

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to Spring Golf. I must say I have felt a spring in my step with the sun out and good golf being played particularly during the MGC Devil's Own Cup. There is no need for me to go into detail here, as I am sure you have already read the updates or seen the photo.

The end of September is also the end of the MGC Financial Year. This is a good chance for the club to take stock both literally and figuratively. At the September committee meeting, the team approved the FY 2023 budget which is both realistic and aspirational. The club has come through the challenges of covid well, but the cost of delivering a fantastic course, retaining our wonderful staff, planning for future projects and embracing new opportunities mean that our membership fees are going up. I am sure you are not overly surprised as James had indicated this in last month's newsletter and he will give greater details in his report. What I can do is reassure you that the Finance Audit and Risk Committee and the Full Committee have gone through an extremely thorough process to justify this increase and we know that it is necessary. We have also benchmarked this increase against similar courses and clubs both in our region and nationally; we are all faced with the same reality.

We are fortunate that we diversified our income streams over the last 10-15 years, and this has future-proofed us to some extent, ensuring our club will continue to thrive and be a place we are all proud to be members of.

Speaking of being proud, during September we hosted the Devil's Own Golf Tournament for the 87th time at the Manawātū Golf Club. I had the pleasure of engaging with a number of the participants – all lawyers or judges – and their views of our course were overwhelmingly positive. They love MGC and couldn't believe the quality of the course

presentation – especially given the rain and weather leading up to and during the event. Many of these members belong to clubs like Royal Wellington, Titirangi or Remuera Golf Club and for them to come to MGC and be blown away by our course is a credit to Kiel and his team. They also raved about the level of service and the quality of food enjoyed throughout the tournament – the Hokowhitu Café and Bar is certainly one of the highlights of our Devil's Own players! Thank you to our members who were so welcoming to our visitors and who made the most of the members trips to Waikanae and Rangatira while the course was otherwise occupied by the Devil's Own. And a final thank you to the King of the DO, Andre, and to all the Pro Shop staff, who accommodated and supported the playing of this tournament – all in all a massive success.



Devil's Own players

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Speaking of Success, did you hear who won the MGC Devil's Own Cup in September ... with 40 points no less!

Brent Cawthray
President



President's Trivia Challenge for October

In September we hosted some pretty good rugby and league players at the Manawātū Golf Club. Here are four clues for four of these players. If you can name all four it's my shout for coffees or Corona's.

- We hosted the current All Black full back
- We hosted probably the All Blacks' best ever full back
- We hosted the NRL/Queensland/Kangaroos' full back
- We hosted possibly NZ's best international rugby coach (current).

Name all four to be in to win. A photo of one of them is on this page to give you a clue. Email answers to brent@mancold.co.nz

Saturday morning coffee anyone?

Don't forget you can purchase coffee from the café on Saturday morning before you play.

We all know you don't need an incentive to drink coffee ☺. However, for anyone who purchases a coffee this Saturday morning (8th October) you will go into the draw to win a \$50 MGC voucher courtesy of Eden at Power Turf!



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

It was great to see more golf being played in September; a total of over 3200 rounds were played, compared to 2100 in Sept 2021. We are all enjoying the quality of the course and with the extra hour after work with Daylight Savings, it won't be long before we can get 18 holes in after 5pm.

Our Kārearea are back, and October may be the month when they become a little more active and protective (aka vicious). We have had reports from players on #2 that the falcons are swooping. These are beautiful native birds and a feature of our course, but please take care and carrying an umbrella as you walk from your drive to the green may be a good idea ... best not to duff your chip from 100m out and have to play more shots than you need to in the Kārearea's territory. We will continue to monitor this and if we need to bring in a drop zone or make changes to the area, we will keep you posted.

As Brent alluded to in his report, the 2023 membership fees have been finalised. Please click on the link to view the [Membership Fees for 2023](#). On average this is about an 8% increase. We are conscious that this is a significant increase, but we are also mindful that we are responsible for maintaining the high standards our club prides themselves on in terms of member services, quality of course and overall club experience. Like every other business, family or individual, the cost of delivering these services has increased. As stated in last month's GM report, I am confident that the increase in the level of service you receive will be greater than the increase in membership fees. One other advantage is the introduction of a members guest green fee to encourage our members to share our course with their friends at a reduced rate of \$50.

