October 2020



#### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND PRESIDENT

We signalled to you all, WDCL have commenced removing trees on their property down along the 15th fairway area. WDCL have put a suggestion to the Committee to look at removing the trees straddling the boundary and this has been agreed to by the Committee. In making their decision the Committee felt the trees were of no value to the Club and it was an opportune time to remove these bare ugly trees. We are fortunate to have a strong canopy of trees down along this boundary which will hide the housing to be built in the future. The boundary will certainly not be exposed as was the case on the 12th fairway boundary. WDCL feel they will be in a position to commence the infrastructure early in the New Year for their Stage 2.

There has been a hiccup with the Riverland Sale with a small lot still owned by the crown and not by PNCC, as originally thought. There is a process to go through by PNCC and the lawyers and unfortunately this will take some time. We have said this before, this whole process has become frustrating however it will happen, just not at the speed we would like it. The Committee are currently working through how best to deal with this and the process from here on.

The Strategic Planning Group have been meeting regularly and shortly there will be a document sent out to members asking for your feedback. When you receive this and if you are not sure of any part of the document, please feel free to contact the Office or one of the working party whose details will be listed in the document.

We welcome everyone to attend the Jubilee 125 night function. This whole event has been fractured with Covid-19 and then shifting back to Alert 2 didn't help. We are geared up ready to go though so get in behind this occasion and let's get this out of the way.

The Committee in their monthly Meeting have approved the purchase of 6 new golf carts, a range ball dispenser and new ovens for the kitchen. These new purchases will be part of the 2020-2021 capital expenditure items that have been identified by the Committee.

Good luck to all those still going in the Club Championships.

Brent Cawthray and Warren Collett



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The 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee morning tea, cake cutting and the 9 and 18 hole golf all took place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

The evening function had to be postponed to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – tickets still available

**Photo Highlights!** 

















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#### **Photo Highlights Continued!**

9 Hole Winner Dave Griffin



18 Hole Women's

Winner



18 Hole Div 1 Winner

**Rick Gain** 



18 Hole Div 2 Winner

Mark Dobson



Jubilee evening still going ahead!! Tickets still available

### Friday 9th October

#### **EVENING FUNCTION**

Fantastic dinner function with multiple themed food stations and a great live band. A fun casual party event, like never before seen at the MGC. Bubbles on arrival plus some additional drinks provided. Come along with friends for an entertaining evening of great food and music. \$75 per person

# **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

### Book online manawatugolfclub.com

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Manak Open 36 Hole Strokeplay

Liam Finlayson 019 Champion

# Sunday 25th October NZ Golf and Manawatu Wanganui Golf Order of Merit

Entry Fee \$50 (Includes lunch) | Mens and Womens Divisions | Gross & Net Prizes

## Sponsored by Gilmours

Please enter online at manawatugolfclub.com (Payment required on entry) Entries close on Monday 19th October

Handicaps frozen as at Friday 23rd October. 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 by Friday 23rd October



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#### MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

#### Pro Shop

Hi Everyone,

News from the shop: It's been another busy month here in the shop even though the weather hasn't been cooperating lately. Devil's Own is a busy weekend for us and again it went really well. The picture (photo right) is the prize table for our Pro's Comp that they can enter.

Lisa is back to her winning ways at the Paraparaumu Open earlier in the month (photo bottom right). Also Lisa & Brydie have both been selected to play for MWGA in the Sybil Green coming up in October.

What's new in the shop: September and October are usually an exciting time in golf regarding the equipment brands releasing new product. Even with Covid-19 they are still kicking off with it. Instore now (just arrived last week) we have the Ping 425 range. Australasia has got lucky and we are receiving this product 4-6 months earlier than the rest of the world. Callaway new Big Bertha range - Exciting new range of Callaway products that have slowly come into store this last week. Due to arrive Mid-November is the new Titleist TSi range that the Titleist Tour players have being trying out over the last few weeks.







