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## **AUGUST 2024 IN REVIEW**

**Presidents Pen** – Hello to all golfers, with winter now hopefully behind us and spring starting to waken – lets hope for better weather and course conditions to improve. The committee has felt sorry for Ben over the last few weeks with him having to put up “No Cart Signs” but believe us, it’s not done lightly and the ground at times is very wet underfoot. We had a team of eager golfers go up to New Plymouth and play in the Bunnings Two Dayer, played at Fitzroy and New Plymouth. Congratulations to the below golfers who had some outstanding results.

Richard Gyde – 4 <sup>th</sup> Gross	Brett Werder – 1 <sup>st</sup> Net	Michael Jones 2 <sup>nd</sup> Net	Scott Gyde – 1 <sup>st</sup> Stableford
Debbie McCallum – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gross	Peter Bayley – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Net (Day 2)	Warren Coxhead (Age Bracket Prize)	Shaun Thompson (Age Bracket Prize)

Well done to you golfers and it’s pleasing to see we give all other tournaments support, something as a club we’ve always done. Back to our club, Mark Cleaver is getting a small but potent workforce together to put in the tee signposts – call him if you want to help or see Rob to get Marks details. Following the posts going in, Zodiac Signs will put on the new graphics to the tee sign frames that James Parker has generously donated – many thanks James. These will match the new tee blocks that have been cut, painted and laid out – all in preparation for the Shand Cup which is quickly arriving. With spring coming, warmer weather and more growth – we will need help with preparations for the Shand Cup, if you have any spare time, come and see Rob and he’ll sort out something for you to do - many hands make light work. Enough from me – enjoy your golf and I’ll see you out on the course.

**Subscription Invoices For 2024/2025** – Many of you would have received these via email all ready, if not they wont be far away. A reminder that we have recently changed our playing year to be from the 1<sup>st</sup> October to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, so these invoices take you through to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. If your invoice arrives indicating a one off payment is required and you would like to change this to an installment option then please see Robert about this or any other questions you might have.

**A Note From Ben** – We have someone recently who has been taking chip shots off greens and they have been leaving divots. These have been found on the practice putting green and multiple greens out the back. Please do not do this as damage to the greens take’s a long time to heal and potentially affects everyone using the course. If you see someone doing this please talk to them or see Robert.

**The Barn Working Bee (a note from Ross Dunlop)** – Heritage month is happening in October/November this year. There are many events planned around Taranaki during the month. On the 2nd of November at 1pm Ross Dunlop is leading a group around some significant sites in South Taranaki including the Barn at the golf club. Built in 1877 by Gideon Inkster it is one of South Taranaki’s oldest buildings and is a very significant heritage building in our community. Members of the Golf Club are welcome to Join Ross to hear about the barn. This would also be an opportunity to acknowledge the golf club for preserving and looking after the building. After visiting the barn the tour will proceed to Waihi Cemetery and Redoubt and finish at Ross and Jan Dunlop’s woolshed for afternoon tea. Before the visit Ross is keen to tidy up the barn and cut some vegetation back. He would welcome help from club members.

**August Golf Stats** – In August 2024 Te Ngutu members posted 670 rounds which compared with August 2023 of 573, was a 16.9% increase in course usage. During August Graeme Bloor and Ethan Arbuckle played the most golf with 14 rounds, closely followed by Clem Fowler with 13 rounds. Kaye-Maree Mihaljevich with 10 rounds lead the way for our ladies. During the month of August off the white tees for men the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole played the hardest averaging 1.53 strokes over par. Off the yellow tees for the ladies the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole was also the hardest averaging 2.32 strokes over par. The 11<sup>th</sup> for and the ladies played the easiest.

**Te Ngutu Golf Club Thanks Pelorus Trust** – Te Ngutu Golf Club is very grateful for the ongoing support of the Pelorus Trust who have recently approved funding for the Golf Club to replace the outdoor hitting nets and mats. These nets a great asset to the club to allow members to practice and warm up. We would also like to acknowledge Cliff from CMS Upholstery who has provided the quotes and will install the new nets as soon as he can.

**Welcome To New Members** – During August we welcomed Guest Coughlan as a new associate member to the club.

**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 complete 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.

**Junior Golf Update** – A reminder that Grant Moorhead is coaching here on course Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, please let Robert know if you would like a spot. Both our Junior Pennants teams kicked off the season recently and played at New Plymouth, both teams lost, however this was great experience for the players, and it puts them in a good position for the next round which is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at Fitzroy. Check out the teams to the right ->



**Twilight Golf Is Just Around The Corner** – Summer is fast approaching and with that come’s daylight saving and the 2024/2025 twilight golf season. We have a 8-hole preseason event planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September with Tuesday night golf set to kick off from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. More details will follow for both events but feel free to chat with Jason Kerr or Matt Kelbrick if you have any questions or ideas for this upcoming season.

### Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