Many people have asked me what our membership

would be without the diverse income streams brought in by the café, events and Pro Shop. In round figures, full 18 hole membership (all inclusive) with the income we get from the Café/Events/Pro Shop is **\$1,495** in 2023. Without the income from the Café/Events/Pro Shop, it would be approximately \$2,340. For 9 Hole Membership in 2023 it is **\$855**. Without the income from Café/Events/Pro Shop it would be \$1,345

The Membership Committee did consider a range of membership changes and options. Given that we are only just coming out of an unprecedented period, and there is still a little uncertainty around disposable income spend, fiscal confidence and ever-changing demographics of our golf community, the committee has decided not to make any changes to membership categories in 2023. All proposals have been put on hold until at least 2024. The process for consultation around these will start in May 2023. It will include a member survey, full transparency of the reasons for the proposed change, and consideration by the Membership Committee and approval by the Full Committee.

Here is [summary membership changes](#) we could consider next year for implementation in 2024. Of most interest to our cart users is confirmation that there will be no compulsory cart membership fee in 2023. Regular cart using members can choose to pay a voluntary contribution (\$125) to our Cart Path Renovation Fund. Speaking of cart's, the Geotech survey for the new cart shed will take place during October. If this comes back with a positive report, the next stage is finalising design and quote, then consent, and hopefully a build start-date in early 2023.

What an incredible event the Devil's Own is! Andre has been involved with this event for 17 of its 87

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years. It is an event that is steeped in history and tradition and one which has called Manawatū Golf Club its home since 1932. We are so proud to share our course, our café and our Pro Shop staff with the DO. Our team really delivered an incredible event. Thank you also to our understanding members. I enjoyed the bus trip to Rangatira on the Saturday and I know our ladies loved their Waikanae adventure. While there is a small inconvenience to members that results in hosting this event, the DO contributes over \$30,000 over three days to the MGC turnover (course/cafe/pro shop). This is a significant and appreciated contribution to our operations.

Ngā mihi nui (thank you) to our members and staff who made the most of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week). A great MGC group learned the history and pronunciation of local place names during a wonder session, and the option to order your coffee in te Reo (for \$2 off) was taken up by almost 100 members during the week.

What a great addition to our course the carved stump on #5 is. This has generated a lot of interest and relates to our mission of being a course and club members are proud of. A fantastic video that captures this project can be [viewed here](#); it gives a neat insight by the artist into the work involved. Thanks to Dave Boswell for driving this project and thanks to all the members who contributed to the costs. At the moment there is approx. \$1800 left that the club is underwriting but I know there are plans to do one final push to see if we can get this paid in full from donations. It may have also spurred another great group into action as the Tuesday Women's group is planning a pretty spectacular mural for the 10th tee shelter, to be painted by a professional artist in October.

That's it for September, all the best for awesome golf in October.

Nga Mihi

James Lovegrove
General Manager



Saturday Morning Sandwich

The cafe is now offering sandwiches to Saturday players who would like to take a sandwich out on the course with them.

To order your sandwich, [simply fill in the online form](#), and make sure you have money on your house account (your house account will be charged - we cannot take other payments).

Orders need to be placed no later than 4pm on Fridays and your sandwich will be ready for collection at 7.30am from the Pro Shop (in the fridge) on Saturday morning. Cost \$6.80 per sandwich. Available favours: Ham, BLT, Chicken, Vegetarian



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

September brought more rain and difficult conditions for all players but the golf course has held up superbly. Credit must go to the green staff who work under all conditions just so we golfers can turn up and play many rounds of golf. It still amazes me how our golfers battle harsh conditions to play the game they love.

Hopefully, October brings better conditions, and remember Twilight Golf starts again on Friday 21st so this means we are heading for the warmer summer months. Yay.

The men's club champs are in full swing and there are many historic trophies up for grabs.