## Tip of the month: Playing in the wind

Well for all of us here in Manawatu this is a fact of life and something that I had to work on very quickly not growing up in the Manawatu!!! ③ Below are some tips to deal with the Spring wind that we are famous for!



Playing into the wind:

- Take more club and swing softer: Don't fall into the trap of taking the normal club for the yardage and trying to swing harder. Swinging harder often creates more spin which will mean the ball climbs high into the wind and loses distance.
- Lower the ball flight: taking extra club and swing softer will help this but also what can help is visualise the flight you are trying to hit, or imagine there are tree limbs in front of you and you have to keep the ball lower than them.
- Practise: hitting the ball lower on the range.

Playing down wind:

• Control your distance: Don't try to hit it harder or softer: play your normal swing and take less club.

Playing Cross winds:

• Play your normal shot shape: If the wind is helping your normal shot shape play with it. If the wind is going against your normal shot shape take an extra club and let the wind straighten up the flight.

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, Lisa, Tim & Brydie.







<u>When:</u> Sunday 4th October - from 2 - 3.00pm <u>Where:</u> Manawatu Golf Club <u>NO COST</u>

Activities: Crazy Mini Putt, SNAG Golf & Fun Games

Bring your whole family along and enjoy an afternoon full of fun!

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#### A message from the Club Captain

Club Captain Report

Winner of the Craigs Investment Partners Tankard for September was Gus Fowler with 43 points. His opponent in his Club Champs Match, Mike Kellet came second with 42 points. Mike did however win their match on the 19th hole!

Well done Mark Denton in winning the Devils Own Stableford with 42 points. He also won a lovely shirt from the Proshop. Also winning shirts are Tony Rule 40 points, top Division 2, plus Ant White, Campbell Ogilvie, Stephan Devaney and John Philpott, all on 39 points.

The annual Devil's Own Bus trip went to Otaki Golf Club this year. Stunning weather was ordered and delivered for the day. In the mystery partners, well done to John Beaumont (33 pts) and Rob Cuff (36 pts) 1st, Leigh Thomas (36 pts) & Edwin Van Der Merwe (32 pts) 2nd and Scott Haumaha (32 pts) and John Stevens (34 pts) 3rd on countback. Alan Savell standing in for the injured CC paid out \$2 to most! Thanks to Otaki Golf Club for the lunch (scones were delicious) and the fine meal afterwards. And finally, thanks to Lew the bus driver and the raffle boys for their donation.



Gus Fowler



Mark Denton



It has been a good month or so for Trent Munn. Trent won the 72-hole Wellington Strokeplay played at Shandon Golf Club with rounds of 65, 69, 71 & 72 to win by two shots. At the North Island Stroke play at Whakatane Trent came 8th equal with rounds of 70, 67, 68 & 74 to finish 6 shots behind the winner. He then came 3rd in very trying conditions at the Wanganui Open, three shots behind Liam Finlayson.

Well done to the winners of the Imlay-Saunders mixed Matchplay competitions. In the main event Linda Hill and Brandon Jackson bet Angela Pivac and Rob Cuff. In the Consolation final Lisa Herbert and Kaleb Idemaru won over Helen & Brian Wilkinson.



#### A message from the Club Captain Continued...

We are reaching the business end of a very different Club golf season. Important dates to consider are:

**Men's Stableford Shootout:** Last qualifying rounds are October 3rd & 10th. Any playoffs will be after golf on Saturday 17th October. The Shootout is on Sunday 18th October. Tee off at 9.00am, be ready by 8.30am.

Club Champs finals day is SATURDAY 31st October. 36-hole finals tee off at 7.30 to 7.44 am then again at 12.31 to 12.45pm. 18-hole finals tee off at 11.14 to 11.42 am.

The Best Gross Shootout will be played on Saturday November 14th starting at 2.00pm on the 10th tee. Last day for paying \$15 entry to Richard Shaw is 24th October.



