

## PRESIDENTS WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that I write my first article as your President for 2016. It is a great honour to serve the Club and I look forward to the year ahead.

2016 will be another big year for our Club. Again we host the Charles Tour Lawnmaster Classic from 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March. While I'm sure this will be a highly competitive tournament the highlight may well be off the course as we have secured Steve Williams as guest speaker for the Wednesday night dinner. Already this has proven to be a huge success as all the tables are sold.



Late last year we released the Club's new branding and along with an updated Course Strategic Plan which will result in continuing course improvements I am confident we will continue to be one of the leading clubs in the country.

Undoubtedly the biggest change we face this year is the operation of the Pro Shop which the Club will take over from August 1. I can assure you that we are up to the challenge and am delighted that the Pro team have agreed to stay on board.

Our membership numbers remain positive however we do need to look at all avenues and opportunities so that membership numbers for both genders continue to grow.

Late last week the news came through that Josh Munn is turning professional and will be playing on the Australian and Chinese tours. Josh certainly did the Club proud as an amateur and I'm sure he will do the same as a professional. We wish Josh all the best.

Finally I would like to acknowledge outgoing president John Garrett and retiring committee member Larry Carne. Both have made an outstanding contribution to the Club during their term and can be very proud of what they have achieved.

I wish everyone the best for 2016.

**Peter McRedmond - President**

## CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The Captains vs President match was played on Saturday 5 December under a revamped matchplay format, which proved very popular.

The Club Captain's team proved way too strong for the President's team, winning by a resounding 17.5 to 6.5. A right old thrashing!!

However, the President's team did look lovely in their pinkish coloured Ryder Cup styled caps!!



President John Garrett presenting the trophy to a jubilant Brent Cawthray, Club Captain.

The Match Committee decided to bring Opening Day forward this year to the 30<sup>th</sup> January. With Waitangi weekend being the 6<sup>th</sup> February, it was felt that starting the new season the week after was a tad late.

Trust everybody has had a fantastic Christmas, and I look forward to catching up with you all as we enter the new season.

**Brent Cawthray – Club Captain**

## GREEN FEES

Please remember that all visitors to the Club are expected to pay a green fee if they are going out to play. This applies to previous members, previous committee members of the club as well.

If you have a friend that is interested in joining, they can pay their green fee and if they join within two weeks of paying that green fee we can take that off their membership.

Please also remember that the Green fee rates and policies are set down by the committee and management, not the Pro Shop. So please don't take out any frustrations on the guys down there as they are only doing what they have been asked to do.

Last year the committee introduced a discount when bringing an unaffiliated friend to play. See details of this below.

## Member Friend Discount

The committee have introduced a discounted green fee for members who bring an unaffiliated guest to play at Manawatu with them. This will be limited to two occasions per year and will be operated through your membership card.

To take advantage of this discount, you must be playing with your unaffiliated friend, and be present when they pay their green fee.

Simply present your membership card which will be clipped to indicate the discount has been used. Your friend will then be charged the discounted rate of \$50 for 18 holes or \$40 for 9 holes.

Please direct any questions to the Club office.

## GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE

We are into February already and another golfing season awaits us as Opening Day took place this past Saturday. I hope all members had a great Xmas and New Year and look forward to another busy year that involves bit of golf.

The Club held it's AGM on Monday 1 February and 64 members were in attendance. We thank them all for coming along and they heard reports from another successful year for the Club. We welcome Peter McRedmond as the new President and thank John Garrett for his outstanding service over the past few years. I have personally really enjoyed working with John and have learnt a lot from him. I wish him well with his golf this year. Nathan Hopcroft has moved from the Treasurer role to Vice President and Scott Haumaha comes in as the new Treasurer. Brent Cawthray is retained as Club Captain as well as Vicki Worker as the Women's Rep. Richard Shaw, Charlotte Catley and Karen Manninen remain on the committee with newcomer Rodney Thomas.

