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JULY 2024 IN REVIEW

Presidents Pen – Hello golfers, hope this edition finds you all well, rugged up and protected from the cold, we've even been hit by ole Jack Frost. Still, spring is just around the corner. On to a bit of sad news which I'm sure most of you already know – the passing of Jack Rangiwahia the other day. I'd spent quite a bit of time with Jack over the years, firstly work and then on a more social basis. The time we spent together was always something to look forward to, his banter, love of all sports and of course the Bolshies. It's a sad time but he is now at rest and in a better place - I know 100 % that he'll be doing a deal up there – for sure ! And now on to the more serious and fun stuff, we've finished the last 3 competitions going last week – Leese Rosebowl, Under Dog and Top Dog. The Leese Rosebowl was taken out by Brian Walsh and Karl Stratton who beat Jason Kerr and Scott Gyde, Under Dog was won by Richard Gyde and Garry Wards who beat Jason Horgan and Roger Schrader. But of course, none of you will be surprised in me writing this – The Top Dog was won by none other than Peter Harper and Clive Porter over Gareth Savage and Kieran Coleman, a hard and good humoured battle. Just a point to those who think that it could never be them – Peter and I (aka, Harps and Ports, Dumb and Dumber, Meat and Tatties, Truck n Trailer or even Hey You) had been trying for 28 years to get our hands on it, we did get to the semi's once so perseverance is the key. But anyway, these comps are great and at the start to get 68 keen players – is a great result and shows the club is in a good place. The course is in great nick at present, rough, greens and fairways – especially for this time of the year. A big congratulations to Kaye-Maree Mihaljevich who during July played the perfect shot on the par 3 11th to score a Hole In One. The gardens going down to the 2nd are a credit, a big thanks to Judy and her crew of volunteers for the outstanding work being down around the gardens. That's enough from me, just please enjoy ya golf, the scenery, and above all – have a good time.



Dunlop Insurance

Dunlop Insurance 27 Hole Classic and 18 Hole Open – This event is planned for this Saturday 10th August. The 27 hole event doubles as a Taranaki Rep trial event, the field size looks really good, but we still have room for more so don't be shy and get your entry in to Robert if you are keen. The 18 Hole event is light on entires and in all honesty runs the risk of being cancelled if entires don't improve over the coming days. If your not playing this Saturday and can, you are encouraged to enter this event. This is one of our flagship tournaments and its success is vital to the success of the golf club. Again entires to Robert please.



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The Barn Working Bee – Information is still flowing in regarding the details, but Ross Dunlop has contacted us about providing some support for some improvements to the Barn on the 3rd tee for an upcoming event. Ill share those details once they come to hand, but in the meantime if you would like to be contacted about any upcoming working bees on the barn, please let Robert know.

July Golf Stats – In July 2024 Te Ngutu members posted 611 rounds which compared with July 2023 of 572, was a 6.8% increase in course usage. During July Ethan Arbuckle played the most golf with 11 rounds, closely followed by Damian Pinder and Theo Soothill with 10 rounds. Erin Wilson with 7 rounds lead the way for our ladies. During the month of July off the white tees for men the 5th hole played the hardest averaging 1.58 strokes over par. Off the yellow tees for the ladies the 14th was the hardest averaging 2.32 strokes over par. The 11th for men and 16th for the ladies played the easiest.

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

- Andrew Ginn – Full Playing Man
- Dickon Lentell – Full Playing Man
- Paul McLeod – Associate Man
- Jake Plumtree – Associate Man

2024 Information Booklet – The 2024 version of the Information Booklet has been published. This year it will not be printed for distribution. It can be accessed via the Te Ngutu Golf Club app through the “Club Info” tile or via our website by clicking [here](#). For privacy reasons we have elected not to upload a copy with members contact details, there is however available in the clubrooms a copy of the Information Booklet completes with contact details. Make sure you take the time to check out the refreshed Club Regulations and Competition Rules which have been updated in this version of the booklet.

Te Ngutu Junior Golf News – This year our Te Ngutu Junior golfers will be playing in a junior pennants series which will be played alongside the Senior Men’s Pennants competition. Check out our players to the right. What I am trying to do is to suit up our players in the same playing shirt as our Men’s senior team. If any business or individual would like to sponsor one of our pennant’s players for the season to the value of \$50 then please reach out to Robert to discuss further.

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Calen Parsons	Cohen Robins
Kian Larsen	Vivaan Chand
Theo Soothill	Joel Soothill
Hutch Cleaver	Blake Delehanty
Afeef Ridzuan	Coltan Parsons

Cart Use on Course – From time to time we have to make the difficult decision to not allow golf carts on course. This is not a decision we take lightly as we know it impacts our cart users significantly, and its only done when we feel there is a threat to course conditions or player safety. It has been brought to our attention that on numerous occasions over the last few weeks that cart users are driving on tee blocks and on fringes which is leaving marks and, in some cases, damaging the turf. We ask cart users to always stay off tees and fringes, we have some big events coming up on course and we are trying our best to present the course in great condition. Failure to do will require us to remove carts from course more often, which is not what we want to do.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

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