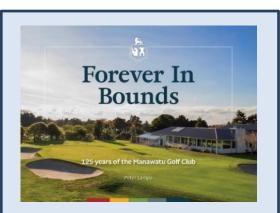
Trent Munn and Darae Chung, 2020 Harcourts Wellington 72 Hole Strokeplay Champions



Bill O'Connor got a hole in one on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole on 14<sup>th</sup> August!



Raymond Wallis got a hole in one on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August!



125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Book "Forever In Bounds" written by Peter Lampp is available for purchase from the office.

A beautiful book - \$45 each



Keith Bell got a hole in one on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August



Don Scott got a hole in one on the 11<sup>th</sup> Hole on the 15<sup>th</sup> August

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

#### **Club Captain's Report**

On Tuesday October 8th Megan Waugh surprised us with bubbles and cake to help her celebrate her milestone 8oth birthday. We wish her well and hope to see her playing great golf for many years to come.

A number of ladies enjoyed a game of golf in the afternoon on Saturday 19th for the Jubilee. Janine Healey was the winner on 37 stableford points. It was a great afternoon, following on from the cake cutting and morning tea. Warren and Rachel and the whole team are to be congratulated for organising the event in difficult times.







We have played the last LGU round so the Mellsop Cup and Doris Dixon will be played on Saturday 17th and Tuesday 20th of October. The list of players who have qualified will be put up in the locker room.

There is only one round to go in the Thursday Club. This will be played on Thursday October 1st in conjunction with the Dorothy Taylor Grandmothers' trophy. If you haven't qualified for the Thursday Club you have one last chance to have a great score and make the cut.

So, in summary October golf is as follows:

Thursday 1st	Thursday Club and Dorothy Taylor Grandmothers' Salver
Tuesday 6th	Stableford
Thursday 8th	Manawatu Ladies Open Day
Tuesday 13th	Bisque Par (use your shots on any holes you like)
Tuesday 20th	Mellsop Cup (all LGU winners) and Doris Dixon (the rest)
Tuesday 27th	Committee choice
Thursday 29th	Women's shootout



#### WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Captain's Report Continued...





On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September Gloria Campbell was equal first w Jenny Richie for the Denbigh cup that was held at Feilding Golf Club.

Of course, the big focus for October is the Manawatu Women's Open Day. Because of the uncertainty of the times House of Travel were unable to be our major sponsors. However, our President Brent Cawthray kindly offered to sponsor first prize on behalf of the men and Vice-President Grayson Joines also sponsored some prizes. Many thanks to all. Our other sponsors have generously made donations so we are very grateful and many thanks to the 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 online, go to the website manawatugolfclub.com. Enter under "Play Golf" Tournaments & events.

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

Jill Clifton - Women's Club Captain

#### Saturday Ladies

The weather hasn't been terribly kind to us but matches are well underway.

Two of our group have had great results. Lisa Herbert and Kaleb Idemaru won the Imlay Saunders Consolation, and Linda Hill and Brandon Jackson took out the Imlay Saunders Plate for 2020. That win was especially fitting for Linda as we are losing her to the Taranaki region, specifically Hawera. Saddened as we all are, we did farewell her in style with a fun potluck evening, kindly hosted by Eva Heinrich, and very well attended by former and current playing partners. Lots of laughs, good food, great company and a humorous speech by Linda, who was delighted with her gift, in true Kiwi fashion, a new pair of Redbands!



Helen Wilkinson

#### NINE HOLE NEWS

We have had a busy month with Club Champs and Lavender and Gillespie cup matches all underway. Well done to those players still in the competition.

Many players went on the "Jacket Roadie" to Takapau and Hastings Golf Clubs. A good time was had by all and the jacket winners were Barbara Smith (women's) and Wayne Revell (men's). This was calculated on scores over the two courses. Well done Barbara and Wayne!

We attended the open day at Marton Golf Club. Prize winners were Colleen Fraser, Ray Abbott, Murray Crawford and Wayne Revell. The course was in excellent condition with really fast greens catching a lot of people out.

Tri Series second round was played at Feilding. Feilding GC won the day but we still have our noses in front. Final match to be played at Palmerston North.