The Lawnmaster Classic week is fast approaching and there are a number of ways you can be involved. If you would like to volunteer for the event please contact me and I can point you in the right direction for where we need help. We still have spaces in the morning Pro Am field if you would like to enter a team or an individual. And of course coming out as a spectator to watch the Horizon Golf Shootout or the Lawnmaster Classic event itself will be a fantastic way to see some of NZ's top Golfers.

Programme Books will be out shortly now that the AGM has been and they will be able to be collected from the Club.

For now happy Golfing.

**Michael Williams – General Manager**

## YOUR 2016 COMMITTEE



*From left to right:* Scott Haumaha, Treasurer - Nathan Hopcroft (partially obscured), Vice President - Karen Manninen - Rodney Thomas - Charlotte Catley - Richard Shaw - Angela Pivac, Women's Club Captain - Peter McRedmond, President - Vicki Worker, Women's Representative - Brent Cawthray, Club Captain.

## LIFE MEMBER AWARD

At the AGM held on Monday 1 February, President John Garrett awarded Lorna Willis the honour of Life Membership of the Manawatu Golf Club.

Marlene Judd, together with Pam Lamberton, Angela Pivac and Deborah Archer researched the contribution Lorna had made to the Club over the years and Marlene presented the members with a brief summary of her many and varied contributions below.



John Garrett, Lorna Willis, Marlene Judd

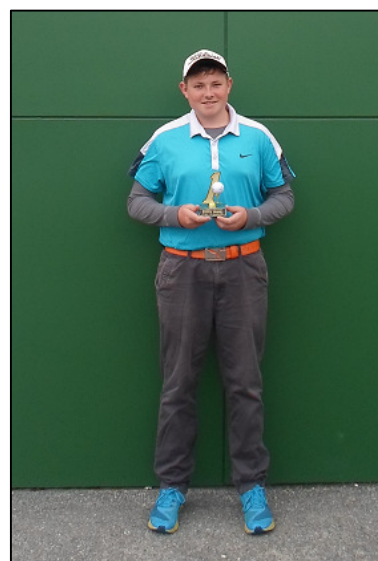
- Lorna has been a member for forty eight years having joined the club in 1968
- Secretary Manawatu Women's Golf Club 1988-1993
- Secretary Organising Committee NZ Autumn Foursomes and NZ Stroke play held at Manawatu
- Represented the club at Silver and District Pennants
- Has been Club Champion in her Division on numerous occasions
- Refereed and organised referees for Interprovincial
- Refereed at Lawnmaster and provided Tents
- A volunteer at numerous men's National Tournaments held at Manawatu
- Member of the publication Committee that compiled "Century of Golf at Hokowhitu"
- Instrumental in the introduction and voluntary coaching of golf to young girls for the past twenty years only retiring last year

Lorna has also represented our club in various executive roles on the Manawatu/ Wanganui District Committees.

While Lorna has been a low profile member, she has put a lot of time and energy into our Club and fully deserved to be honoured with a Life Membership to recognise this.

Congratulations Lorna, and thank you for all you have done, and will no doubt continue to do for our Club.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Ethan Dodds – Hole in One



## SATURDAY MEN SEASON LONG COMPETITIONS

Over the season (6<sup>th</sup> February to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016) all men with Full playing rights who enter their cards on Saturdays are automatically entered into these competitions. See Strokeplay details in the programme book for more information.

Each Saturday points will be allocated across two divisions (Division 1 handicaps +5.0 to 16, Division 2 handicaps greater than 16) based on "Fedex Cup" points with 1<sup>st</sup> place in each division getting 500 points down to 70<sup>th</sup> place which gets 1 point. We will publish the overall Fedex Cup points throughout the season so that members can see where they sit compared with their peers. The overall points table will be used to assist in selection of the Presidents vs Club Captain match play teams at the end of the year.

