



September 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The month of August has proved to be extremely challenging for the country and Manawatu Golf Club. With New Zealand at Alert Level 4, from Wednesday 19 August, the second half of the month has offered limited golf opportunities. However, we were very pleased to be able 'golf in your bubble' at Alert Level 3. We wanted to reiterate the guidelines around golf at Alert Level 4 and 3. Manawatu Golf follows recommendations and guidelines set down by Sport New Zealand and Golf New Zealand. We believe that keeping our club community safe is our priority and to do this, we will follow Government guidelines and try to implement as much as possible from the advice that Golf New Zealand gives. This will give us every opportunity to be back to regular golf as soon as possible.

We are delighted to confirm that Manawatu Golf Club is one of the first partners joining the Golf New Zealand Women and Girls approach. The objective of this new programme is to ensure that our club creates a fully inclusive culture for all women and girls. There are several objectives that we are planning to work on, in partnership with Golf New Zealand, including profile, capability and leadership, creating an inclusive environment and invest in our female talent and development programmes.

The Finance Committee has been preparing the 2021/22 budget. The budget is aligned to our club strategic plan and once confirmed will enable us to achieve some of our 2022 objectives. If you have any questions about our current strategic plan, please see Chris in the office or talk to any one of our committee members.

As mentioned in previous newsletter, we have conducted a review of beer and wine offerings across our bar. We have reached agreements with our main suppliers and post the return to Level 2 and Level 1, hope to be able to implement some new offerings in the bar.

We were scheduled to host the 87th Devil's Own tournament 24-26 September. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 alert level setting throughout the country, the Devil's Own organising committee has decided to postpone this year's event. The organising committee had noted that this was the first time since World War II, that the staging of this event has been interrupted. We are currently working the organising committee to secure an alternative date, in late Summer 2022. This postponement means the course will be open for play for members and bookings will be available through regular methods.

We hope you got a chance to enjoy some golf at Level 3 and now that we are in Level 2 you are enjoying golf with other members.

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

Coming out of our latest lockdown we would like to remind you of some of the most important things to remember. Facemasks are now mandatory while in the ProShop and Clubhouse. You may remove them to eat and drink. Please stay home if you feel unwell

Above all, be kind. We are all in this together



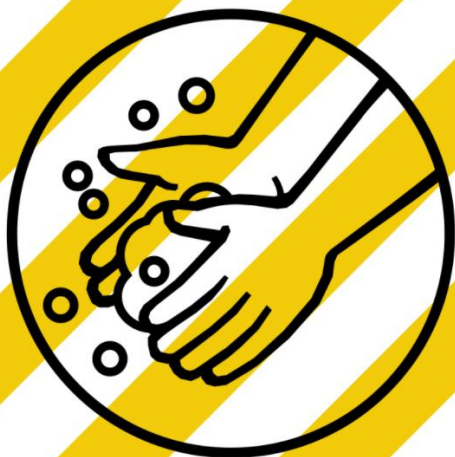
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If you are sick or have symptoms, stay home

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Wash and sanitise hands often

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Please wear a face covering

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The Manawatu Golf Club is situated in Palmerston North's suburb of Hokowhitu, bordering the banks of the Manawatu River and the city's Centennial Lagoon.

The Club claims the title of the oldest golf course in New Zealand and has a proud history of hosting New Zealand's top Professional and Amateur events including the 2017 and 2018 NZPGA Championships, 5 NZ Championships.

COURSE STATUS


COURSE OPEN


CARTS ALLOWED

NEW!

There is a new "Course Status" box on the front page of the website. This will be updated in real time and shows course open/closed, Frost delay and Carts allowed/not allowed

In DotGolf we have provision to add your Emergency contact name and phone number in the unlikely event we need to contact someone for you. This would be very helpful to have as we have used this a number of times. Unfortunately the system wont let you add it yourself.

Please email admin@manawatugolfclub.com or phone Christine on 0272881125 with this information.

Emergency Contact

Name:

Phone Number:

Hi everyone,

Writing this from home was not what I had in mind for the August newsletter. However it has been good to see many of you in the past week as play has been permitted again in Level 3 and now Level 2D



Lockdown for me was spent cancelling and producing start sheets, a lot of emails, and touching base with members who have had to miss out on their lessons. I have also been constantly entertaining and feeding two boys! We have had some tricky mini putt competitions (as you can see in the photo). Cheycoda will have had Massey work to keep her busy, while Tim and Brydie should put their time to good use by catching up on their traineeship assignments. Andre, I'm sure, has been keeping himself well entertained. 😊

Lockdown Quiz time!! With the FedEx Cup Tour Championship, Solheim Cup, and the Ryder Cup coming up, here is a quiz to challenge you. Email me (proshop@manawatugolfclub.com) your answers and you will go in the draw to win a sleeve of Titleist Pro Vs. I will share the correct answers and announce the winner of the draw in the next newsletter. Good luck and try not to use our friend google (or Andre as he is google when it comes to golf questions!!!).

