



# TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Newsletter July 2023

## President's Report:

Greetings Fellow Members

This past month has been extremely wet which has affected our course and some winter competitions. Unfortunately our income has suffered as well with 'no play = no income'. However, even with the wintry weather, we are surprised at the number of hardy green fee players that are keen to get a round in as soon as the course reopens.

## Clubhouse Update:

Welcome to our new casual staff member Mel who will be relieving Sue on some club days so that she can utilize her membership or have some time off. Mel's partner Rodney is a new member of our club having moved from Hanmer Springs where they had the 'Pitch & Putt' business, soon be developed into houses. We welcome them both to Totaradale Golf Club and hope they enjoy our friendly atmosphere.

The commercial cleaners coming in twice a week are doing a great job and seems to be working out well. The problem with the ladies toilets blocking will be fixed within the next couple of weeks. The septic tank has been cleaned out and the old pipes are being replaced due to tree roots growing into the existing pipelines.

Wrap up warm and happy winter golfing.

Cheers, Gordy

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Saturday Club days now start at **11.00am** for the months of June/July & August



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### **From the Secretary:**

In last month's newsletter I omitted to mention Totaradale members who featured in the Waimea Open prize list. So, apologies and belated congratulations to Division 3 men: Nick McIntyre 1<sup>st</sup> gross; Allan James 4<sup>th</sup> nett; Gordy Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> Stableford and Greg Mann 4<sup>th</sup> Stableford.

Former Totaradale junior and 2017 Men's Junior B club champion, Shaun Smith, was the individual winner in the Tasman Secondary Schools qualifying event held at Greenacres on 19 June. Shaun (Hcp 1) and Jack Bell (Hcp 7) both shot 75 gross and went to a playoff down the 18<sup>th</sup> in front of supportive spectators. Shaun's second shot found the green but Jack's second found the sand. Shaun safely two-putted for par and the win. Shaun and Jack will be joined by Jackson Gosling (Hcp 8) in representing Waimea College at the Nationals in Timaru in August.

Please welcome the following new members: Gary Goddard (ex Te Marua, Upper Hutt) full; Dan Burridge 1<sup>st</sup> year 9-hole; Brad Ritchie (ex Maungati, inland from Timaru) full.

Minutes of Tasman Golf AGM 19 May and Tasman Golf Board meeting 19 June are filed in the minutes folder in the clubhouse for interested members to read. Two remits relating to club representation were discussed at the AGM but were subsequently withdrawn because the Tasman Golf constitution is to be revised as per the following remit passed at the AGM:

*"Changes to the constitution are looked at in line with the Incorporated Societies Act review and the Tasman Golf Board gives due consideration to the two topics outlined in the remits. The new Constitution should be presented at the 2024 Annual General Meeting for consideration by all golf clubs"*

She Loves Golf Winter Series resumes at Totaradale 23 July and Futures Twilight resumes at Totaradale 28 July.

### **Course Convenor's report:**

If you haven't already noticed, we have additional 135 & 90 metre markers on the par 4 & 5 holes adjacent to the existing fairway markers requested by the women's committee. Your feedback is welcome. The only drawback as I see is more spray will be required to keep them tidy. The usual rules apply as to removing to play your shot.

You will also notice I've been slicing areas that are prone to dry. This allows rain and nutrients into our hard and heavy clay soil. I have noticed a huge difference since John started doing this and the fairways hang on and recover much quicker after a dry period. I won't mention the extreme weather we have had, hopefully it's all behind us.

We have recently purchased a new greens mower that is due for delivery. The old one will be used for surrounds & tees and the old tee mower is to be pensioned off.

Good golfing.

Regards Allan



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### Saturday Men's report :

June has seen the continuation of the winter competitions and with a heavy track there has been quite a few good scores coming through and quite a few other scores...

Sloan team had a good win against Greenacres at a blustery Nelson course in the 1st weekend of July

July has seen the start of stroke play for the men. If you wish to compete in club champs this year you will need to have competed in 1 of the 4 rounds that will be played, and also please make sure you put your name on the entry sheet on the men's competition board.

Good golf Murray

### 18 Hole Ladies Report:

The **Totaradale District Open Day** was postponed from 29 June due to the very wet condition of the Course, and is now scheduled to be played on **Thursday 24 August**.

There are three match play competitions on going at the moment. On Tuesdays, **Pat Angus** and the **Riddle Rosebowl** are being played, while on Saturday the third round of the **Liddle Cup** was completed.