## B&A AND WATSON CUPS

This is a Men's singles match play competitions based on handicap. It is open to men (and juniors) with full playing rights. There is one qualifying round (**net**) played on **13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

The top qualifier wins the Kenneth Neal Cup. The top 32 players compete for the B&A Cup and the second 32 compete for the Watson Cup. Draw will be prepared based on qualifying round ranking and displayed in the Cardroom and on the Club website.

Matches must then be played by:

Round 1 by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Round 2 by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Round 3 by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Semi-finals by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Final by Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Please see Programme book for information on arranging matches. If you know that you will struggle to play any matches by due dates then please do not enter.

### Handicap Matchplay:

In a handicap match, the lower net score wins the hole. The handicapping system in match play is based on the difference between the players handicaps, so that a player on a handicap of 10 would have to give an 18 handicapper 8 strokes. These strokes would be allocated on the 8 hardest stroke holes.

Where there is more than eighteen strokes difference between handicaps, players receive two strokes per hole where applicable.

Matches all square after 18 holes continue from the No 1 tee irrespective of where the match was started, until a hole is won.

## 2016 MEN'S SHOOTOUT

Men playing on Saturdays who wish to enter the season long Shootout qualifying competition can do so by paying the entry fee of \$30 to Brent Cawthray, Peter McRedmond or the office by March 4th 2016. Payment in cash only please, not eftpos. The top 19 golfers entered in the shootout at the end of the season will then play off over 18 holes on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>. In the final the player with the worst net score on each hole is eliminated. Ties are decided by a chip-off.

2016 qualification will be based on the entrant's **8 best Saturday Stableford** scores over the season.

We have had a thorough look at what format to use for qualification scores by downloading all of last year's entrants net, Stableford and par scores over the season. There was virtually no difference in who qualifies irrespective of format used down to the 17<sup>th</sup> place. Likewise no particular format favoured high or low handicap players. Therefore to assist in speed of play we have reverted back to using Stableford scores for qualifying. Please note though that "gimmes" should only be accepted once zero points are available.

Qualifying starts Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February and ends on Saturday October 22<sup>th</sup>. If a tie exists for the 19<sup>th</sup> position there will be a playoff down the 18<sup>th</sup> after play on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Every Saturday round (am or pm) will be eligible, except for Saturdays with an away inter-club fixture.

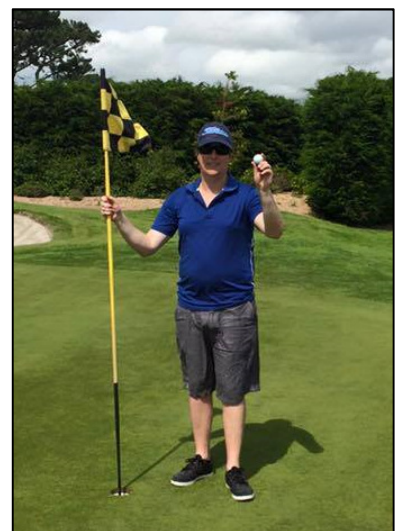
If you play twice on a Saturday, only the first round will be eligible.

Players entered in 2015 are provisionally entered for 2016. If entry fee is paid before March 5<sup>th</sup> rounds played between February 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will be used for qualification. You may enter later in the season but qualifying rounds start from when the entry fee is paid.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Robert Spencer – Hole in One



Michael Williams – Hole in One



Josh Sedgwick – Hole in One

## TAILOREDNZ PAR 3 CHALLENGE

The Tailorednz Par 3 Challenge was held on Sunday December 6 in rather fine conditions after early morning rain. 100 players entered and took to the course which was set up as 18 Par 3's and using the 8 inch holes. Thank you to Tailorednz who were the new sponsor of this event this year.