1. Who was the inaugural winner of the FedEx Cup and what year?
2. Name the two golfers who have won the FedEx cup multiple times?
3. Who was the golfer that holed the dramatic winning putt in the 2019 Solheim Cup for team Europe?
4. What year did the official Ryder Cup take place?
5. In which Ryder Cup/year was Continental European Golfers included, which changed it from Great Britain and Ireland to Team Europe?
6. In 2011, Bill Haas won the Tour Championship and FedEx cup in a playoff making that famous up & down from the water, who was he victorious against in the playoff?
7. In the 2018 Ryder Cup there was one person to get five points for his team, who was he?
8. Who was the captain of the winning European team in the 2019 edition of the Solheim Cup?
9. In 2008, there were four FedEx playoff events. Two golfers won two of these events each. Who were they?
10. Who will win the 2021 Solheim Cup and Ryder Cup?

All the best and we are all looking forward to hearing what golf practice you have been doing in your backyard during lockdown.

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.

MGC Members Only LOCKDOWN RAFFLE

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Titleist Limited Edition Camo Pack

Valued at Over \$800!

Draw 1: Standbag. Draw 2: Hat and Headcovers

Also, as a **lockdown special** each person that enters and does not win draws 1 or 2 will go in a draw to win 1 of 2 Range token bulk bags valued at \$55 each.

\$20 Per Ticket

How to enter:

Use House Account to pay - Enter via proshop@manawatugolfclub.com

Otherwise enter via MGC Bank Account #01-0755-0195053-000 Ref: name & Shop

Raffle



A message from the Club Captain

Well, Covid-19 has hit us again and had some effect on playing golf and our competitions.

Club Champs is the pinnacle of the golfing season. For the men, qualifying still is your best round from potentially 2 opportunities to qualify, just this year there is 4 weeks between them! With the shortened period to play rounds, and the fact that by the time matches are arranged often the best tees and times are already taken by others, we will be using Club draws for round 2, semi-finals & final. As per usual Club draws, the booking sheet will be opened on the Wednesday evening prior to each Saturday, if you don't want to use the club draw process. Matches will get priority for time and tee. Enter at <https://www.manawatu-golfclub.com/members-area>

For Club Champs, the top 16 in each grade qualify for the Main draw (matches played off the stick), and the next 16 qualify for the Handicap draw (shots given based on handicap). First round losers in the Main draws enter Flights (left hand side of draw sheets in Card room), these are played off the stick. The draws should be available online and in the Card room from Monday 20th September.

The 2 big messages that we repeat every year are (1) organise to play your matches EARLY then enter it into the Club draw if appropriate. (2) If you are away for an extended period or for the finals day then please do not enter this year.

Revised dates for Club Champ's rounds, Saturday competitions and Club draws

Sat 11th September – Just get back into golf

Sat 18th September - Men's Club Champs Qualifying Round 2. Stroke comp. Club Draw

Sat 25th September – No Club comp. Bus trip to Rangatira golf Club still proceeding. Enter online

Sat 2nd October – Round 1 matches. Craigs Investment Partner Tankard. Stableford. 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. Club draw (Last Saturday club comp)

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.

With likely clashes in organising both Club Champ and the remaining MacLennan matches, the remaining MacLennan Consolation and final matches have until October 30th to be played.

Round 1 for Men's Club Champs was very windy so let's hope for better conditions on the 18th Sept. **Current qualifying scores after Round 1 i.e., top 16, Seniors 92! Intermediate 92, Juniors 97, C-grade 113.**

A message from the Club Captain Continued

Well done to Gordon Cole for winning the Craigs Investment partners Tankard for September with 39 points. Close behind were Darryl Chalmers and Stephen Scott with 38 points.

Good effort by the Zones pennant team who won their 1st round match by default but lost their 2nd round to Feilding. Thanks to Manager/Selector Maurice Jackson who introduced some new blood this year.

Richard Shaw

Club captain

Welcome

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

7 Day – Paul Orsborn

5 Day – Lucas Sands, Graham Squires

Under 30 – Jason Emery, Owen Karati, Liam Mitchell, Leslie Taylor

9 Hole – Stuart Hunter, Marc Verburgh, Gaby Verburgh-Hoffman

Restricted Junior – Rosa Verburgh

Social – Jay Jay Boylan, Joe Farrelly, Emma Philpott



During this same period, 12 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1061 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

I think you will be surprised to learn that this time last year I wrote in the September newsletter that we were very fortunate to be playing golf under Lockdown level 2 conditions and now, a year on, we are doing exactly the same thing.

Again, we are lucky to have been able to play, even in Lockdown 3, thanks to the pro shop and our general manager Chris. We have also been able to buy coffee and delicious food thanks to the wonderful café staff.

