

TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

February 2024 Newsletter



President's Report

We trust Jean is enjoying her holiday in Japan and will be eager to pen a full report next month.

Jean departed for her holiday with the knowledge of having secured two new staff members.

On behalf of the Committee and members a sincere warm welcome to our new greenkeeper Ian Rowling and clubhouse administrator Stacey Speedy. You can read more about them in this newsletter.

Also a big thank you to Allan James for continuing to hold the fort whilst Ian settles into the role and can now enjoy a well deserved rest.



Men's Captain Report

The Summer Strokeplay competition is done and dusted. Coming up we have the McEwan Mug and the Woodham individual match play competitions good luck to you all.



Ian Rowling - Greenkeeper

Ian comes to the Totaradale family with over 40 years experience in horticulture and extensive engineering and mechanical skills. Add to this over 11 years greenkeeping experience we are confident Ian is going to prove to be a great asset to the club.

As a keen golfer Ian has a full understanding of the course needs for our members and visitors.

In his spare time Ian enjoys the outdoors hunting, fishing, gardening and getting away in the caravan.

Ian officially starts on the 7th February.



Course Convenor's Report

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bill is currently on holiday with family in Te Anau and has asked if any members could spare 2 or 3 hours on a Monday to join the team of volunteers working on the course. Nothing over strenuous, just general course house-keeping.

Contact John Barnett 021 157 0710

Stacey Speedy - Clubhouse Admin

Stacey and her family recently moved from the North Island upon deciding for a lifestyle change. Stacey comes to us with vast experience in various fields. Having successfully had their own businesses ie, Dairy Farming and Free Range Eggs business. This has given her the knowledge to be part of our team and help run our Club.

Stacey's passions include, fashion, sports i.e. basketball, keeping fit and following her children's quests for success.



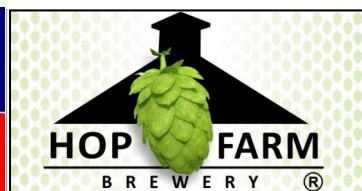
With her bright, bubbly disposition we are sure Stacey will bring a great energy to our Club.

Midweek Captain's Report

Hi everybody, the Nelson weather is holding true, nice hot days. The course is holding up to it especially the greens, well done Al and Ian welcome. Bill has been doing his thing keeping the course tidy. With the dry conditions there has been some scores, well done.

Waitangi day is coming up followed by mid week opening day 13th Feb That's it from me

Happy golfing JB





Ladies' Captain Report

The glorious hot weather has curtailed the numbers for some of our women golfers. Others are enjoying holiday breaks around the country and further afield.

Next week's opening days for Saturday 10th and Tuesday 13th of February officially start the 2024 season. Handicap match play competitions commence on Saturday the 17th with the Stuart Trophy, and the Crompton Vase on Tuesday the 20th. The decision to change the original date of the Stuart trophy was taken by Moi and myself due to the lack of available members and the surplus rounds scheduled. In the interest of maintaining the integrity of the competition and encouraging engagement we agreed to delay the start informing members by email and text. You have until the 10th to enter this drawn match play pairs competition So recheck your diaries for the 17th 24th of Feb and the 9th March and let me know if you are keen. 'Swinging Stripes' is the rebranding of our 'Fifty shades of a colour'. The same format just stripes instead a colour, is on the 22nd of February. This is our flagship event and lots of fun. Good luck to the ladies playing the first Westrupp round at Greenacres later in the month on the 25th. This is a tough competition, being 36 holes non handicap match play against some talented golfers. If you are interested in caddying, please contact Fran.

Happy golfing , Pat

Golf quote from Dustin Johnson "Golf is a weird sport. Some days you got it. Some days you don't."

Rules Corner

Do's & Don'ts when dropping in a relief area

At some point in your round you may well have to take relief to play your next stroke. The situation you are in will determine if you have a one club or two club length relief area. Remember any relief that is free [without penalty] you only get one club length relief area. A drop zone is also considered a relief area that has a predetermined size. Before you drop a ball in a relief area you need to think carefully what you can and cannot do in this area.

You can

- Remove any loose impediments e.g stones, twigs, loose divots etc etc
- Remove any movable obstructions e.g a tee, a wrapper, anything man made.

You cannot

- Alter the surface of the ground by replacing divots in a hole or pressing down divots that have already been replaced.
- Create or eliminate uneven surfaces.
- Flatten out sand where someone has filled a divot hole.
- Breakaway anything growing or attached e.g paspalum, dandelion etc.



**Monday
26th Feb
5.30pm**

Contact eve.clarke@golfnz.org

**SHE LOVES GOLF
SUMMER SERIES**

UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER



- Sat 10th Feb - Opening Day
- Tues 13th Feb - Opening Day 10.00am
- Fri 16th Feb - Opening Day 10.00am
- Sun 18th Feb - Timbertown 11.00am
- Thurs 22nd Feb - Ladies Picnic Day
- Mon 26th Feb - Junior's 3.45pm
- Mon 26th Feb - Ladies 5.30pm
- Weds 28th - NZCMA Golf Safari Touring Group Function - 9.00am



Programme Books

These are currently with the printers and should be available within the next week or so.

Meanwhile a draft copy of the programme is available on the website under Members>Programme>2024

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 thus have taken steps to make players aware of specific danger zones which are well sign posted on our 9 hole Golf Course.

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