The field was split into four divisions and the scoring was hot! See below for the results;

### Men's Div 1

1st Wayne Masters 51 points  
2nd David Williams 47 points by lot  
3rd Royce Symons 47 points by lot  
4th Ian van der Veen 46 points by lot



Wayne Masters  
Div 1 winner



Paul Stephens  
Div 2 winner

### Men's Div 2

1st Paul Stephens 57 points  
2nd Janoah Smith 53 points  
3rd Grant Bleaken 51 by lot  
4th Neil Johnson 51 by lot

### Women

1st Christine Rose 51 points  
2nd Alicia Boag 49 points  
3rd Sue Speirs 48 points  
4th Vicki Morgan 47 points

### Non Golfers

1st Kahui Watling 53 points  
2nd Brendon Johnson 50 points

Best Gross - Greg Shaw 51  
Most two's - Brendan Johnson 7



Christine Rose  
Women's winner



Kahui Watling  
Non-golfers winner

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## RULES CORNER

Welcome to the first Golf Rules Corner for 2016. I am hopeful that these articles will enhance the level of understanding of the Rules of Golf for members of all golfing abilities.

The R & A Rules Limited and the US Golf Association have just released the latest version of the Rules of Golf which they update every four years. These are available from the Club's office and I strongly recommend each member obtain a copy and carefully study the most recent changes incorporated in the new booklet. In their foreword to the 2016 Edition of the Rules of Golf, the two committee Chairs state "In approaching this review, our committees continued to be guided by the historical principles and ethos of the game, the need for the Rules to remain clear, comprehensive, appropriate and relevant, and the importance of ensuring that golf is played with integrity and etiquette by golfers of all abilities with a single set of Rules applying to both professional and amateur golfers." The new rules clearly achieve these objectives.

I have looked closely at the principal changes introduced in the 2016 code and these are clearly summarised in the new edition thus do not need to be reproduced in this article. I note that apart from the widely discussed "anchoring" putting ban, most changes are minor and self-explanatory.

It is interesting to note the approach professional golfers have taken to the putter anchoring issue and in the events I have watched so far this year, I have not seen any professional that has persisted with the "broomstick" or "belly" style putters (even though these are not banned per se). The definition of anchoring is clearly described under Rule 14-1b. For our members to avoid any problems with their putting stroke, ensure that at no stage of the putting stroke, the handle end of the putter, the elbow or forearm make sustained contact with your body in such a way that would establish an anchor point. In making a putting stroke, it is permissible for the forearm to brush against the body.

I strongly urge all members to regularly read and abide by the guidelines as covered in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf on Etiquette and Behaviour on the Course. Section 1 covers important topics including the spirit of the game, safety, consideration for other players, actions on the putting green, scoring, pace of play and care of the course – simple, basic things we all must do to ensure an enjoyable golfing experience for all on this great course.

To ease into the Rules Corner for 2016, here are a couple of examples of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf which apply to Rule 1 – The Game.

- Q 1.** A player, unable to find his ball, puts another ball into play. He then finds his original ball is in the hole – what is the ruling?
- a) The score with the original ball counts without penalty
  - b) The score with the original ball counts plus 2 stroke penalty for hitting a wrong ball
  - c) The score with the second ball counts (including stroke and distance penalty)



## RULES CORNER ... continued

- Q 2.** In a match, player A discovers at the completion of the second hole that he has 15 clubs in his bag – as he has lost both holes at this stage, A and his opponent B agree to ignore any applicable penalty. The extra club is declared out of play and the match continues which A eventually wins 1 up. The match committee is advised of the facts surrounding this match - what decision should the committee make?
- a) Apply 2 hole penalty on A and reverse the final match result
  - b) Let the result stand – no penalty to A
  - c) Disqualify both players for agreeing to waive penalty applicable under Rule 1-3

### TANKARD DRAW INFORMATION

On the first Saturday of every month (February to October) the Men play for a Tankard. This is a Stableford competition but for afternoon tee slots a club draw is carried out i.e. members are randomly allocated playing partners. To enter go to The Manawatu golf clubs public web page and chose MEMBER ACCESS – EVENT REGISTRATION

<http://www.manawatugolfclub.com/members-area/>

Entries close at 5pm the preceding Wednesday and the draw is generally loaded onto the booking system later that evening.

