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JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Presidents Pen - Well, a warm hello to all our golf members – Not really is it. It seems to be a common scribe each month talking about the weather and this month certainly isn't any different. Torrential down pours flooding the course and restricting play and now we're getting beaten back by cold frosts, no-one could say the weather in this area is settled by any means. I was fortunate to play in an absorbing game last weekend, nothing on it, just pride – And the course is in good nick, the excess water in the last weeks has made it quite slippery in quite a few places. And with a person of my physical stature and build it is quite difficult to play. I'd like to warn you all, play, but be extremely careful on the slopes, it's very, very slippery, just be wary. Some who aren't quite as agile might have trouble. The flyer has gone out for our next big tournament – The Dunlop 18/27 hole tournament. With the weather delays we've had recently I'd like to see a big field to get out and not only support the club, by putting some hard lost funds back in but to also get a four together and get out and enjoy our course and other people's company. Be good to see a lot out and about. Also, many thanks to JK on organising the darts tournament the other weekend. What a great occasion it is for the darts players, it's all in fancy dress and they have a ball, Harps and I called out late in the day and the place was humming, it's great to see the clubrooms used like that, and just remember if you have an occasion coming up – give Rob a call. Good luck to the working bee tomorrow at the golf club, if you have a few spare hours, pop down - Westy would love to have you. Until next time, good golfing and remember. . . . stay upright!

Powerco Tree Trim Notice – During May the golf club was issued with a tree trim notice for some trees close to power lines running down Katene Road. Powerco have offered to take these trees down for us at no charge which eliminates the continual need to trim and maintain them. This has been booked in with them, no confirmed date as of yet for the works to be completed.

Junior Golf Update – We have Grant Moorhead back for Junior coaching, this has been pushed back a week to Sunday 27th July, please let Robert know if your keen for a spot. Junior Pennants is back again with the first round planned for Sunday 24th August. At this stage we Calen Parsons, Coltan Parsons, Toby Johnston and Kian Larsen. If anyone else is interested in playing please let Robert know ASAP.

“Catch Up” Subs Reminder – A big thank you to the 96% of members who have actioned and cleared their catch-up sub from December / January. These accounts are now over 200 days overdue, at the May Executive meeting it was confirmed that any of these that fall overdue at the 1st October will see that member be classified as un-financial. If in doubt if you have paid this, please see Robert.

Dunlop Insurance 27 Hole Classic and 18 Hole Open – This event is on the calendar for Saturday 9th August and is one of our biggest planned events of the year. Mark on it your calendars now and see Robert to book your tee time. Anyone interested in helping plan and organise this event please see Robert.

Free Garden Mulch Available – Firstly a big thank you to the crew of volunteers who helped out with the course recovery after the recent high winds, your support is truly appreciated. As you enter the car park we have a few piles of garden mulch available for pick up, please help yourself.

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

- Caleb Andreoli – Associate
- Malachi Butterworth – Junior
- Quinn Scott – Junior Man
- Mace Soothill – Junior
- Tobias Tito – Junior
- Emmett Vincent – Junior

Adopt A Tree – It is our intention to plant out the waste land area to the right of the 17th 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. **Over \$1000 from members has already come in and for this we are truly very grateful, we have a meeting with the South Taranaki District Council on the 21st July to gather funding to complete this project. We would like to get the planting underway ASAP but need to be careful as the council will not fund anything retrospectively.**

Ropiha Memorial Trophy Returns – This event is a mixed Canadian Foursomes event planned for **Saturday 6th September**. Please enter as a team or individually and we will make up teams. Canadian Foursomes is a golf format that introduces a strategic twist to the classic Foursomes play by involving both players in the tee shots and then alternating shots thereafter. Understanding the structure of teams, the process of tee shots, and the order of ball striking is essential for players who wish to partake in this variation of golf.

June Golf Stats – In June 2025 Te Ngutu members posted 508 rounds which compared with June 2024 of 815, was a 37.6% decrease in golf played. During June Clem Fowler played the most golf with 11 rounds followed by Graeme McGregor, Richard Hall and Hayden Connor with 10. Kaye-Maree Mihaljevich was our most active lady's golfer with 9 rounds played followed by Sandy Shaw with 5. Off the white tees for the month of June the 3rd hole was playing the toughest averaging 1.53 shots over par. The easiest for June was the 11th, which played 0.72 over par. The 14th hole playing 1.91 shots over par was the hardest hole off the yellow for the ladies with the 2nd at 1.07 over par playing the easiest.