So we will continue to enjoy our golf while being mindful about scanning in whenever we go to the club, sanitising our hands and staying 2 metres apart when inside.

For the remainder of this month golf will be as follows:

Thursday September 9 will be Thursday Club. But we will not be mixing you up and doing a draw so you will play as you book. You also keep your own card or use the app.

We are also having a Thursday Club round on the 23rd and the 30th September. This gives you an extra round so enjoy and post a good score.

The dates for the Club Championships rounds will be altered to allow you time to play.

At this stage we are working on Round 1 to be played by 3rd October, Round 2 by the 24th October and the final to be played on 6th November.

On a sadder note, on Tuesday August 4 a large number of ladies gathered to farewell Marlene Judd. She and her husband Colin are moving to Auckland to be nearer to their extended family. To say that she was surprised when she walked in is an understatement. After many years of playing and giving so much to the club in a variety of capacities, including Ladies' Captain and Pennant Selector among them, we are very sad to see her go. Good luck for the future Marlene.

We are hopeful that our Open Day will go ahead again this year on October 7 with many of our previous sponsors able to give their support. So keep this day free and tell your friends to come along for a very enjoyable event.

In the meantime, enjoy your golf and stay safe.

Jill Clifton

Women's Club Captain



COURSE REPORT

An unreal world, what has now become the normal with Covid being around the world. How is everyone coping? What are you doing differently? A positive out of this time around was that we could still maintain the golf course. Hope everyone and their families are safe. Depending on when we get to level 2, there is still work around the course we aim to finish. Drainage to be finished, 11th Tee to be levelled, coring the last surrounds, dethatching of the tees, as well as a few other jobs that need to be completed.

Course is playing well, even though there are no pins, tee blocks, rakes or many other things on course. It was good to see members out and about throughout level 3 being able to enjoy the course and exercise. Please remember to replace your divots and repair pitch marks. We are seeing a lot of pitch marks of recent. Up until lockdown, there have been a few volunteers that come along on Tuesday mornings each week, one of their tasks that they take on board is divots. Each morning they divot, they would use between 200kg – 300kg of sand, usually on 9 holes, this is a lot of divots.

Please enjoy the time on the golf course 😊, hopefully we will get back to normality shortly. Be safe, smile, wave and enjoy 😊. Life is too short to worry about things we can't control. Please remember to give way to the greenkeepers, when we see you we will usually wave you up 😊.

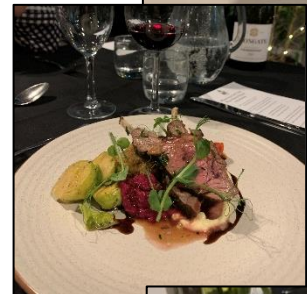
Kiel Stechman



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Another very successful night for the Annual Wine Match Dinner. Thanks again to Babich Wines and The Village Wine Trader for your support.

A 5 course matched dinner which sells out every year! Make sure you book early next year and come enjoy a wonderful evening of amazing food matched with great wines



What's on in September...

There are some BIG changes to the September calendar. Devils Own has cancelled their tournament for this year due to the uncertainty of Covid Alert Levels.
Men's and Women's Club Champs dates in Captain reports in this Newsletter

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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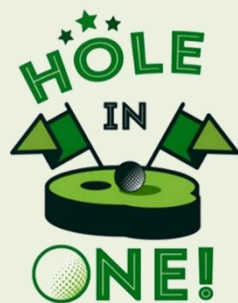
EVENT

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WOMEN

MEN

| MONDAY | | 6 Women's Club Captain's Programming Day | 13 | 20 | 27 |
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| TUESDAY | | 7 18 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford | 14 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford 9 Hole: Committee choice | 21 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 9 Hole: Stableford | 28 18 Hole: Captain vs Convenor 9 Hole: Stableford |
| WEDNESDAY | 1 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par | 8 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford | 15 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Committee Choice | 22 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU | 29 Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford |
| THURSDAY | 2 Thursday Club | 9 Thursday Club | 16 Yorb Business House | 23 Devils Own CANCELLED | 30 Thursday Club Dorothy Taylor Grandmother's Salver |
| FRIDAY | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 Devils Own CANCELLED | |
| SATURDAY | 4 Craigs Investment Tankard Draw Stableford 9 Hole: Par 18 Hole: Par | 11 Par 9 Hole: Stableford 1st Round Club Championships to be completed 18 Hole: Pro Shop Stableford | 18 Devil's Own Stableford, MacLennan Consolation Final to be completed 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: LGU & Putting | 25 Devils Own CANCELLED | |
| SUNDAY | 5 MacLennan Semi Consolation to be completed 1st Round Club Championships to be completed | 12 1st Round of Club Champs to be completed. Inlay Saunders Consolation final to be completed. | 19 | 26 Devils Own CANCELLED | |



Congratulations to Allan
Mudford on his hole in one!
Allan got his hole in on one on
the 4th Hole on the 11th August



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