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APRIL 2024 IN REVIEW

Presidents Pen – Hello to all golfers. It has been another busy month at the golf club and hopefully you are out and about and enjoying good golfing – something that is eluding me at present anyway other than the Palmer Cup. We started the month with the end of season “Twilight 18 Hole Final” which was supported by most of the teams that participate over the twilight season, I am led to believe we had just over the 100 mark for the day. The end of year prize was taken out by Undecided – well done team and we hope to see you all this coming spring for another go. Then we moved onto the club champs, which involved “Matchplay Format” It consisted of early rounds and culminated in a final, which of course was played on “All Finals Day”. I will not go into all the results, but Deb McCallum took out the senior ladies and Jarron Pittams the men’s. I am led to believe that a great night’s entertainment was enjoyed, especially the male winners. And I will not go into details on that front. You will notice that the course staff and volunteers have been busy lately, not that Ben isn’t anyway, but we’ve started work on some of the problematic area’s – Ladies tee on the 2nd, in front of the 17th green, reshaping and levelling of both the 18th and 7th tee blocks. We have brought 10-11 truckloads of topsoil. The crew has dug out the areas and replaced with new topsoil and reseeded with new grass. The old turf was quite interesting to see, it peeled up quite easily like carpet – we really had a good look at how thatch can come about and hopefully with better irrigation and aeration this will not be a factor in the future. You will also notice the new rough mower whizzing around, those that have used say it is an absolute beauty, fast and leaves an incredibly good cut. Wayne Jones has formed a solid team of volunteers to do this, and it is working well.

A special mention to all of our volunteers , it doesn’t matter what form of work you do, from the smallest task to the guys on the rough mower in cold conditions - your work is greatly appreciated and without the support of our members we wouldn’t have the jewel that we do have.

April Golf Stats – In April 2024 Te Ngutu members posted 785 rounds which compared with March 2023 of 822, was a 4.7% decrease in course usage. Off the men’s blue tee’s, the 3rd hole is currently playing the hardest averaging 1.46 shots over par. At 0.66 shots over the par is our easiest hole, the 11th. For the ladies off the yellow tee’s, the 3rd hole at 2.09 shots over par is the hardest hole with the 2nd hole playing the easiest at 1.08 shots over par.

Junior Golf Update – This Sunday 5th May we have Grant Moorhead providing coaching for our junior golfers. There are limited spaces left, please let Robert know ASAP if you want a spot. Unfortunately, this year with the All-Final’s Day being earlier than previous years we were unable to get the Junior Club Championship to a place where we could contest the final at the same time. Keep an eye out on the app and the noticeboard in the foyer for the dates for these events to wrap up. After the strokeplay championship is completed then those Junior golfers interested, we will put together a matchplay draw. Congratulations to Cohen Robins, Tyler Guckert and Jack Wasley who completed in the Manawatu/Whanganui age group championships. A reminder to members both junior and senior that I am looking for entries for Sunday 19th May to play in a mixed Canadian Foursomes event, let Robert know if you’re interested.

Welcome To New Members – During April we have welcomed the following new members to the course.

- Nathan Mead – Full Playing Man
- Caleb Nixon – Full Playing Man
- Blake Robins – Full Playing Man
- Cliff Steffensen - Full Playing Man
- Mark Tito - Full Playing Man
- Amelia Cronin – Full Playing Woman
- Ben Johnston – Associate Man
- Cameron Ross – Associate Man

We also welcomed the following new Junior Golfers to Te Ngutu Golf Club

Jack Cocker	Sophie Cocker	Tim Corrigan	Albie Espin	Beauden Espin	Honor Espin
Riley Johnston	Archie Joyce	Theo Joyce	Talia Kerehoma	Malinda Leng	Boaza Pukerua
Asta Rongonui	Luna Rongonui	Nelly Rongonui	Rusty Wallis	Toby Johnston	

100 Club Tournament Update – Another highly successful 100 Club Tournament is in the bag with 129 players teeing off for the event this year. Enormous thanks to all our sponsors the massive list of volunteers to helped before, during and after the tournament this year. Post the tournament we completed a post event review, along with feedback we had received from ticket holders we can confirm that next year it will not be opened to general members for \$30 to play in the tournament. Only 100 club members or their nominee will be entitled to play. Thanks again to those 100 club members for their ongoing support and we are already looking forward to next year.

Te Ngutu Golf Club Adverse Weather Policy – During a recent safety meeting in which identified hazards a reviewed regularly it was decided that as a golf club we needed clear guidelines around dealing with adverse weather conditions. This ensures there are clear guidelines on who can make what type of call when the golf course is faced with adverse weather conditions which is either making the proper playing of the game impossible or weather events are causing potential threats to the safety and wellbeing of players or staff on the course. The policy document can be found within the club info sections of the app or on the Health and Safety noticeboard in the foyer. The key thing for members to note is the policy around suspension of play, if you hear 3 long blasts of an air horn, players must immediately mark their ball where it lies and return to the clubrooms as quickly as possible.

Taranaki Golf Association Junior Golf Fundraiser – This event which was originally planned for April has been rescheduled to Sunday 23rd June. Teams of 5 are needed for a 11am mass start. With such a healthy Junior Golf programme running at Te Ngutu Golf Club this is a great tournament to support as proceeds are going towards support junior programmes at clubs and supporting players to attend events outside of Taranaki. Send your entries to futures@taranakigolf.co.nz.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

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Checkout Some of The Photos from All Finals Day Below



TARANAKI GOLF

TGA FUNDRAISING AMBROSE

for Junior Golf

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE

TE NGUTU GOLF CLUB

5 PLAYERS IN A TEAM

\$150 per team

11AM MASS START



Supporting junior programmes with clubs, coaching and prizes



Supporting players to attend tournaments outside of Taranaki

2022 JUNIOR
MEMBERSHIP

380

2024 JUNIOR
MEMBERSHIP

548

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