Men's MacLennan Cup Consolation Winners

Well done to the local constabulary consisting of Ash Gurney and Mike Fagan who won the MacLennan Consolation today. Playing in the morning and thus avoiding the rain that drove the afternoon golfers off the course, they beat the bus driving team of Lew Hirini and Tony Chettleburgh. Well done gentleman!



Men's Craig's Investment Partners Saturday Sept 3rd Tankard

The pouring afternoon rain meant that only the morning players managed to finish their rounds. Congratulations to Ben James who shot 41 stableford points to narrowly win over club Vice President Grayson Joines who scored 38 points.



Men's Craig's Investment Partners Saturday October 1st Tankard

Finally after a morning only contest for the tankard in September, better weather meant both morning and afternoon players contested the first October Craig's Investment Partners tankard yesterday in windy conditions.

So congratulations to Clive Pedley who shot 41 stableford points in the morning and had his best round of the year. The Club Captain Alan Savell played well in the afternoon but fell just short with 40 points and came 2nd in the tankard for the third time this year.



2022 Devil's Own Cup 17th September

Congratulations goes to our esteemed MGC President Brent Cawthray who won the annual Devils Own Cup last Saturday which was a stableford competition with 40 points.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

24th Sept: Saturday Men's Bus trip to Rangatira

As our course was unavailable due to the annual Devil's Own lawyers tournament, the Saturday men travelled by bus to Rangatira Golf Club to play a round of golf. A great time was had by all and the 37 men were even happier when the club captain followed tradition and had a bad day, therefore paying out all but two victims. The bus arrived home safely and early just in time for those who were keen to watch the rugby test. Congratulations to the blind pair of General Manager James Lovegrove and Ian Craig who won 1st prize with Creagh Eising and partner Peter Brooks 2nd, and the pair of Angus Finlay and Rodders Smith 3rd.

Golf Etiquette

The Match Committee is expected to encourage the following appropriate golfing etiquette:

- Start from the correct tee at the appropriate time
- Keep up with the group in front, not just ahead of the group behind. If you are unable to do this, stand back for a few minutes and allow the group following to come through.
- Repair pitch marks on greens.
- Replace divots firmly on fairways.
- Rake bunkers and replace the rake outside of the bunker.
- Abide by the Club's dress code standards.

The State of the Bunkers

Earlier in the year the green staff and committee were criticized for the state of the bunkers and general lack of sand in them. This has now been addressed with the purchase of nice course sand from up north. So this is a friendly reminder to take a little care after playing shots out of the bunkers. Members are reminded to rake the bunkers correctly. I have attached a photo of one poor example for your reference. Frankly I find the state

of some of them very disappointing and spent 1 hour before playing my round raking 22 bunkers on a Saturday morning.

Can all members please have some golfing etiquette and think of player's following them on the course. Self-policing and a friendly reminder in each four would make life better for other Members and save much criticism of Green Staff.



Thanks, and good golfing!

Alan Savell
Club Captain



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WOMEN'S GOLF – MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Again, time has rolled along and we're ready to hit October. Before we do that, we can look back on September where the women's 18-hole Thursday Club has had the final round. Posted in the locker room and in the news section of our website are the final placings, with the top 13 getting prepared for the shootout on Thursday 27th October. If you find you are unavailable, please let Jill Dixon know, otherwise good shooting!

It is with sadness that we record the death of Jill Arlidge, a long-time golf member who many of you will remember fondly. A mentor of the 'new to golf' women, a committee member and a great participator in the various golf activities over the years. We were lucky enough to share in Jill's 90th birthday celebrations in August along with the Tuesday Senior 9 hole and social golfers. Our sympathies go to her family.

Going forward our golf calendar begins to wind up. Everyone is on task with club champ matches and will be aware that club champs finals will be played on Saturday 5th November. Following this is the Champion of Champions on Sunday 20th November in Marton.

On Thursday 6th October is our 18-hole Women's Open Day so get your entries in now!! Yes, the weather will be perfect!

Following this our 18 hole and 9-hole Women's Mix Day is scheduled for Thursday 20th. Golf from 12.30pm and the chance to mix and mingle afterwards for \$10. If you cannot make the golf, join us for the afters!! We do need to know numbers for the golf and for the catering so send through your names to the convenors and let us know if you can join in the fun.