Some notes:

- No requests for playing partners will be accepted unless you are playing a designated singles or 4-ball match.
- Please arrange your matches prior to entering your Club draw booking.
- Every attempt will be made to enter designated matches off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee but otherwise requests for starting off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be ignored.
- We will attempt to honour playing time requests i.e. early (11.14 to 11.42), around midday (11.49 to 12.10) or later (after 12.17), but these cannot always be acknowledged. Providing a reason for a specific tee time may assist your request.
- We attempt to mix up members teeing off the 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> tees over the season but please appreciate that this is rather difficult to do in a consistent manner.

## RULES CORNER ANSWERS

**Q 1.** (a) The score with the original ball counts – the play of the hole was completed when the player holed that ball. Stokes with the second ball were irrelevant once the original ball had been holed

**Q 2.** (c) Both players should be disqualified for agreeing to waive a penalty that they knew applied at the time the extra club was discovered in A's bag. As A was 2 down at this stage, the match should have been adjusted to make A 4 down after completion of the second hole – see Rule 4-4a

## NORTH ISLAND UNDER 19's

Several of the club's juniors competed in the North Island Under 19s held at St Andrew's in Hamilton during January. Greg Shaw continued his past good performances at this event with 76, 74 and 74 to be placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall and 6<sup>th</sup> equal in the under 17s. Jamie Connell missed the 2<sup>nd</sup> round cut.

Mudra Lakhani competed in the girls event at Lochiel Golf Club had rounds of 83, 92 and 90 to finish in 60th place.



## JUNIOR INTERCLUB – ROUND 3

The final leg of the recently started Junior Interclub competition against Napier and Paraparaumu Golf Clubs was held on Wellington Anniversary Monday at Napier Golf Club.

The team of eight juniors Greg Shaw, Campbell McHugh, Kaleb Idemaru, Sam Smith, Ethan Dodds, Eric McKee, Mudra Lakhani and Lily Griffin put a great effort in while playing 36 holes in temperatures over 30°C. We came 3rd on the day with 5.5 games from a possible 24. Thanks to the parents Rodney, Jeff & Craig who came over to help out.

**Richard Shaw - Team Manager**

### SENIOR 9 HOLERS

The Senior 9 holers welcomed two new players to their enthusiastic group.

Any 18 holers who haven't got the time or energy to play a full round would also be very welcome to join us on a Tuesday morning.



The Junior Interclub team

## OPENING DAY

Opening day 2016 was a bit of a family affair for the winning teams. The mixed competition for the Queenan Memorial trophy was shared by the teams of Karen Wemyss & Richard Shaw and Kathy Gibson & Greg Shaw with 46 points. The overall winners were Zac & Brent Jaslarz with 49 points. Fourth was Lily and Dave Griffin with 45 points. A great day of fun golf to open the season.



Greg Shaw, Kathy Gibson, Karen Wemyss & Richard Shaw

Club Captains on the course!

## WOMENS GOLF

Welcome to another year of golf. Our Opening Day is on Tuesday 9th February and we would like to see as many players as possible and any new 18 hole players. It will be a fun day so do come along.

Thank you to all the girls who represented our club over in Feilding for the Inter Club in December. We had good numbers especially from the Saturday girls. It was a great day with some fantastic scoring but unfortunately not quite good enough to win. So close as only 1 point in it. So the Salver will stay in Feilding for only a short time as this year's event has been programmed for June 18th.

Summer Golf is still in progress and we've had good numbers turning up even with the heat.

It was great to see so many women in attendance at the AGM on Monday 1st February to support the nomination of Lorna Willis as a Life Member of our Club. Congratulations Lorna, a very well deserved honour.

