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AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Presidents Pen - Hello golfers on this beautiful Spring morning, frost down, course closed and not a cloud in the sky – the weather sure has had an impact on this year's golf. It was a shame that last weekend's Dunlop Tournament was postponed because of the weather but try as we might to get things right – the weather will always have the final say. Just remember the new date – Saturday August 23rd, so if you hadn't intended to play, now the date might be more suitable. As I'm writing I see that Westy has a working Bee to get more work done on the garden at the 18th Tee Blocks, many thanks to all involved. As we all know, many hands make light work. I'd like to thank all that came to the Special General Meeting the other week, some good discussion was held, and a convincing decision was reached. It's onwards and upwards with that now. We will be having another SGM very shortly, and this will be to discuss the future of the Cell Phone Tower. As President I've heard a lot of discussion on both the pros and cons of retaining ownership of this. This is a discussion which involves the whole club and not just the choice of a few. So, a note will go out shortly and we'll all come and have a say, the decision is not the committees but the whole club, so make sure you have your say. Good robust discussion I'm sure will be on the table, and it will be kept to just that. Men's senior pennants have started, and we wish our team all the best in their endeavours, you'll be up against some talented golfers, but then you all are talented in your own right and deserve to be in the team. Go well. That's enough from me for the time being, I wish you well in all the competitions that you play in, whether it be Tuesdays Ladies, 59'ers, Saturday Club Days, pennants and of course the all-important upcoming Men's Top Dog Competition Play well, be safe and I'll see you on the course.

Keep The Flagstick Off The Green - Dropping the flagstick onto the putting surface might seem harmless, but it can leave dents or scratches that affect play for everyone. Golf greens are finely tuned surfaces, maintained to millimeter precision, and even small damage can disrupt a putt's path. Instead, gently place the flagstick on the collar or in a safe spot off the green. It's a small habit that keeps our greens smooth, true, and enjoyable for all.

Dunlop Insurance 27 Hole Classic and 18 Hole Open – This event is on the calendar for Saturday 23rd 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.

Junior Golf Update – We have Grant Moorhead back for Junior coaching on Sunday 24th August 2025, please let Robert know if your keen for a spot. Junior Pennants starts with the first round also planned for Sunday 24th August. We have been able to organise 2 teams this year to contest the 8-team competition. I’m also very pleased to announce Subway Hawera that has come on board as the sponsor of our Junior Pennants Team.



Te Ngutu Golf Club Changes Subscription Year – Thanks to the 27 attendees and 13 proxy voters at the Special General Meeting on 31st July. After discussion, members voted 36 for and 3 against changing the subscription year to 1st January–31st December. See the table below for details, contact Robert with any questions.

| Subscription Period | Subscription Amount | Invoice Date |
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| 1 October 25 – 31 December 25 | 25% Of Current Subscription | During September 25 |
| 1 January 26 – 31 December 26 | Full Amount As Per 2025 AGM | During December 25 after the AGM |

STDC and Te Hawera Community Board Support – The Te Hawera Community Board has confirmed a \$1,000 contribution to Te Ngutu Golf Club for the purpose of expanding green spaces in the wasteland near the 17th hole. This funding is intended to assist with the development initiative.

Replace Your Divots – Protect The Course For Everyone - When you take a divot, you remove a piece of turf that’s vital to the course’s playability and health. Leaving it unrepaired creates bare patches that can damage clubs, affect ball lies, and allow weeds to take hold. Replacing your divot helps the turf heal faster, keeps fairways looking great, and ensures the same quality playing surface for the next golfer. A quick fix today means a better course tomorrow.

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

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| Brendan Amos - AMAN | Ben Annabell - AMAN | Adrian Broughton – FPM | Tyson Brown – FPM |
| Wiremu Brown – FPM | Nixon Holdem – JPLUS | Cayden Hughes – JPLUS | Mike Korau – FPM |
| Matthew McLeish – FPM | Jason Ngaheu – FPM | Robbie Rio – FPM | Sterling Robinson – JMAN |
| Jesse Sigurdsson – AMAN | Logan Spence – JBOY | Valan Whana - FPM | |

June Golf Stats – In July 2025, Te Ngutu members logged 436 rounds, down 28% from July 2024. Ethan Arbuckle led with 11 rounds, Richard Hall had 10, Kaye-Maree Mihaljevich was the top lady golfer with 7 rounds, and Erin Wilson followed with 6. The 3rd hole was toughest off the white tees (averaging 1.56 shots over par), while the 11th was easiest (0.67 over par). For ladies off the yellow tees, the hardest was the 14th (2.44 over par) and the easiest was the 2nd (1.09 over par).

Grant Moorhead Adult Coaching Sessions – If you're interested in on-course coaching sessions with Grant, please let Robert know. He will update you if sessions are scheduled.