

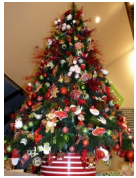


TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Newsletter November 2023

MEETING DATE for the AGM is MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER @ 7pm.

REMEMBER : Saturday Tee-time change back to 12.00pm



We are seeking donations from members for the Xmas Hamper Baskets to be made up before the Xmas tournament on 16th December.

(Please deliver to the Office. Any perishables to the kitchen)



President's Report:

No Report from the President this month, but I am sure he would like to remind all our members of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Monday 27th November at 7pm. To ensure the success of our wonderful club, we need some level of participation from our members to guarantee that our club remains strong.

See you there.

From the Secretary:

A further reminder of the AGM at 7 pm on Monday 27 November at the club. The nomination form for officers and the management committee is on the noticeboard. Three of the current committee members, Anne Hildyard, Allan James and Blair Tilley, are stepping down. Bill Filmer and Mark Topia are up for re-election; others are considering their options. At least two are into their eighth decade and are more than happy to make way for younger members. So, come on you guys and girls out there, step up, get nominated and contribute to the running of your golf club.

Last month saw another healthy bump in new members. Please welcome: Callum Robertson, Nixon Scott, Titus von Basum (juniors); Abe Lee, Dylan Brown, Tom Williams, Dennis Amies, Lindsay Carrol (all 9 hole summer); Juli Mickelson & Kerrie Thompson (She Loves Golf graduates).

Thanks
Paul



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Mid-week Men's report:

We have just had the Melbourne cup Ambrose which was run by the ladies, so thanks to them for a successful day. On November 14, I stand as Mid-week club captain, and the election of future appointments will be finalized.

Also on November 21st we move to 9.30 starts (see programme). Attendances are still on the low side but hopefully will improve as summer starts.

See you on the course

Ron.

Grounds Report

What a beautiful place we have at Totaradale!

It's been a very frustrating spring but things are starting to come together and thank you all for your patience. I'm the first to admit our greens have been terrible. After talking to all the district green keepers I haven't been on my own. I have thrown everything at them but I feel with the recent rain we have finally turned the corner.

Unfortunately we have a few rat bags damaging the greens over the last few weeks which adds to my frustrations but in saying that it's very encouraging to see all the young school age kids joining and coming out to play so please make them feel welcome.

I must say it's been great having all our equipment upgrades and additions thanks to Madge Johnson's very generous bequest.

Thanks again and I hope you all enjoy your golf.

Allan

9 Hole Ladies

All our competitions finished in October and four ladies participated in the Best of Best competition held at Greenacres. They all played very well but unfortunately were not among the prize winners.

We held our Pink Lady fundraiser on the 27th. This year, all the money collected went to the Hospice. We had a good number of 18-Hole ladies and 9-Hole men who joined us. The weather gave us four seasons in one day, but all seemed to enjoy it.

\$320 was raised and a big thank you goes to Mike for his generous sponsorship.

Our closing day is on the 10th of November. So we are hoping for a good turnout.

Helene



Rules Corner

How many club lengths to measure when taking relief ?

This is a regular everyday occurrence on the golf course. You have some marked GUR, a staked tree, an unplayable ball, relief from a path or relief from a penalty area. Players very often get confused or simply don't understand the different approach in assessing where their relief area will be or the size of the relief area.



Let's see if we can simplify things here:-

- FREE RELIEF is only ever ONE club length relief area
- PENALTY RELIEF is always TWO club lengths relief area for lateral relief
- NEVER is there a situation where there is more than TWO club lengths

Let's see which measurement applies to which situation.

FREE RELIEF - Abnormal Course Conditions – paths, GUR, staked trees, animal scrapings, immovable obstructions, temporary water etc. These are all situations where the condition is interfering with your stance, swing or simply the lie of the ball. Players get FREE relief from these situations. They must first find their Nearest Point of Complete Relief [the spot where if your ball was on it there would be NO interference from the condition] The player now has a ONE club length relief area from this reference point to drop in – which must be no nearer the hole and the ball must remain in the relief area.

FREE RELIEF – Embedded ball in the General Area [means all the course except penalty areas, bunkers, tee and green of hole being played] In this situation the players reference point to measure from is directly behind the spot of the embedded original ball. The relief area is ONE club length from this point, again no nearer the hole and the ball must remain in the relief area when dropped.

PENALTY RELIEF – Unplayable Ball or Penalty Areas. Remember for both of these conditions Lateral [sideways] relief is only one option, players can always go back-on-line or back to where the last stroke was made. A ONE stroke penalty applies for both conditions with the exception of an unplayable ball in a bunker and the player chooses to drop outside the bunker then a TWO stroke penalty applies.

Unplayable Ball – if taking lateral relief the relief area is measured from where the ball lies and the size of the relief area is TWO club lengths from this point.

Penalty Areas – if taking lateral relief the relief area is measured from the reference point of where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area. The size of this relief area is TWO club lengths from this point.



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UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Coming up in November 2023

Mon 27th Nov—AGM 7pm

Coming up in December 2023

- Saturday 2nd December—Total Golf Christmas Tournament —Nelson
- Tuesday 5th December—District Vets (AGM) —Golden Downs
- Saturday 9th December—Christmas Tournament —Greenacres
 - Saturday 9th December—Whitwell Open —Motueka
- Monday 11th December—Vets Charity Tournament—Nelson
 - 13th December Wednesday—Last Twilight and Dinner
 - 16th December—Christmas Hamper —Totaradale

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.

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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.

