

May 2022

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everybody,

This will be a short message in this months newsletter as I am on bereavement leave and will not back on time to complete a full report.

Application for the general manager role continue to come in, with applications closing Friday 6th May. A shortlist will then be drawn up and interviews conducted by the panel of Wayne Masters, Natasha Meyer, Paul Loof (independent consultant assisting with the recruitment) and myself.

An announcement on the successful candidate will be made on Wednesday 1st June.

The trees on the 6th/7th were successfully brought down and cleaned up. Thank you to those who assisted with this project. Resewing of the effected area was started on Monday 2nd May.

## Good golfing, Brent Cawthray









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NZ Golf and Manawatu Wanganui Golf Order of Merit Entry Fee \$50 (Includes lunch) | Men's and Women's Divisions | Gross & Net Prizes

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Please enter online at manawatugolfclub.com (Payment required on entry)

**Entries close on Monday 16th May** 

Handicaps frozen as at Friday 20th May. No Refunds within 48 hours of tournament. Restricted to the lowest 96 entries by handicap at the date of entry closing. Draw will be posted on www.manawatugolfclub.com on Friday 16th May.





Hi everyone,

I hope you are all well and enjoying this great weather we are experiencing. We have been super busy here in the shop. You may have noticed that our range cart has been out of action for a few weeks now. This is down to a breakdown and we are waiting on the parts to arrive. In the meantime, we have had to call on additional help 3.



McDonalds Manawatu Junior Masters: This is an annual Junior Golf Tournament that is now into its 12th year. When we started the event in 2011, we had 42 kids playing. This year, on the 24th of April, we had 80 kids playing and a waiting list. All of the young golfers really enjoyed themselves. Well done to Brydie for organising and running her first event. We would like to thank our major sponsor, Justin & Kellie Leck of McDonalds Manawatu, for supporting this event from the very first year. Thanks also to Vicki & Shane from CookieTime Manawatu for their sponsorship, and to Sonja & Wayne Revell for their help on the day. We have another version of this event at the end of the year.





What's New in the Golf Shop: We have plenty of new arrivals in store - starting with Hardware, we have the new Cobra, Callaway, Mizuno gear, and also the new Vokey SM9 wedges. We also have plenty of new Footwear in store, just in time to keep your feet nice and dry for winter!

<u>Just remember if you have any questions regarding your game, please don't hesitate to ask us, we are here to help!</u>

Your Proshop team - Alan, André, Tim and Brydie

# A message from the Club Captain

Well it's been another great month of golfing with the April weather exceeding all predictions for a usual autumn. Golfers have made great use of the course in this time and the greenkeepers have done a great job of keeping the course as good as possible without the rain. On that note it was amazing to witness the 17 pines trees being dropped and the subsequent guick clean-up of the debris afterwards.

Please read the below script as this is a very important part of golf especially with the serious match season now in full swing.

#### **Returning of Score Cards**

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.

Tony Rule won the April Craig's Investment Partners Tankard with 43 points. A great score after a spell away from Golf with illness. Again Robert Small played great and was just beaten with 42 points...well played Slide!





# A message from the Club Captain Continued

Round 5 Men's Pennant Results (April 10th)

The A-grade Men's Team beat Wanganui 5-4. Unfortunately, they missed out on the final even though they were tied with Palmerston North & Feilding on the same points (12). Our total games, 24, was 7 & 7.5 behind 1st & 2nd place.

The D Grade Men's team had a great result. The 5-1 win over Waimarino has us in second place and if matches go our way in the final round on May 1st when we have the bye, we may stay there.

In the end we had 2 wins, 3 halves and 1 loss.

The D's had a large squad, mainly for backup if Covid impacted availability for us and the A's & B's. As a result, everyone got a fair run of matches. In reality this may have cost us a good chance at making first place. In hindsight we possibly should have tried to field the strongest team possible for each round.

It would be great if all Pennant Players consider playing the Manawatu Open on Sunday May 22nd. The club has been great in providing use of the van, balls, money and new shirts, so to help fill the field for the club would be an appropriate thing to do in return in my opinion.

All the best and hopefully we will see you again for pennants in 2023.



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

**7 Day Member:** Linda Hill (Welcome back), Johnny Marshall, Doug Russell, Rudy Van der Westhuizen

6 Day Member: Matt Bell, Hamish Verry

**5 Day Member:** Andrew Johnson

Under 30: Jordan Cavanagh

Under 25: Mitchell Menzies, Sean Southcombe

9 Hole: Frederik Dean, Marinda Dean, Merete Hipp, Iris Nanguzgambo

Full Junior: Mitch Tucker

Restricted Junior: Austin Haswell

Social: Andrew Body

During this same period, 14 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1099 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

Another month has flown by and in amongst Easter, school holidays and Anzac weekend the golf programme has ticked along with some good weather and great golf scores.

As you may have seen on the clubs Facebook page our Autumn mixer was a great success with \$850 raised and donated to EatUp NZ. It was also a great chance to enjoy golf with other members in our club.

The trophy winners on the day were Vicki Worker and Denny Brunton, plus of course plenty of other winners! (pictured below)





Manawatu women have played exceedingly well in the Sunday pennant competitions and this meant as you know our Manawatu White and Manawatu Red teams made the final and therefore had to play against each other at Rangatira. Manawatu White, Casey Chettleburgh and Stephanie Hyatt came home winners, congratulations (Right top photo) Our Weekend team were winners before they played the final round robin round and despite having this one loss they were still able to bring home the Pennant. Congratulations to the squad of Janine Healey, Julie Meiring, Eva Heinrich, Vicki Worker and Jill Clifton. Pictured right bottom is Janine and Jill.