As you may know Elizabeth Lander (alongside Alicia Boag and before that Colleen Lundy) has been organising the Meals on Wheels roster once a month on Mondays for the last twenty odd years. Elizabeth and Alicia are now stepping aside so if you are interested or know of someone who may be, contact

Elizabeth. Otherwise, the Manawatū Golf Club will no longer continue providing the Meals on Wheels help.

Further on the voluntary front, a few of you have very kindly adopted a garden to look after around the golf course. Robyn Higgins is looking after this so if you are interested talk to her. Thanks to those who have already expressed an interest.

Good golfing for October and if you have any issues booking your golf online please let me know.

Deb Archer
Women's Club Captain



Manawatū Knitting Mills Women's Open Day

Thursday 6th October 2022 - 10am Siren Start
Registration 8:45am - 9:30am
Open to 18 Hole golfers

Three divisions— up to 40.4 index
GROSS—NETT—STABLEFORD

Entry Fee—\$25.00 includes twos,
longest drives and accuracy

Prizes totaling over \$2000*

Best Gross, Bronze Division: Alison Schultz Cup

Entries close **MONDAY 3rd October**

Slope rating 117. Handicap index and Club ID essential. Handicaps will be frozen Wednesday 5th October

Entries to: Manawatū Golf Club, 19 Centennial Drive, Palmerston North

Enter online at manawatugolfclub.com/tournaments

events@manawatugolfclub.com

Cash payment to be made on the day

*Players must be in the Clubhouse to be eligible for major prizes



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WOMEN'S GOLF – SPRING FLING



Manawatu Golf Club Women's Committee invites

ALL MGC WOMEN GOLFERS

To the

2022 SPRING FLING

on

Thursday 20 October 2022

First Tee off 12:30pm



Enjoy an afternoon celebrating Women's Golf at MGC

Playing in Foursomes (alternate shots)

Competitions include longest drive (2 divisions) and closest to the pin.

Concluding in the clubhouse with nibbles and BYO drinks, and prizes.

Entry Fee is \$10 per person (payable on the day)

Enter on the sheet in the card room (9-hole board)

Email Natasha (natashameyer06@yahoo.co.nz) or Deb (archer@inspire.net.nz) for more info



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MESSAGE FROM THE GOLF SHOP

Hi everyone,

I'm pretty sure all golfers wait for daylight savings to begin and hope it never ends each year!!! Bring on the golf season!

Devil's Own 2022: It was another busy and successful Devil's Own. The weather didn't (100%) play ball but they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. (Photo is of our prize table for them)



We also ran a Devil's Own She & He Loves Golf over the weekend for the ones that wanted to learn how to play this great game. They had great fun. (Photo is with their fantastic coach Brydie)



Fitting days upcoming:

On the 27th of October we have a Mizuno Fitting Day. We also have a Titleist Fitting Day on the 10th of November. If you are wishing to get fitted on either of these days, please book in through the golf shop as we have limited times available.



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.

COURSE NEWS

THANK YOU

Now that daylight savings is here, hopefully the wetter months are behind us. The greenkeepers hope you all are enjoying your golfing rounds. We hope all those who are in the club championships are playing well and enjoying the challenges.

Coming up on the course in the month ahead:

- greens to be verticut as well as topdressed
- surrounds to be cored, fairways & rough to be sprayed for weeds
- when the weather allows us, we aim to lime the paths
- looking at spraying the tops of the bunkers to promote fescue around the tops of them (fescue is the desired species of grass for sustainability)

We will be testing our irrigation through October, so please be aware of this, we will do our best to avoid people as much as possible 😊.

With the winter having been so wet it's good to see that the course has held up well. The course team are looking forward to warmer weather to achieve some targets. Please continue to repair your pitch marks and replace your divots. When using golf carts be aware of where you drive, it does add more wear and tear to the surfaces throughout the course as do our mowers. We wish everyone well in their golf games and challenges ahead.

