamb  
Roast potato, pumpkin and kumara  
Peas, carrot and cauliflower cheese  
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to order

# What's on in October...

Please check club captain reports for updated dates

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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October

MONDAY		<b>4</b>		<b>11</b> 9 Hole: Open Day 10am-1pm	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b> Semi-Final Club Champs to be completed Labour Day
TUESDAY		<b>5</b> 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford		<b>12</b> 18 Hole: Bisque Par, White Tees 9 Hole: LGU	<b>19</b> 18 Hole: Mellsop Cup & Doris Dixon 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>26</b> 18 Hole: Committee Choice 9 Hole: Stableford
WEDNESDAY		<b>6</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par		<b>13</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	<b>20</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees	<b>27</b> Wade Cup Stableford Final Round 9 Hole: Stableford
THURSDAY		<b>7</b> Manawatu Women's Open Day Tournament		<b>14</b> Yorb Business House	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b> Women's Shootout
FRIDAY	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>22</b> Twilight Golf 3.00-5.30pm start First night	<b>29</b> Twilight Golf 3.00-5.30pm start
SATURDAY	<b>2</b> Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford 2nd Round Club Champs to be completed. Adam Cup for Grandmothers Stableford	<b>9</b> Par 2nd Round Club Champs & Round 1 flights to be completed. Final qualifying round for shootout. 9 Hole: Par. 18 Hole: Bisque Par, White Tees		<b>16</b> Stroke 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Semi-final Club Championships to be completed 18 Hole: Mellsop Cup & Doris Dixon	<b>23</b> Par. Semi final Club Champs. Semi final flights to be completed 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Committee Choice	<b>30</b>
SUNDAY	<b>3</b> 2nd Round Club Championships to be completed	<b>10</b>		<b>17</b> Men's Shootout	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b> Club Champs Finals Day No Club Competition Men's Trophy Presentation Day

**Manawatu Golf Club  
Women's Open Day**  
Thursday 7th October 2021






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