Monday pennants have a couple of rounds left to play but unfortunately will not be winning this season, but as Dave Boswell says our teams look great!!

As you read last month our National Team qualifiers played at the district final at Levin last Friday. Julie Meiring, Shirlee Jenkinson, Chrys Cabraal and Sue Spiers gave it their best shot but again they were the best looking team there!! Feilding were the winners.





#### WOMEN'S GOLF CONTINUED

May has a couple of alterations to the programme book so check dates out and get your matches played. Thursday 26th is the Hospice Tournament, swapped with a previous Thursday Club date and Tuesday 31st is Pro Shop Stableford. Saturday 14th is the annual Saturday versus Midweek 18 hole stableford. Give your names to Janine and Barbara.

It is also the start of the 18 hole Club Champs qualifying. There are three rounds, one per month, that can be played but just the best one counts, so three chances to play well! Just tick qualifying and this gives you the opportunity to make up your mind for sure later in the year. It doesn't mean you are locked in. We will check with you after the last qualifying round.

Here's to a great golfing May, the competitions are:

#### 18 Hole

7th & 10th LGU & Putting
12th Thursday Club
14th Saturday vs Midweek
17th Stableford
21st & 24th LGU & FIRST Club Champs qualifying
28th & 31st Pro Shop Stableford

# **SAVE THE DATES!**

Winter series of Sunday afternoons at the Manawatu Golf Club Live Music, platters and drinks

Tickets will be sold in tables of 4 and 8

Get a group of friends together and enjoy a wonderful Sunday afternoon in the clubhouse

Tickets on sale soon

19 June | 24 July | 21 August

#### NINE HOLE NEWS

What great weather it has been for golf. We have big membership growth on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with Saturday tee slots often booked 5 days in advance. I hope we have a decent winter so we can keep these numbers up.

Great weather for our competitions: Walker/Georgel tournament well underway and Sue Bunt has had two rounds played. Entries are open for Gillespie and Lavender cups (Wednesday players only) and the Odd Couples tournament open is to Wednesday and Saturday.

It is with great sadness our fellow player Doug Muir passed away suddenly. It was lovely to have so many of his golf buddies attend his funeral and form a guard of honour with a club, which was much appreciated by Doug's family

Also our sympathy goes the Abel family with the loss of Don who came on a lot of our roadies even though he was not well enough to play he was really good company with a great sense of humour.

We played at Castlecliffs open day. Well done to Murray Crawford who won 1st division.

Feilding held their 2nd 9+9 tournament. A great tournament with 9 holes played Wednesday afternoon followed by a dinner and opposite 9 played Thursday morning. The overall winner was Stephen Kupa from Foxton. Judy Crawford was 4th and Barbara Smith 6<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations Feilding for running a very enjoyable tournament

Well done to Murray Crawford on getting a Hole in One on number 4 at Easter.

Good golfing to you all

Colleen, John, Natasha and David



### **COURSE REPORT**

As another month flies by, the weather has been great. Dry warm days with no rain, we can't complain. The course is still drying out which is allowing a lot of run and no doubt more enjoyable golf (a). Greens are in great condition, good cover and ball roll.

In the last month we have been busy on the course with a lot going on. Pine trees between the 6th and 7th, renovating the fairways and removing stumps. This is all while maintaining the course.

In the coming months we will be looking at continuing work on fairways, topdressing the greens, bunker work and working on our paths. As a team we are doing as much as we can get done, during the time we have.

Things that are noticeable out on the golf course are, pitch marks and the usage of carts. Please remember your etiquette when playing golf, that is repair your pitch marks and replace your divots. Remember the rules of using golf carts, stay clear of the surrounds and tees when driving and parking, use the paths when they are available. When going to number 10 tee, please use the path around the back of the 9th green, NOT across the front of the 9th surround.

Remember Gilmours Manawatu open is coming up on May 22nd (3), hope to see many of you enter. Please enjoy your up and coming golfing month, play well. May the weather play its part.

Golf Humor:





Autumn trees on the 18th fairway. Photo credit: Christine Rose

# What's on in May...

# Please note some changes below

30 2 book via the tee sheets on the Club website or at the card room kiosk for available tee times. 9 Hole: Tri Series 10am-1pm 24 9 Hole: Committee 18 Hole: Par 18 Hole: LGU & Putting 18 Hole: Stableford 18 Hole: LGU, 1st 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Choice 9 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford **Qualifying Round Club** Sue Bunt Round 3 Championships 9 Hole: LGU & Putting 25 Wade Cup Stableford Wade Cup Stableford Wade Cup Stableford Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Sue 9 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, 9 Hole: Par **Bunt Round 3** 1st Round Lavender/ Gillespie Cups to be completed. 5 12 19 26 Yorb Business House Thursday Club Arohanui Hospice Golf Day 13 20 27 28 Stroke Lionel Abraham Cup B&A and Watson final 14 Stroke. 21 Par 9 Hole: Par 9 Hole: Stableford Craigs Investment 18 Hole: Stableford, Sat 18 Hole: LGU, 1st Tankard Draw Stableford to be completed vs Midweek. Qualifying Round Club LGU, Sue Bunt Round 3 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU 18 Hole: Pro Shop Championships 9 Hole: Stroke 18 Hole: LGU & Putting Stableford 8 15 Semi-Final B&A & Watson Cups to 29 Gilmours Manawatu be completed. Imlay Open 36 Hole Saunders Bye round to be completed. MacLennan Round 1 to Championship Course Closed be completed



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