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## **MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**Presidents Pen** - Howdy Howdy Golfers, Two blinks of an eye and we're into May already – where does all the time all go. The weather certainly has changed, gone are the dry fairways and drought, and now we're trying to keep the grass down everywhere and keep it all tidy for you, our members. I have a little bit of news for you, not something I wanted to write about but totally understanding – Mark Cleaver, has decided to resign from the executive effective immediately, totally understanding with your circumstance Mark, Mark would like to spend more time with family – especially the kids and their sport (they grow so quick as we all know). Rest assured Mark, that when and if the time ever arrives that you want to continue with the executive – the door will always be open, we all wish you well. Another twilight season has finished, and again it's very rewarding for the club, not only financially but we also get some potential members to join. I'd like to congratulate anyone who won a prize, raffle or even a bag of chips – well done. And also a special thank you to our sponsors, you are very much appreciated and the club thanks you all very much for your contribution, and lastly the guys who run it, a job well done and give yourselves a pat on the back – Especially Poppa JK – not one but two grandchildren in the space of a couple weeks, life is about to change JK. We are now moving quickly into the colder time of the year, mud on balls, wet areas, slippery paths and just general cold conditions. Please just be patient, it'll be frustrating with the above, but we can all still get some good scores in these conditions – they're just eluding me at the moment, come to think of it – all year round they eluded me. But until next time, heads down, scores up, and please enjoy your time on the course and in the clubhouse.

**Adopt A Tree** – It is our intention to plant out the waste land area to the right of the 17<sup>th</sup> with a selection of native and fruit trees in which we have been able to source them from Landscape Essentials at a great price. We are working through various funding organisations to support the planting of this, anyone wishing to donate \$20 can do so via the shop or bar, every \$20 donated will buy one plant for this location. Any questions on this initiative please see Lynne Newell.

**Te Ngutu Golf Clubs Thanks The Bobby Foundation** – Te Ngutu Golf Club is extremely thankful for the support of the Bobby Foundation for the recently approved grant to allow the golf club to upgrade its on course golf cups.



**Te Ngutu Golf Club 5 Year Business Plan** - Planning for the future is key to the success of any organisation, and golf clubs are no exception. A well-crafted five-year plan helps set clear goals, ensures financial stability, and guides the development of facilities and services. It fosters strategic growth, enhances member satisfaction, and keeps the club competitive in an evolving landscape. Investing time in a forward-thinking strategy today lays the groundwork for a thriving, sustainable club tomorrow. And that is why we want your help in the building of the clubs 5-year plan by providing us feedback on where you see the opportunities and priorities for the golf club are. Click [HERE](#) to access the survey document. Any questions on the business plan should be directed to Robert Larsen.

**Tournament Sub-Committee** – In an effort to bring the focus to planning and organising of tournaments within the club Matthew Kelbrick is bringing online a tournament sub-committee. Matt would love to hear from any member who wishes to be involved. Please speak to Matt if you're interested or have any questions.

**Welcome To New Members** – During April we welcomed the below new members to Te Ngutu Golf Club.

- Willem Buijtendijk – Junior
- Stevie-Mei Herewini – Junior
- Archie Schumacher – Junior
- Cohen Symes – Junior
- Riley Symes – Junior
- Michael September – Full Playing Man

**Te Ngutu Golf Club Executive Committee** – With the departure of Mark from the executive there is currently space for more members. If this is something you have been thinking of then now is the perfect time to give it a go and help the current executive finish out the year strong. If you want to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to chat with Clive or Lynne Newell.

**April Golf Stats** – In April 2025 Te Ngutu members posted 661 rounds which compared with April 2024 of 748, was a 11.63% decrease in golf played. During April Steve Kara and Ethan Arbuckle played the most golf with eleven rounds followed by Kian Larsen who played nine. Kaye-Maree Mihaljevich with seven rounds lead the way for our ladies. Off the white tees for the month of April the 5<sup>th</sup> hole was playing the toughest averaging 1.41 shots over par. The easiest for April was the 11<sup>th</sup>, which played 0.54 over par. The 5<sup>th</sup> hole playing 2.21 shots over par was the hardest hole off the yellow for the ladies with the 11<sup>th</sup> at 0.89 over par playing the easiest.