



# MANUKORIHI GOLF CLUB INC.



## From the President

After last years' experience I trust you have all made it safely through the first ten days of this countrywide Covid Alert Level 4 lockdown! Following the Government's announcement this afternoon, **we still have four days to go before the Taranaki region moves down to Level 3** at midnight on Tuesday 31 August. We await the latest Golf NZ advisory update but expect that, as last year, **Clubs can reopen for play under Level 3, that is, from Wednesday 1st September for us**, but with the following extensive restrictions (*subject to any change from Golf NZ*):

### Level 3 Requirements if unchanged prior:

- Our golf course will be open preferentially to members, with green fees players accepted but giving members tee off order preference. Tee times cannot be booked.
- All play will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and tee off intervals will be a minimum of 10 minutes to ensure adequate separation. We ask that players do not congregate anywhere in the carpark, around the clubhouse or close by the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.
- Please enter through the sliding glass door as usual and exit promptly after play via the golf cart pathway, ensuring social distancing.
- The clubhouse and amenities block will remain closed, as will the on-course toilet.
- **Only casual golf play will be permitted in Level 3:** there will be no formal **competitive golf until Level 2**, hence Tuesday ladies, Wednesday Club, Friday haggle and Saturday Club day golf will all be on hold in Level 3.
- To meet contact tracing requirements please register your presence using the smartphone Covid app and QR code or by entering your name and contact phone number into the book by the clubhouse door.
- You must play within your personal "bubble", therefore play will either be solo or possibly in twos (or maybe threes/fours) if all are in the same household bubble.
- You must observe at least 2m social distancing from anyone on course who is not in your bubble.
- No scorecards will be accepted by the Golf NZ handicapping system during Level 3.
- Flagsticks and bunker rakes will be removed, with holes cut in centres of greens.
- Drinking fountains and golf ball washers will be shut down.
- Hand sanitiser will be available outside the clubhouse.
- The sunscreen station will not be available.
- No hired golf carts will be available.
- Please stay away if you are feeling unwell or showing any signs of sickness.

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Importantly, essential turf maintenance on our golf course has been able to be carried out during the Level 4 lockdown, so our greens, green surrounds, fairways and tee areas should be in good condition ready for play to resume on Wednesday if we get the go ahead..... - many thanks to Course Superintendent Karl Stratton and Course Convenor John Rayner for their efforts in this regard.

For those who are able, I am sure you will enjoy getting back out onto the golf course from Wednesday, even if it is only solo or in a restricted bubble.

### **Main Points from July & August Committee Meetings**

#### ***- 19 July:***

- Our new Course Superintendent Karl Stratton was introduced to the committee. Karl provided some background on his green keeping experience, gave positive feedback on the presentation and current condition of our golf course, and provided some insights as to his immediate and medium/longer term course improvement plans, including an application of lime to the fairways (*actioned 21 July*) and aiming to continue with transitioning to sand-based greens.
- Treasurer Barry Burns is unfortunately still having to chase a number of unpaid 2021 subscriptions: if he has contacted you about this, please action.
- The new initiative set up by Secretary Trish Crawford of a task list for volunteers to assist with some of the more minor tasks within the Club is receiving a positive response to date – thank you.
- Extensive recent mower repair and mechanical maintenance efforts from volunteers over the last two months have saved the Club significant funds.
- Tuesday working bees involving up to ten volunteers are proving very successful in achieving positive results across a number of areas around the course and facilities.
- Reciprocal rights with other Clubs are to be explored.

#### ***- 16 August:***

- A proposal (*including costings*) from Karl Stratton was tabled recommending strongly that the Club should continue down the path of transitioning to sand-based greens over the next 3-5 years, and this was approved by the committee. As a result, further coring and sand spreading will take place in October with verti-draining in May next year.
- The Club's annual insurance policy has been renewed at a cost of \$7392 (*excl. GST*).
- Organisational efforts were well advanced for the Kiwi Butcher tournament scheduled for Sunday 22 August when unfortunately it had to be cancelled (*postponed?*) due to imposition of the Level 4 lockdown.
- The Club's bar licence renewal application has been approved subject to approval by Fire & Emergency NZ of the clubhouse fire evacuation scheme (*since received*).
- Covid levels permitting, the project to upgrade the amenities block is scheduled to commence end September.
- An onsite meeting with contractor Fulton Hogan to review all aspects of the carpark upgrade & sealing project was held on 17 August. If the course is not to be closed for a few days during project implementation, there will be some car parking logistics to be managed!

***Richard Crowe***



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**2021 BUNNINGS TRADE  
TARANAKI MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Day 1:** Fitzroy Golf Club Tee off 9am-12.30am

**Day 2:** New Plymouth Golf Club 2 tee start

**Entry Fee \$70**

Open to all affiliated golfers 40 years and over  
Entries Limited to First 96 registered Players  
Gross, Net and Stableford Men's and Women's Divisions  
Daily and Overall Prizes – 1 prize per player

To Enter Contact Nick of Taranaki Golf  
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**Join us in  
the ...**

Eltham Golf Club

**Central Taranaki  
Foursomes**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

- **Nett Competition**
- **24 Holes**
- **2 Tee Start**
- **\$50 per team**
- **Entries to Bob Gray  
0274774564**

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**Manukorihi Golf Club**  
16 August at 14:33 · 🌐

Hosting this Taranaki Women's event.

**27 HOLE FOURSOMES STROKEPLAY 2021**  
**NEW THIS YEAR: 18 HOLE COMPETITION FOR 9 HOLE PLAYERS**

TO BE HELD AT MANUKORIHI GOLF CLUB  
**SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021**

**9.00 AM START** for 27 Hole Players  
Approximately **11.00 am – 11.15 am** start for 18 Hole Players  
They will start after the 27 Hole Players have completed 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Holes  
**HANDICAP LIMITED TO 40.4 INDEX**

FRONT 9 TO BE PLAYED AGAIN ON COMPLETION OF 18 HOLES. LUNCH AT CONCLUSION OF 27 HOLES **\$30.00 PER PLAYER INCLUDING 2'S FOR 27 Hole Competition**  
**\$20.00 PER PLAYER INCLUDING 2'S FOR 18 Hole Competition**  
**ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
ENTRIES TO: Karen Pattison Phone or Text: 0211309722  
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