We have a team of Discover Golf girls who are really keen playing on Sundays. We had them mixed up and playing with experienced players and that went really well. Pictured here is Denise getting a birding on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole! Well done Denise!

Good golfing,

Colleen Fraser, Wayne Revell - Convenors

#### NEW MEMBERS –

The Committee would like to confirm the acceptance to the Club of the following new members who applied in August 2020

Under 30 – Scott McCaskie

9 Hole – Ali Borlase, Sunny Lee, James Te

**Restricted Junior – Andy Kim** 









#### **COURSE REPORT**

As we go through another month of a year that we wish to forget due to the Covid pandemic, we look forward to longer days and more sunshine. There has been a lot of rain in the past month which has caused the course to hold water and be damp under foot. One of the things that has been mentioned is the surrounds and how they have gone backwards. The recent rain and traffic have worn the turf out. Thatch and water sitting on the surface with the amount of traffic there has been, has not helped. We are going to core and under sow the surrounds with browntop and fescue to help with wear.

Greens have been good throughout the winter months, they are nice and smooth. When dry weather comes we will be verti-cutting and topdressing as well as spraying for Poa seed. Tees have a good cover of grass and have recently been fertilised. Surrounds have thinned out, will be working on them in the next month. Fairways are due to be sprayed for weeds as well as fertilised. Rough is to be sprayed for weeds also.

We have had a few staff changes, in the coming month/s there will be a couple of fresh faces. Paths, bunkers and renovations will be high on the list moving through the next month.

Please remember to repair your pitch marks and replace your divots. Please watch out where you walk or drive your carts and trundlers. We wish all players and visitors well in the coming month of golf and competitions. Enjoy the longer days and the warmer weather when it arrives. Feels a bit like this lately



#### Kiel Stechman - Course Superintendent



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# What's on in October...

### Please note changes below

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 kicsk for available tee times.

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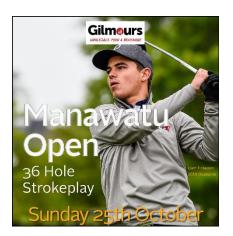
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October

MONDAY		5	<b>12</b> 9 Hole: Open Day 10am-1pm	19	26 Semi-Final Club Champs to be completed Labour Day
TUESDAY		<b>6</b> 18 Hole: Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>13</b> 18 Hole: Bisque Par, White Tees 9 Hole: LGU	<b>20</b> 18 Hole: Mellsop Cup & Doris Dixon 9 Hole: Stableford	<b>27</b> 18 Hole: Committee Choice 9 Hole: Stableford
WEDNESDAY		<b>7</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Par	<b>14</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU	<b>21</b> Wade Cup Stableford 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees	<b>28</b> Wade Cup Stableford Final Round 9 Hole: Stableford
THURSDAY	<b>1</b> Thursday Club Dorothy Taylor Grandmother's Salver	<b>8</b> Manawatu Women's Open Day Tournament	15 Yorb Business House	22	29 Women's Shootout
RIDAY	2	9	<b>16</b> NZICA Golf Tournament	<b>23</b> Twilight Golf 3.00-5.30pm start First night	<b>30</b> Twilight Golf 3.00-5.30pm start
SATURDAY	<b>3</b> Craigs Investment Tankard Draw. 9 Hole: Stableford 2nd Round Club Champs to be completed. Adam Cup for Grandmothers Stableford	<b>10</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>17</b> Par 9 Hole: Stroke, LGU, Semi-final Club Championships to be completed 18 Hole: Mellsop Cup & Doris Dixon	<b>24</b> Stroke. Semi final Club Champs. Semi final flights to be completed 9 Hole: Stableford Alternate Tees 18 Hole: Committee Choice	<b>31</b> Club Champs Finals Day
SUNDAY	<b>4</b> 2nd Round Club Championships to be completed	11	18 Men's Shootout	<b>25</b> Gilmours Manawatu Open 36 Hole Championship Course Closed	







Thursday 8th October 2020



#### SPONSOR OF THE MONTH



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