



TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER Jan 2023

President

Welcome to 2023, I hope you've all had a happy festive season and those of you who were lucky enough to have holidays enjoyed them. The sunny weather has brought many visitors to enjoy Totaradale golf club over January.

A big thank you to the volunteers who have helped to keep the wheels in motion in the office over the holidays. We had willing helpers to run the clubhouse while Sue & Jo took a well earned break over some of the busy period which was much appreciated.

I have received great feedback from both members & visitors on the condition of the course thanks to Alan and his band of volunteers. You will have noticed particularly the improved condition of the greens which Alan has spent lots of time & effort to getting them looking so good. A big shout out to Rob Tiare for giving up his golf last Saturday to continue the improved tee box at No. 12.

As we are well aware the increased cost of living we are all having to pay more for, includes the golf club which is impacting our running costs. The committee is mindful that most of us are on fixed incomes and therefore has a challenging job to balance the income with the rising costs this year. The annual subs were fixed in November while the rising prices are ongoing and unknown going forward. It comes at a cost to make course improvements and maintain the level of hospitality that we have grown accustomed to, so price increases are inevitable. These are predominantly based on 'user pays' ie food, drinks & cart hire.

Our committee is working hard on behalf of all members, please read the detailed minutes Paul has provided filed in the folder in the clubhouse.

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending" (courtesy of Pestell's calendar) appropriate for golfers do you think?

Gordy



Course Convenor

What a nice bit of rain over the weekend with getting more on Wednesday should set us up for February.

Upgraded 12 tee is ready for the turf to be laid this week. With the new irrigation system installed last week should be ready to come into play in about three weeks. Once again thanks to all the volunteers for helping out. I think our course is looking great.

Cheers Allan

Club Captain

Another hot month for golf has been had.

Good to see a lot of Green Fee players using the facilities of the course.

Have been some big days over the holidays.

Not a lot to report golf wise as there has been bugger all organised golf, still good turnouts.

Program book ready for printers, just waiting for a couple of replies from sponsors.

Thanks to section Captains for their time and effort.

Also, to Jo who has updated info and contacted sponsors.

Course is in very good condition. Thanks to AJ and all others for the effort put in.

Might be a bit early but will be looking for Easter Committee shortly.

Any interested party put your hand up please.

First men's winter comp due to kick off next month. McEwan Mug

Timbertown was a successful day with many happy participants.

Congratulations to Alan James, Adrienne Wislang, Bill Vercoe, Rob Griffith.

Steve Cox

TIMBERTOWN WINNERS

BILL VERCOE, ADRIENNE WISLANG, ROB GRIFFITHS, ALAN JAMES.

CONGRAU TLATIONS



Secretary

Committee chatter

Not signing your card does not (necessarily) DQ you now

Rule 3.3b (2) imposes a penalty of disqualification when the hole scores on the scorecard haven't been certified by the player, the marker, or both.

Which in everyday parlance means that you and/or your marker forgot to sign your card; or you and your marker didn't verify each others' scores.

However, the USGA and R&A introduced, from 1 January 2023, a Model Local Rule L-1 that allows clubs and match committees to replace this blanket disqualification with a 2 stroke penalty applied to the *last hole played* [which in the case of multi-tee starts may not be hole 18 (or 9 for nine-holers)].

Note that the penalty is 2 strokes added and so in gross/nett rounds the outcome is clear – your gross/nett score increases by 2. However, in Stableford this does not necessarily equate with an automatic loss of 2 points. For example, if you don't score on your last hole you don't lose any further points because adding 2 strokes to that hole makes no difference to the Stableford score on that hole. And, if you score 1 point on your last hole you only lose that point. Obviously, if you score 2 or more points on your last hole played you lose 2 points – but no more.

The governing bodies will evaluate the impact of this local rule over the next 4 years and it may become a Rule of Golf in the next update due 2027.

Also note that, the Rules of Golf still specify that you must have the correct score for each hole written on your scorecard. Sign for a score higher than what you shot, and the higher score becomes your new official score. Sign for a score lower than you shot, and you remain disqualified.

So, remember to sign your cards and take special care when you enter your scores, and check them before you press SAVE!

New members continue to come through the door. Please welcome:

Rodney Hale as a full 18-hole member (formerly at Hanmer Springs);

Ari Cumming as a first year 18-hole member;

Luke McKay, George McKay, Stu Armstrong, Gordon Haslam and Mark Hyland as 9-hole summer members.

Congratulations to Totaradale's Chris Rae who won the Men's Overall Nett at the 2023 NBS Motueka Open with a nett score of 67 on Sunday 9 January. Because of unplayable conditions on Saturday, the usual 36 hole Sat/Sun tournament was reduced to 18 holes.

Paul Hurst

MID-WEEK MEN'S

Hi

This a short report as I am still on holiday so short on news. The Mixed Vets was held on the 12th and the mens winner was Peter Logan on 40 points and the ladies was taken out by Jan Wilcocks on 42 points, there was a field of 51 which was pretty good. Attendances have been mixed due to holidays etc.

See you soon_

Ron

9 Hole Ladies

9-Hole Ladies

It has been a quiet start to the year. Our numbers are getting down, so if anyone knows of any lady thinking of playing golf, please encourage them to come along and join our 9-hole group. They will be made most welcome.

Helene Billington.



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18 Hole Ladies Report



Saint Frances of Totaradale!!

