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SEPTEMBER 2024 IN REVIEW

Presidents Pen – Hello Golfers, This newsletter arrives on the cusp of a very important event hosted by Te Ngutu – The Shand Cup for the gents and Cybil Green for the ladies. The course itself is in great condition and it's a big thanks to not only our greens staff but also to the many volunteers that have it picture perfect. We've had ladies doing gardens, men pruning tree's, the new tee signs and surrounds are almost completed and will be come Friday and we also have a team of keen men who are relentlessly hammering away at fairway and rough mowers. All we need now is fine weather to do the last bits and for it to carry over to the weekend for the players. Mentioning the players – it'll well be worth your while to come and have a look at both the ladies and the gents to see what NZ golf has waiting in the wings, I'm sure some will go onto brighter things in the game. A special mention to Debbie McCallum and Kaye-Maree Mihalejevich for their selections in the Taranaki ladies team. Now onto the course, as you are all aware we've had a lot of rain lately and the course has been closed at times. I'm just reminding you all who have carts that it is very slippery at the moment and quite easy to have a slip-up, hence the garden ornament we trialled for a few days on the third, thankfully no-one was hurt and it's now removed, but it's a big reminder to be extra careful around the hilly bits! That's all from me for now, it would be great to see you out and about over the weekend.

September Golf Stats – In September 2024 Te Ngutu members posted 641 rounds which compared with September 2023 of 643, was pretty much flat in course usage. During September Damian Pinder and Clem Fowler both played the most golf with 13 rounds, closely followed by Richard Hall and Graeme Bloor with 11 rounds. Kaye-Maree Mihalejevich with 5 rounds lead the way for our ladies. For the month of September off the white tees for men the 3rd hole played the hardest averaging 1.43 strokes over par. Off the yellow tees for the ladies the 14th hole was also the hardest averaging 2.59 strokes over par. The 11th for both the men and ladies played the easiest.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

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Shand Cup / Sybil Green - We are honoured to be hosting the Shand Cup / Sybil Green Tournament later this month. It is a quadrangular tournament involving men's teams of 8 and women's teams of 8 from Taranaki, Manawatu/Wanganui, Hawkes Bay and Wellington, so we will have 64 top golfers playing. Te Ngutu course will be closed to members from 10:30am Friday October 18th until midday Sunday 20th October. Friday teams will be having a practice round, Saturday and Sunday is the tournament. Te Ngutu members will have reciprocal rights to play at other Taranaki courses at no charge during the above times **BUT you must contact the club you want to play and book in.** For those who would like to see top golfers in action we will be requiring helpers on Saturday and Sunday as starters, spotters and people to pick up practice balls - many thanks to Peter Mihaljevich, Wayne Jones, Peter and Sharmain Signal, Nigel Preston and Kian Larsen who have already offered to help. If you can spare a few hours please contact Robert or Julie Cleaver (0274458705), your help would be much appreciated. The Taranaki Ladies team would like caddies, they play 36 holes on Saturday and 18 on Sunday - if you can help, please contact Debbie McCallum. The club are catering for Saturday night dinner (100+ people), if you can help with either a salad platter or a sweet platter, please contact Lynne Newell (0211425030).

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. **The working bee is planned for Wednesday 23rd October starting at 10:00am.**

Welcome To New Members – During September it was a warm welcome back to Neil Yeoman, it's great to have you back Neil!

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.