On 22 June, the **Pennants Team** played Golden Downs at Greenacres. Fran and Robyn both won their matches while Pip, Raylene, Sue and Lian acquitted themselves well. Thank you ladies for representing Totaradale and to Marg Orman for caddying.

Moi

### 9 Hole Ladies:

June has been a busy month. Brenda, Clare, Lyn and Rae made up our Inter Club team that was held at Tasman on the 19th. A good result for us with two wins, a draw, one loss, so well done ladies.

On the 22nd we had our midwinter lunch, held this year at Melrose House. Everybody enjoyed the outing.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 ladies played the Pink Lady Tournament at Motueka. The weather was perfect, and another successful day was had with the team picking up a number of prizes and raffles.

Helene Billington



## Mid-week Men's report:

Hi

The final of the Langford Trophy was taken out by Bill Vercoe over Chris Mckeown. The Richard Jack (handicap match play pairs drawn partners ) begins on the 18th. Last round of the Russ Cup on the 11th. The Programme has been adjusted once again. The Old Hickory was played at Nelson where we didn't do that well. The numbers are reasonable on Tuesdays considering the weather, and the course despite the weather is bearing up well.

Well that's all from me

Ron

## Rules Corner

We're getting into the wettest part of winter and the course presents a few more challenges, namely Temporary Water and Embedded Balls and players rightly receive **free** relief from both.

**Temporary Water** – this is any accumulation of water on the surface of the ground [not in a penalty area] and is visible **before or after** the player takes his stance [without jumping up and down]

It's not enough for the ground to be merely wet, muddy or soft and mushy. There has to be an accumulation of water that remains present.

When is relief allowed? Interference exists if a player's ball rests in temporary water or the condition interferes with player's stance or swing. No relief from temporary water on the line of play except on the putting green.

- 1) To take relief from temporary water in the general area, the player needs to identify the nearest point of complete relief and drop a ball within one club length of the spot no nearer the hole [the ball must remain within the relief area]
- 2) On the putting green the player simply places a ball at the nearest point of complete relief.
- 3) In a bunker the nearest point of complete relief must be in the bunker. If there is no such point of complete relief in the bunker, then the player may take maximum available relief or for a penalty of one stroke take relief outside the bunker back-on-the-line.



Which green is this ?

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## Rules Corner [cont]



**Embedded Ball** - An embedded ball is when a player's ball is in its own pitch-mark made as a result of the player's previous stroke and a part of the ball must be below ground level. A ball driven into soft ground without being airborne is not an embedded ball e.g. on a steep bank a player tops the ball badly and drives it into the ground.

Free relief is only permitted when the ball is embedded in the general area i.e. anywhere on the course, other than in a penalty area or bunker or the putting green (of the hole being played).

- 1) The free relief area for an embedded ball must be in the general area. The reference point for taking free relief is right behind where the ball is embedded and the relief area is one club length from the reference point [no nearer the hole]. A ball then dropped must stay in the relief area.
- 2) If the ball is embedded on the putting green, there is no relief procedure as above, the ball may be marked, lifted and cleaned, the impact spot repaired, and the ball replaced on its original spot.
- 3) If the ball is embedded in a bunker, you are only entitled to penalty relief [unplayable] and the ball must be dropped in the bunker alternatively a player may drop outside the bunker however another penalty stroke will be incurred.
- 4) All teeing areas and greens for holes that are not currently being played, are deemed part of the general area
- 5) If a player's ball is embedded in a penalty area the player simply takes penalty relief under the Penalty Areas rule.





## UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

### Coming up in July-August 2023

- 30<sup>th</sup> July NBS Teams Stableford
- 12-13<sup>th</sup> August Rarangi 36 Hole Open (Tier 1 event)
- 13<sup>th</sup> August Hore Rosebowl Mixed Best Ball Stableford
- 19-20 August Total Golf Open (Motueka & Nelson; Tier 1 event)

**NOTE: Saturday Tee-time change to 11.00am**



### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

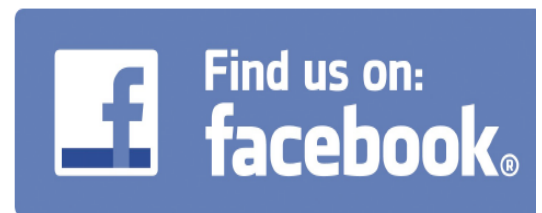
- ◆ to update your information in our systems please talk to club house staff.
- ◆ Could members please remember to report ALL accidents on the course or clubhouse.

### CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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

