

# TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

## April 2024 Newsletter



### President's Report

Daylight savings has finally ended and now we get to the serious golf.

Twilight was once again a successful tournament, with only one night of rain, the finals night, which didn't dampen the enthusiasm or enjoyment had by all. We had an average of 70 players each night, with 40 – 50 enjoying the meals afterward. Well done and a big thankyou to all who enable the club to continue with this tournament. It is a major undertaking to make this a success for the 20 weeks over summer.

Our flagship Easter Tournament was played in ideal conditions apart from the very cold start to the Saturday morning round. The numbers were down on the last few years, but still a successful Tournament for the Club. Kam Clarke won the Overall Gross with our local Ladies Anne Hildyard and Nic Cullen taking out the Overall Nett & Stableford respectively, well done ladies.

A special thankyou to Jan Rae, who worked tirelessly preparing and serving the meals for Saturday and food on the Sunday. Jan & Willie also donated the lamb and sausages for your enjoyment and the amazing calorie free Gateaux as a fund raiser for the Club.

This tournament is our major fundraiser for the year and all those who play, organize or assist the organizing committee in any way help make this a success. So from the Club a massive thankyou to the Organizing Committee and all those involved.

The Management Committee is hopeful we will have the Clubhouse Staffed again within the next month. Please

make the new Staff welcome and please be patient, it will take time for them to get up to speed with all our eccentricities that help make Totaradale a great club.

Our thoughts go out to all that are unwell or broken and wish you all a speedy recovery and hopefully will see you back in the 19<sup>th</sup> hole soon.

Take care, Jean



### Course Convenor's Report

Thank you to those that helped in the tidy up of the course for the Easter tournament, particularly John Barnett who gave up most of his Friday to help me.

Although I did not play in the tournament I have heard many positive comments on the excellent condition of the greens and on the tidiness of course in general. Many thanks must go to Ian our greenkeeper and Allan James who took up duty again while Ian was on holiday.

On recommendation from Ian, your Committee has approved the application of gypsum to the course. There will be liquid gypsum put on greens and granular on the remainder of the course. There will be Autumn, Winter and Spring applications for the next 3 years. This will be worked in the overall fertiliser and preventative spray programme.

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Why gypsum? briefly outlined, is a natural mineral and is actually a soluble salt. It helps to break down clay soils, improve moisture retention and helps to displace sodium. It also assists grass to uptake locked in soil minerals. The application of gypsum is initially relatively expensive but cost reduces over several seasons. The results can be spectacular after 2-3 years and your committee believes this will be of great benefit to the course overall.

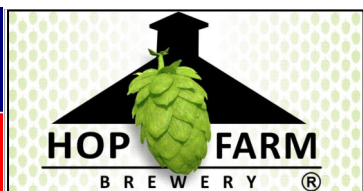
The pruning of trees continues, this is necessary both for aesthetic and health and safety reasons. Cleaning up tree debris is a continuous work in progress. In the next month or two work will begin in renewing and raising the level of No7 men's tee. Likewise No3 men's tee will be repaired and resown.

Work on repairing fairways where root raking was done will take place in the Autumn/Winter and work on tidying up and getting rid of junk around greenkeepers sheds will take place soon. Watch out for the working bee notice!!

The firewood needs moving out of the shed it is in to make way for equipment.

From the above you see there are lots of tasks to be done, these are essential to make your club and course a place of pride. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Get hold of me if you can help, thank you.

Bill Filmer



## Rules Corner

Oh no I'm in the bunker ! [Playing #9]

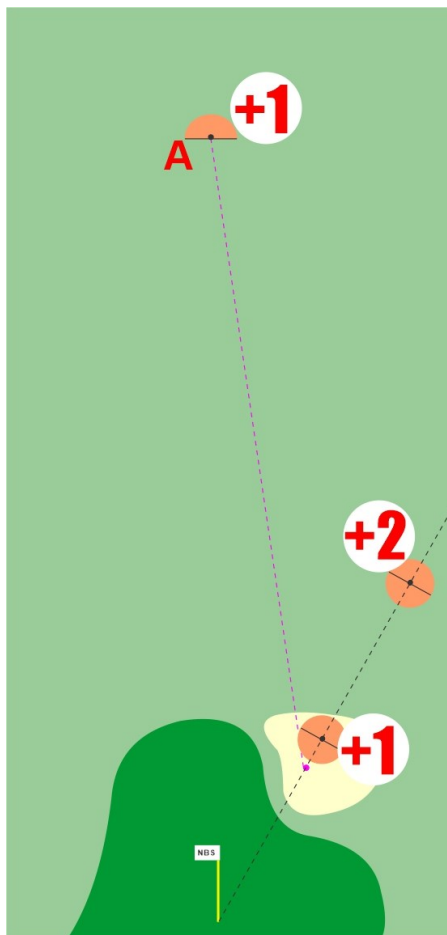
Let's be honest it's not the easiest of bunkers to get out of and we've all heard the sort of scores players have had. So let's just consider what exactly are the options.

For a ONE stroke penalty you can take Stroke & Distance relief - which means playing another ball from where you just played your last stroke [e.g point A] You do not need to walk down and inspect the ball's position but just be sure it is in.