### Angela Pivac - Women's Club Captain



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## MANAWATU MONDAY CLUB

### December update

Monday the 7th was when it all came together, at least for some players. The highlight of the day was the Eric White Trophy, won by the player with the best six stableford scores during the year. It looked as if it were going to have a very close contest with four players on similar scores at the start the day but an incredible 46 from Terry Win left the other contenders, Lyall Schroder, Alva Joe and Keith Towers, trailing way behind.

Congratulations, Terry. For those with short memories, Ian Bevins won in 2014 and Allan Barker in 2013.



Eric White Trophy winner  
Terry Win

Not surprisingly, Terry also won the stableford. Ray Barnett and John Symon came 2nd equal and Peter Ritchie and Alan Barker came 4th equal. Robyn Rogers, again our only lady, and Kevin Davey had twos. The raffle winners were John Symon, Guy Broadley (who told a joke about Pinocchio and Chris Cairns), Kevin Davey and Terry Win.

In business-speak, 2015 was a year of attritions and acquisitions: we lost 19 players from 2014 (why, I don't know) and gained 12 new players. Thirty-eight people played at least one game. We look forward to seeing you all, together with more ladies, and the return of at least some of those able-bodied men who were part of the team in 2014.

### Croz Walsh





## MANAWATU MONDAY CLUB ... continued

### January update

Previous Eric White Trophy winner Alan Barker got off to a good start with 42 stableford points for this best-of-six stableford score competition which runs throughout the year. Next in line were Allan Gillingham with 39 points, Dave Bateman with 37 and Chris Duffy with 36. Newcomer Wally Campbell had the only two. There was no raffle.

Members are reminded that Monday Club competitions will be held on the first Monday of every month until December. Possible exceptions will be when the first Monday is a public holiday or when there's poor weather when we'll inform members by email of possible alternative dates.

The next meeting is next Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Tee off is at 11:30 sharp from the blue tees. We're looking for a big turn out, good scores and a convivial chat with friends on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### THIS MONTH IN THE CAFÉ ....

#### Friday dining

Friday dining continues each week with a superb café style menu that changes weekly. Bookings are essential so phone the team on 357 8793 ext 3 to book your table.



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#### Jams and Chutneys

Our talented team have been hard at work making a delicious range of jams and chutneys which are available for sale from the café.

#### Frozen Meals

These continue to be popular and options change regularly.

Look out for the blackboard in the café or ask any of our staff to find out what options are currently available.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to confirm their acceptance to the Club of the following 56 new members who applied in November and December 2015.

**Full playing men** – Mike Hallam, William Leipnik, Janoah Smith, Brian Towler, Peter Blackwell, Brian Leslie

**Non-competition men** – Gerard McHugh, Johan Tait, Ryan Galvez, Joseph Sami, Clinton Williamson

**9 Hole men** – Stephen Kidd, Trevor Schroder, Roeland De Vries, David Findlay, Steve Flint, John Lory, Roy Meeking

**Tertiary men** – James Holland, Connor Morriss, Daniel Shields

**U25 men** – James Dickson, Freddie Gudex, Bevan Small

**U30 men** – Karl Isaac, Michael Stephens, Christopher Taiaha

**Summer 18 hole men** – Jeremy Cotter

**Summer 9 hole men** – Geoff Franks

**Restricted Junior Boys** – Archie Justice, Charlie Justice

**Social non playing men** – Chris Dench, Chris Sanson

**Full playing women** – Kathy Gibson, Jacquie Wakeford

**9 Hole women** – Dale Anderson, Aven Eames, Liz MacNeill, Daryl Pollock, Helen Smith, Sherryl Bethwaite, Leanne Blummont, Susan Cook, Kirsty Fowler, Jennifer Hudson, Maria Joe, Ainslee Kearney, Tarnea Leslie, Brenda Looney, Jan Lynch, Eunmi O'Shaugnessy, Anne Singh

**Under 25 women** – Helen France, Becca Thompson

**Tertiary women** – Aleisha White

**Restricted Junior Girls** – Maddock Leslie

During this same period, 11 members resigned bringing our total membership number to 1058 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.