Fran's team of Andrew Wavish,(Wanaka), Barb Winstone (Greenacres) and Sue Rawson came fifth at the Legends Tournament in Cromwell recently. There were 60 teams competing and the fifth prize was new golf bags!! Well done you guys – we are very proud of you.

Live Dot Golf Seminar

On Wednesday 18 January, Jean Nicol conducted a seminar on the Live Dot Golf system. This prints the cards and has the programme of the day on the computer. In attendance was Pip, Robyn, Joanne, Pat and myself.

Thank you so much, Jean - you are an excellent teacher and have missed your vocation!

Minutes of Committee Meeting

At the last committee meeting it was decided that the minutes be emailed out to all the ladies. Willie has subsequently actioned this and we hope this keeps everybody informed and aid communication.

Dates to Remember

Golden Downs 4BBB Thursday 9 February

"Fifty Shades of Orange" Picnic Day Thursday 23 February.

Stuart Trophy (4 Ball Handicap Match Play) First round to be played Saturday 4 February.

Moi

Health and Safety

Totaradale Golf Club Health and Safety:

Hi Golfers,

A timely reminder about safety on the golf course.

We all know that golf balls do go astray (through no fault of our own) !!!

An out of the blue "GREAT SHOT" that takes everyone by surprise especially the golfers up ahead.

"Wanderers" who may not know the course or searching for those shots that go astray!!!

If this is you please be vocal with your "FORE" to alert other golfers.

Green fee players may not be aware of all the rules. Please be mindful and respectful if you are discussing golf course safety issues with them.

Remember any incidents that do occur no matter how minor they may seem at the time need to be reported to the clubhouse staff member on the day, (or as soon as possible if no one is at the clubhouse to report to) The incident needs to be recorded in the health and safety folder.

Most of all Good golfing, stay safe out there so you are able to get back to our wonderful golf course

Kay Ford

Health and Safety Officer,

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TASMAN MEN

Tasman Golf would like to inform you the following. If you are wanting to trial for Tasman Men's Teams you might need to consider making yourself available for the Quadrangular in Hokitika on the 18-19 February, as it will be a Tasman Trial for 2023.

We are finalizing our policies and procedures for the 2023 trialing season. These will be on our website in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you and wish all the best for 2023.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nathan Smith Nathan.smith@golfnz.org

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2. No more than two people plus their golfing equipment are to ride on the cart at one time
3. The cart is not to be driven by any person who exceeds the legal blood alcohol driving limit.
4. The cart must be driven on pathways where provided.
5. Sudden braking or acceleration is prohibited at all times
6. Tight turns on fairways are forbidden.
7. Carts must not be driven near green surrounds, tee or within 10 meters of the green fronts.
8. Do not drive between bunkers and greens.
9. Cart drivers are requested to observe the etiquette of the game in respect of interference to other players.
10. No smoking whilst in the cart.
11. The Cart is not to be driven in a careless or reckless manner.
12. Damage to the cart, course, and/or club facilities caused by negligent use of the kart is the hirer's responsibility.

Please Enjoy your round :)



Wanted to Buy

2 wheel (preferred) golf trundler, for personal use.
Contact Jim PakiPaki 0272900988

Message from Sue

Urgently needed a stand up freezer in good condition. We are needing another for the club house. Thanks so much.

Catering price increase , as of 1st January 2023.

So you are ALL for warned . There will be a small increase in the catering prices. As you are aware everything has gone up so we are having to accommodate the same to cover the extra expenditure. Thanks so much for understanding.

Lemons and Limes needed

If any one has spare lemons or limes they would be very much appreciated . Thanks much.

For Your information.

Other News from around the region.

Please keep an eye on the boards for other clubs happenings. There is a lot going on in our golfing region and perhaps you as an individual or a group you would like to step out side the comfort zone to join them in their Competitions, tournaments etc.. Engaging with other clubs is always a great way to network and put Totaradale in the lime light.

2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



Simplified Back-on- the-Line Relief

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.

For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) or [randa.org](https://www.randa.org).





UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

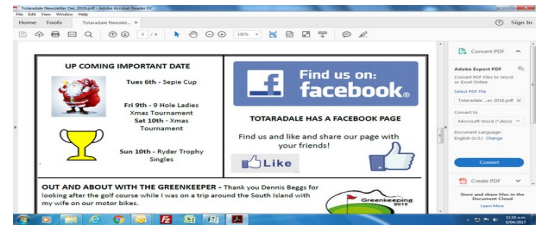
COMING UP IN February 2023
Saturday 4th—McEwan Mug
Monday 6th—Waitangi Day Holiday
Tuesday 7th—Opening Day-Mixed Canadian Foursome
Saturday 11th—Opening Day—Mixed American Foursome
Friday 17th - 9 Hole-Opening Day-Multiplying
Saturday 18th— McEwan Mug 2
Tuesday 21st - Crompton Vase
Thursday 23rd—Picnic Day, **Fri 23rd**—Ruth Richards 1
Saturday 25th—Woodham Cup 1 , Stuart Trophy 3 Flight 2 Others STB
Tuesday 28th—Marshall Trophy 1_

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Please see Jo to update your information in our systems.
 Could members please remember to report ALL accidents on the course or clubhouse.

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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 socialize.

The Golf Course is always our main priority. We are aware that Golf can be a dangerous game and have taken steps to make players aware of specific danger zones which are well sign posted or



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