For a ONE stroke penalty you can take back-on-line relief in the bunker [this may not give you much relief]

For a TWO stroke penalty you can take back-on-line relief outside the bunker. This means dropping a ball on a line keeping the spot of the ball between the hole and the spot where the ball is to be dropped.

A further option for a ONE stroke penalty is to take lateral relief and drop a ball within two club lengths of where the ball lies in the bunker. [not shown on diagram and again unlikely to give you much relief]

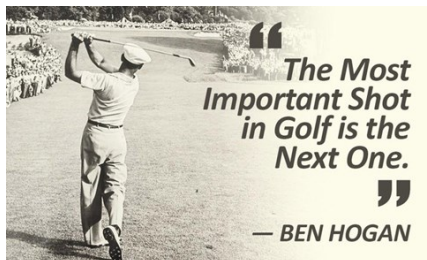


## Men's Captain Report

The men's program is well on track. We are down to the semi finals of the Woodham and Burnett match play, good luck to those still in the race. The Sloan team is doing very good in the competition, the third round saw them beat Nelson 6 nil which puts them at the top. Good luck going forward.

The Costello match play is coming up, and we are about to start the winter comps good golfing.

Ross



## Midweek Captain's Report

Hi all, We started the Friend and Langford Trophies and are progressing well with the finals on the 23rd April. We had the 2nd round of the Monthly Medal with Bill Beaumont coming 1st and Colin Fitzwater 2nd.

Mixed Vets was played on the 14th with a reasonable turn out. Old Hickory was played at Motueka, nice to play on green fairways for a change. Mot took out top spot with Tasman getting the pop gun, we were in the middle of the pack.

3rd round of Sloan was played on the 24th in very dry conditions at Tasman where we whitewashed Nelson putting us in the lead by 1 point ahead of Golden Downs and Mot 1 point further back.

Next game is at Takaka.

Just a thought .....An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.

Have a good one  
JB

## 9 Hole Ladies Captain Report

March has been a busy month with our tournament attracting 30 players. The A grade was won by Meredith Rayner from Motueka and Lyn Collings took out the B grade. Five of our players won prizes and a good day was had by all.

Four players went to the Nelson tournament, with three taking away prizes. Another round of Inter club was held at Greenacres with not such good results.

Congratulations to Rae Hanford and Anne Hildyard who took away prizes at the Easter tournament..

We would like to thank our Ian our green keeper for the wonderful job he is doing with the greens.

Helene Billington



**TOTARADALE LADIES FOURSOMES**  
**Thursday 9th May 2024**

Shotgun Start 10.30am Tee-off  
 Entry Fee: \$10 per Player  
 18 Holes - Half combined handicaps

Entries to:- Willie Simpson 027 542 3662  
 or Email: wilhelminasim@outlook.co.nz

Closing date: Tuesday 7th May

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**UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sat 13th Apr - Woodham & Burnett 36h  
 Nancy MacCormick 36h  
 [Both 8.30am tee-off]

Sun 14th Apr - Sloan 4 Takaka

Thurs 18th Apr - Pennants [Motueka]

Sun 21st Apr - Westrupp 3 [Nelson]

Thurs 25th Apr - Anzac Day

**18 Hole Ladies Captain's Report**

The Westrupp Team continued to build on its earlier success taking 8 points against opponents Greenacres. Fran and Yvonne beat their opponents in the morning and Fran had a win in the afternoon as well as Nichola and Robyn. Well done girls, this is looking like our best Westrupp season, only Motueka left to play.

Robyn continued her good form at the Greenacres Grandmothers Tournament with a runner-up placing.

Congratulations to our National Team winners Willie, Nichola, Pip and Adrienne. They will compete at Motueka on the 5th May, Good luck.

The Nancy MacCormick 36-hole four-some will be played on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Find a partner and turn up for an 8.30 start.

The Regional District Open Day is 14<sup>th</sup> April at Greenacres. This is our chance to support the rep girls. Teams of 4 play best 3 of 4 Stableford Competition.

The 18<sup>th</sup> of April kicks off the Pennant Season at Motueka where we will play Nelson.

I am hoping to be back at golf during April if I can persuade my back to behave.

Pat

**2024 Easter Open Tournament Sponsors**

A huge thanks to all the sponsors, NBS, Super Liquor Richmond, Wakefield Auto Services, Hop Farm Brewery, Mitre 10, Pestells & 5Star Promotions.



**Easter Open Winners**

*Anne Hildyard  
 Overall  
 Nett Winner*



*Kameran Clarke  
 Overall  
 Gross Winner*



*Nichola Cullen  
 Overall  
 Stableford  
 Winner*



**Our Club's Mission Statement**

The Mission of Totaradale Golf Club is to provide our members, guests and visitors with a quality golfing experience within a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

This we will do with a team of well trained and highly motivated staff and volunteers, working together to make our Club an enjoyable and affordable place to play golf and socialise.

The Golf Course is always our main priority. We are aware that Golf can be a dangerous game and thus have taken steps to make players aware of

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