## TEMPORARY MEMBERS

The following individuals have applied for membership to the Club and been granted temporary membership status while their applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee. If accepted, membership will be confirmed once these applications have been ratified by the Main Committee later this month.

**Full playing men** – Anthony Dahlkamp, Ray Geor, Barry Sowman, Iain Waugh

**Non-competition men** – Dean Baker, Eric Ji, VK Sharma

**9 Hole men** – Peter Allen, Alistair Johnstone

**Tertiary men** – Caleb Lucas

**U30 men** – Rowan Holland

**Social non playing men** – Alan Leslie

**Full playing women** – Jill McCutcheon, Debbie White

**9 Hole women** – Mandy Stewart



The big news for the Academy this month is that member Josh Munn has turned professional after attaining a card for the PGA China tour and the Australian PGA tour. Josh has had a decorated Amateur career including representing NZ on many occasions and including the Eisenhower team. Josh also won the 2014 NZ Amateur in Nelson. We wish Josh all the best for his Professional career and he is keen to still have a connection with the Academy when he is town.



Photo: Simon Watts

Other members of the Academy have been working hard over the Summer and they have started their clinics with Andre and Alan which are monthly on a Saturday morning. All the Academy members will be part of Manawatu Golf Club pennant teams which start their competitions on February 14.

*"The road to success is always under construction."*

*Arnold Palmer*

## ACADEMY SUPPORTERS & SPONSORS



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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.

# February

MEN WOMEN MIXED EVENT

SUNDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
7	6 Tankard Draw	5	4 Women's Refuge Golf Tournament	3	2 Kiwipro Tour	1 Manawatu Monday Club 11.30am start Kiwipro Tour
14 Airforce Interbase Tournament	13 B&A and Watson Qualifying (Kenneth Neal Cup) Stroke 9 Hole Opening Day Saturday Women's Opening Day Airforce Interbase Tourn	12 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	11 NuView Wealth Solutions Business House (pm)	10 9 Hole Opening Day.	9 Women's Opening Day Marj Crystall Cup	8
21 Rotary Tournament	20 Par 9 Hole Stableford LGU	19 Twilight Golf 3pm-5.30pm start	18	17 9 Hole Stableford, Entries open for Walker Georgel Cup	16 LGU Airforce Interbase Tournament	15 Airforce Interbase Tournament
28 A Grade/Palmanui Pennants (Course closed)	27 Stroke 9 Hole: Par Par	26 CREST Tournament (2 tee start) Twilight 3pm-5.30pm start	25 Thursday Club	24 9 Hole Par, Entries for Walker Georgel Cup	23 Par	22
						29 Silver and District Pennants

## UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

- Thu 3 Mar: Hospice Golf Day
- Fri 4 Mar: Twilight
- Sun 6 Mar: Championship & Weekend pennants
- Mon 7 Mar: Manawatu Monday Club 11.30am
- Fri 11 Mar: Asteron Tournament / Twilight
- Sun 13 Mar: Rnd 1 B&A & Watson to be completed
- Tue 15 Mar: Lawnmaster: Jeff Gray BMW Pro-Am
- Wed 16 Mar: Lawnmaster: Horizon Golf Shootout
- Thu 17- Sun 20 Mar: Lawnmaster Classic (Man/Wang reciprocal rights apply)
- Thu 24 Mar: NuView Wealth Solutions business house

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Your membership committee is currently planning social events for 2016 so let Vicki Worker or one of the team know if you have any ideas or are able to contribute in any way.

The 2016 event not to miss will be the bi-annual Club fundraiser, the Golf Club Ball. This is booked in for 21 May so mark this in your diary.

21 May – Golf Club Ball



## COURSE REPORT

Happy New Year to all and welcome to 2016. The greenkeeping staff wish you well for the new year in golfing circles and also any personal endeavours.

