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MARCH 2024 IN REVIEW

Presidents Pen – Hello to all members, we hope that the last month has brought to all of you good happy memories on our golf course. All though the course is quite dry, the greens are still in exceptional condition and they far out way the dry fairways. We have an exciting update on the rough mower front, but more about that in other sections of this newsletter. We are looking to re-furbish some of the tee blocks, namely 7, 18 and the ladies 2nd along with the section in front of the 17th green. We're planning to gather turf from patches which will suit, these being on the 2nd, 6th and in front of the 3rd green. So, patience please while these repairs are being carried out. We have received the draft plans for the golf simulator from the architect this week, after a couple more tweaks are completed 3D concept plans will be created and these will then be shared with all members. Check out the update below as well around the recent recruitment process that has now been completed. As well included below in this newsletter is an important update around bar pricing. To wrap things up, please enjoy your golf when it's done right, it can't be beaten.

Notes From Ben – This month Ben has a couple of reminders / requests for members, please take note of these and do your best to live up to them and hold your playing partners to account as well.

1. Raking The Bunker After Playing Out Of – There has been a lot of member feedback recently that players either do a poor job at raking the bunker when exiting or not even attempting to rake the bunker. We currently have enough issues with animal footprints in the bunkers, we don't need to add human ones to the mix. Check out this website for [how to rake a bunker properly](#) and please do your bit to enhance the enjoyment of playing golf for everyone.
2. Practice Fairway Rules – Please when using the practice fairway do not hit your balls back to your original spot from the side of the practice green, recently divots have been found within metres of the putting green, please ensure you move at least 20 meters from the green before hitting back.

Te Ngutu Golf Club App Users Hit 306 – I am pleased to report that in just a few short months the total number of app users has already hit 306. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive to date. That does not mean things can't be better. If you could spare us 5 minutes to complete [this survey](#) it would be greatly appreciated.

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

- Cliff Steffensen – Full Playing Man
- Nathan Mead – Full Playing Man
- Mark Tito – Full Playing Man
- Mel Graves – Full Playing Woman
- Caleb Dixon – Full Playing Man
- Samara Stewart – Junior Plus
- Taylor Care – Full Playing Man
- Sophie Cocker – Junior Plus
- Jack Cocker – Junior Plus

Recruitment Update – Firstly a big thanks to Brian Luff for his efforts over the last few months on the course, Brian did a great job, and we are hugely appreciative of this. As we are now heading into the winter months and a much slower grass growing season the executive decided to delay the start of the new recruit until the 1st September 2024. Robert will work with Ben over the coming months to help and coordinate any volunteer support that may be needed. On that note we are pleased to announce that Brett Prestidge has been successful in his application for the vacant groundsman role. Brett has a sound understanding of the course and obviously loves golf. Brett will be inducted and trained over the coming months so he can hit the ground running in September.

Bar Pricing Update – In an effort to remove complexity from the bar with multiple price points and to assist the club in meeting the ever-increasing cost of doing business the decision has been made to do away with the 2-tier pricing structure at the bar. Effective from Monday 22nd April is the below pricing structure.

All Beers	\$6	All RTD's	\$7
Sprit's	\$3 (single)	Wine	\$7

All non-alcoholic fizzes and juices remain \$4. Large price increases are due in May for coke, so work is underway to secure better pricing, or an alternative supplier found.

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March Golf Stats – In March 2024 Te Ngutu members posted 932 rounds which compared with March 2023 of 796, was a 17.1% increase in course usage! Off the men's white tee's, the 3rd and 12th holes are currently playing the hardest, both averaging 1.45 shots over par. At 0.73 shots over the par is our easiest hole, the 11th. For the ladies off the yellow tee's, the 3rd hole at 2.08 shots over the par is the hardest hole with the 2nd hole playing the easiest at 1.07 shots over par.

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New Bobcat Mower Secured For The Club – With the recent support of the Pelorus Trust and proceeds from the 100 Club event we have been able to trial and now purchase a new Bobcat mower. All though smaller in design than our current rough mower the improved manoeuvrability and greater speed of cutting means overall cutting time is expected to be less. Wayne has been busy mowing this week and has a planned training day coming up shortly for those volunteers who have offered to be part of the mowing team. A special thanks to Wayne Jones, Mark Cleaver and Lynne Newell for their work on mower purchase.

