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## **JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

**President's Pen** - The committee would like to welcome you all back to another year of not only Golf but participation, friendship, and a focus on welcoming current and new members to our club. We also look forward to the challenges that arise throughout the year and hope to achieve a positive outcome for the future of Te Ngutu golf club. Thank you to the many volunteers that have again put their hand up to assist with many hours of extra work that is carried out either on course or behind the scenes. Coming up we have some exciting opportunities for you to excel on your golf game during this month of January and into February. I look forward to seeing many of you out at the course

**Save The Date – The Julie Cleaver Short Course Memorial Classic** - A new event honouring the memory of Julie Cleaver is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th, 2026. This competition will feature a mass start from the Purple Tee's, with separate divisions for Men, Ladies, and Juniors. The trophy will be awarded to the participant achieving the highest stableford score across all divisions. The Cleaver Family have also generously donated cash for purchase of prizes for the top 3 in each division. We look forward to seeing a great turnout for this event.

**AGM Feedback on 2025 Golf Cart Storage Rental** – At the 2025 AGM, questions arose regarding the \$400 reported income from golf cart storage rental. The totals were \$18,344 for 2024 and \$5,617 for 2023. It was found that \$5,261 in invoices from September 2024 were not accrued into 2025, while subscriptions were. Therefore, the correct total for 2025 should be \$5,661.

**November Golf Stats** – In December 2025, Te Ngutu members logged 719 rounds, this is an increase of 25.2% on December 2024. Simon Drake led the way for the men with 16 cards followed by Clem Fowler, Kian Larsen and Cohen Robins with 14. Natahsa Gillbanks with 6 rounds lead the ladies for cards entered. The 3rd hole was toughest off the white tees (averaging 1.29 shots over par), while the 11th was easiest (0.63 over par). For ladies off the yellow tees, the hardest was the 14th (1.98 over par) and the easiest was the 2nd (0.73 over par). The most improved man for December was Mason Wishnowsky and the ladies most improved was Sharon Honeyfield.

**Incorporated Societies Update** – The committee is reviewing the final draft of the updated Te Ngutu Golf Club constitution and plans to hold a Special General Meeting in late February for approval. The document will be shared soon for feedback, with the final version distributed 7 days before the meeting.

### **Opening Day – Preston Trophy Winners Found**

– Congratulations to Lynne Newell and Clem Fowler who claimed the Preston Trophy with a combined net score of 135, 1 shot clear of the team of Carol Kersten and Kaye-Maree Mihaljevich. It was great to have a good-sized field on the day so thanks to all who played.



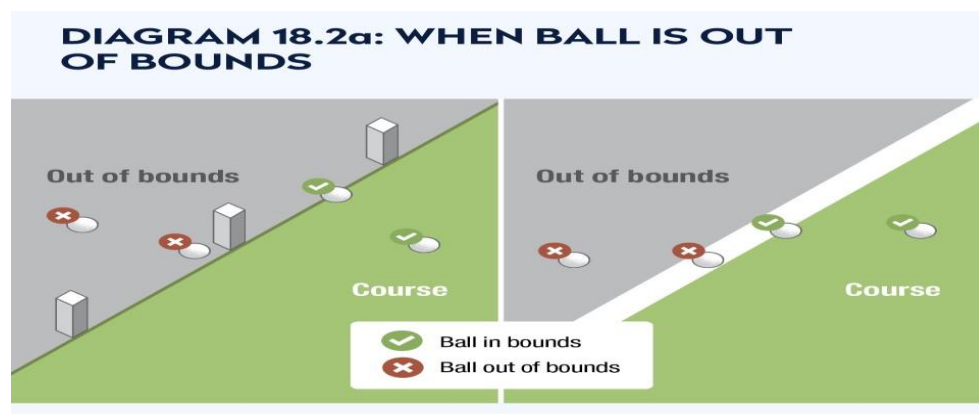
**Welcome To New Members** – During December we welcomed the below new members to Te Ngutu Golf Club.

Lucas Arnold – JP	Daniel Chubb – FPM	Nicole Clements – FPW	Karen Hill – NHW
Irwin Hooper - FPM	Brian King – FPM	Tinus Koen – FPM	James Parker – FPM
Chris Talivaa – SUM			

**Te Ngutu Golf Club 3-5 Strategy Document** – The Te Ngutu Golf Club strategy document has now been finalised and is pending committee approval, which is scheduled for this month. Upon approval, priority areas will be confirmed, after which the document will be made available through the app and within the clubrooms. The key focus areas were identified using feedback from the 2025-member survey.

**Attention: Men Interested in Playing Handicap Pennants** – We have registered 4 teams for the Taranaki Men’s Handicap Pennants competition, but only a few players have confirmed they can play. With our current numbers, we may need to reduce the number of teams. If you would like to participate, please contact Matthew Kelbrick as soon as possible.

### **Golf Rules Explained; 18.2a When Ball Is Out Of Bounds**



A ball is out of bounds only when all of it is outside the boundary edge of the course. The diagram to the left provides examples of when a ball is in bounds and out of bounds.