Over the last couple of months temperatures have been slowly rising, as well as rain to add to the mix. The second half of January has brought some hot and beautiful days.

Greens have all been sliced and fertilised and also had wetting agent applied. They have smooth roll and great consistency.

Tees have all been dethatched and cored. Wetting agent, fertiliser and seed have been applied also.

Surrounds have all be solid tined, sprayed for weeds and had wetting granules applied.

Fairways have good dense cover of grass and are looking like carpet as many golfers are telling us and are holding up well.

Rough is slowly burning off as temperatures rise.

As you are all aware the right hand side of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole has been reshaped and drainage added to help stay drier in the wet months. The old 8<sup>th</sup> hole was brought into play while work was underway.

Golf humour: The higher a golfers handicap, the more likely he is to try to tell you what you're doing wrong.

All the best for the coming month. Please replace divots and repair pitchmarks.

**Kiel Stechman – Greenkeeper**

## MANAWATU / FEILDING INTERCLUB

On Saturday 12 December the Manawatu vs Feilding interclub was held at Manawatu for the Men, and Feilding for the women.

The men's overall result of single and fourball match play was a tie with both teams on 18.5 points. Vice club captain Richard Shaw and Feilding club captain Tony Boxall decided a shared result was the best outcome!

The women's salver was a close call with only one point in it but unfortunately not in our favour. Good luck for the rematch in June!



Manawatu & Feilding – joint winners of the Interclub.

## KIWI PRO GOLF TOUR

On February 1 and 2 the Club played host to the newly formed 'Kiwipro' tour with ten professionals lining up and playing for \$5000.00 prize money over two rounds. Manawatu Golf Club's Malcolm Wells and Etienne Poiteger were part of the field.

Newly turned professional and former member of the Club Tyler Hodge was one of the favourites and he did not disappoint. Hodge from Levin fired two under par rounds of 68 and 70 to win by two shots from Mt Maunganui's Hayden Beard.

Tyler pockets \$3500 for his work which will hold him in good stead for his pursuits on the Australasian PGA tour this year.



Shaun Jones (3<sup>rd</sup>), Tyler Hodge (winner) and Hayden Beard (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### SCOREBOARD

Player	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Dean Sipson	75	72	147
Oscar Sachs	81	79	160
Tyler Hodge	68	70	138
James Betts	68	76	144
Malcolm Wells	79	83	162
Etienne Potgieter	77	w/d	-
Shannon Holden	79	87	166
Peter O'Donnell	86	79	165
Hayden Beard	69	71	140
Shaun Jones	71	70	141

## FRIDAY TWILIGHT GOLF & CLUB DRAW

Twilight Golf runs through until April 1<sup>st</sup> and while there will be a short break for a couple of weeks to accommodate the Lawnmaster (Friday 18<sup>th</sup>) and Good Friday (Friday 25<sup>th</sup>), there are still plenty of days left in the season for you to come down on a Friday between 3.00-5.30pm and play in this fun 9 hole competition. No booking necessary, just turn up and register at the Starters office (around the corner from the ProShop).

This is a great way to end the week with 9 holes and the perfect time to bring down friends or family who don't play that often and introduce them to the Club. Cost is only \$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for affiliated members and \$15.00 for non-members. Golf balls & Mad Butcher vouchers are given out each week as prizes so make sure you're in to win.

The very popular "Club Draw" continues in the Clubhouse each Friday night Twilight is on so why not make a night of it and book a table for dinner.

To participate in the Club Draw, you must be a paid up member, and be present in the café/bar between 7.30pm and 8.30pm on Friday Twilight nights. Each week a cash prize is up for grabs (minimum \$100). A member is drawn at random on the evening and if you're here, you win!! If the member drawn is not here, the cash jackpots to the following Twilight Friday. When the pot reaches \$500, it must go so we keep drawing numbers until we have a winner.



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