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TO LIFE THAN
GOLF..**



Kiel Stechman
Course Superintendent

We would like to thank all of the following sponsors who supported our Ukraine fundraiser. MGC raised a total of over \$10,000 which has been sent to Steve and Lyn Gill in the Ukraine to support families and communities devastated by war. Without the support and generosity of our sponsors this would not have been possible – thank you!



Thank you to the team at MGC



Thank you to Warren and his team at Wairakei



Thank you to Rodders at Mastertune



Thank you to Mike and his team at MMGC



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Thank you to Sophie and Nicki for their generous donation



Thank you to Hannah and Grace and the team at Fat Farmer



Thank you to Kath and her team for donating their time free of charge. Thank you to Pete and the team at Gilmours, Chefs Choice and Breadworks for the contribution of gourmet food. Thank you to Duncan at The Village Wine Traders for the wine.



MIXED NINE HOLE NEWS

We have had another busy month but sadly some clubs are still having to cancel their events due to weather damage.

Several of our players went to Rangitira and played in their 18-hole tournament which was very enjoyable. It was nice for us as they had to cancel their 9 hole Open Day so it gave us a chance to play their course which we enjoyed.

We played the second match of the Tri Series in Feilding on not-a-very-nice day but Manawatū played very well, increasing our lead overall. One more to go at Palmerston North so thanks to our players who travelled to Feilding and enabled us to achieve the extension of this lead.

While our course was hosting the Devil's Own we had a "roadie" to Wellington, playing at Miramar. In cold, windy and misty rain we were allowed a Mulligan on each hole but not to be banked so it made it good fun. We stayed in Lower Hutt Thursday night, had drinks and nibbles, and were entertained by Hyacinth, Richard and Elizabeth (Keeping up Appearances) which caused a lot of laughs.

On Friday we had breakfast at Boulcott Farm course and then played nine holes. The weather was still not so good but we enjoyed the course anyway. Thank you Murray for organising this trip for us and Judy for the lovely prizes.

The Saturday Golf Chicks also went on a "roadie" playing 18 holes at Boulcott Farm on Saturday in combined Stableford match play. Congrats to Leanne Sievwright and Lottie, Natasha and Linda, and Rachel and Kay. Leanne Sievwright and Kay Eagle were joint winners of the Golf Chicks bonnet Leanne also had best gross score for 18 holes and got to wear the green jacket on Sunday. They played at Waikanae with Leanne Blummont coming out on top and winning the inaugural green jacket. The weather certainly couldn't dampen the Golf Chicks spirits - lots of laughs and great company.

Our club champs are well underway with some very tight games some having to play extra holes so has made it very interesting. Good luck to those players still in. Some of our players are off to Kapiti on Monday to their Open Day and next Monday we have our own Open Day. Our players: don't forget to register and bring grocery items for the raffles and pray for good weather!

Hopefully spring is in the air and we see some better weather.

Good golfing everyone

Colleen Fraser
Convenor 9 holes



Welcome!



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

7 Day Member

Jayden Richards, Villi Tosi

Under 30

Thomas Cleland, Louis Rogers, Phil Ternouth

Under 25

Zak Derrick, Dion Wallis

5 Day Member

Abraham Hartley

9 Hole

Peter Laney, Ngani Laumape, Rachel Meyers, Johan Tait

Social

Jamie MacDonald, Natasha Thorton

During this same period, four members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1126 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.

TEE TIMES

Online bookings for Tee Times now open at 7am (moved back from 8.30am)

Congratulations to the following golfer who got a hole in one in September!



David Bateman
14th September, 2022
11th Hole

Saturday Ladies

There is no escaping the fact that the future of maintaining the existing time slots that we hold on a Saturday morning is somewhat up in the air, but despite that, or maybe because of it, inroads have still managed to be made into completing matches, both for various cups and the club champs, despite the weather and the Devil's Own limiting the number of playing days.

A group of about 10 ladies enjoyed a fun evening out at the movies, followed by a meal – something that used to be a tradition, but has lately been curtailed by Covid.

Coming up we have the annual competition for the Adam Cup for Grandmothers, aka "Granny's egg cup" and later in the month the Mellisop and Doris Dixon events.

We thank those who are supporting us in our wish to maintain our 4 Saturday morning time slots, and trust a solution can found to suit everyone.

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