



TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Newsletter October 2023

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

REMEMBER : Saturday Tee-time change back to 12.00pm

President's Report:

Hello Members

Welcome to all our new summer members who have chosen to join a friendly country golf club for some summer fun. It's awesome to see some familiar faces returning to our Twilight season as well as new players enthusiastic to take up the game of golf. I hope you all enjoy the summer months of golfing ahead.

Welcome to Shanae Speedy who is helping on Twilight evenings in the office and kitchen. It's great to have some able assistance on this busy evening and Shanae seemed to quickly learn the ropes last week. It's also good to have Mel back to 'working order' having recovered from hand surgery.

The financial year closed off at the end of September, a busy time for Jean to finish off the annual accounts and pass onto the accountant for auditing before the upcoming AGM next month. Many thanks to Jean for your dedicated work in the office that goes on behind the scenes.

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The Annual meeting selects representatives to form our management committee and set the priorities for the 2024 year. A committee with a variety of enthusiastic people offering different strengths will best benefit us all. If you would like to have an input into our member-driven club please consider putting your name forward for selection as your contribution will be valuable. This meeting is an important meeting for club members to attend, please add it to your diary. Disregard the AGM date in the programme book which is incorrect.

Happy Golfing
Gordy



From the Secretary:

Heads up for the AGM next month where the club officers and the committee will be elected. The Rules of Totaradale Golf Club Inc state:

The Officers shall be President, a Vice President, a Captain, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting following their election, or until their successors are appointed, when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election.

In addition to the officers of the Club there shall be a Committee of 6 members. The two longest in office since last election shall retire annually. In the event of having to decide who shall retire between 2 or more members who have held office for the same length of time, this shall be done by lot at a meeting of the Committee at least 2 weeks before the Annual General Meeting. In the event of resignations, one or none may have to retire, as long as the number of vacancies is no less than two.

A nomination form for officers and the committee will be on the noticeboard soon. A nominee must have a nominator and a seconder, and the nominee must sign the form agreeing to accept nomination.

The Champion of Champions fixture is on Sunday 19 November at Westport which was also the original date of the popular Golden Downs Open. Golden Downs has re-scheduled their tournament a week later to Sunday 26 November.

The 9 hole ladies Best of the Best fixture is on Thursday 26 October at Greenacres.

Spring saw a surge in new members last month. Please welcome: Tommy McLean, Noah Platt, Oliver Langdon, Robert Green, Lachlan Hunt (all juniors); Paul Hunt and Phill Platt (9 hole); Kiera & Andrew Follows (18 hole); Anna O'Toole (9 hole Summer).

Thanks
Paul

Saturday Men's report :

With the 2023 winter programme almost completed, congratulations to the winners of all the competitions.

Congratulations to the winners of the club championships

Senior Mark Berthelsen

Intermediate still to be played

Junior A Eric Bradley

Junior B Allan James

The Hillerby & Hart foursomes are scheduled to be played on a Sunday early November (will notify date next Saturday 21st) to wrap our 2023 programme, would be great to get a good turnout for this.

The last weekend of October Country Clubs will be played in Takaka, there is a different format to it this year, which is not everybody's cup of tea. We will be represented by 1 team this year, myself, Mark Topia, Lex Brunning and Craig Robertson. Wish us luck.

Good golf
Murray



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18 Hole Ladies

It has been an exciting time with the **Final of the Club Championships** being played on Saturday the 30th September. Unfortunately, there were only two finals played – the Senior and the Junior A Championship. Pat Hrynkiw, due to a broken arm, (OUCH!) had to concede the Intermediate Final to Jean Nichol. The Flight (Pip Edwards vs Nicola Cullen) will be played before Closing Day as Pip has a shoulder injury. The results were, **Adrienne Wislang** beat **Fran Sutherland** for the **Senior**, and **Willie Simpson** beat **Heather Wells** for the **Junior A** division. Congratulations to the winners and well done to those who came second. Many thanks to referees, **Marg Hall** and **Carmen Cartwright**.

Adrienne and Fran 2023 Senior Champion and Runner Up.



Dates to mark in your calendars – Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 7 November
and Closing Day, Saturday 11 November.

Cheers Moi

Mid-week Men's report:

The Watkins Memorial (medal for best 2 from 3) was taken out by John Barnett with a 70, runner-up was Mark Tullett on 78.

The recent Mixed Vets was won by R. Golding on 40 stablefords for the men, and on 39 points for the ladies was Helen White.

Attendances on Tuesdays are on the low side and there doesn't appear to be any reason for it, so hopefully better days to come. Not much else to report

See you on the course. Ron

9 Hole Ladies

September has seen the completion of most of our competitions. Our Club Champions for this year are Anne Hildyard A Grade, and Rae Hanford B Grade. Congratulations to these two ladies and to the losers who both put up really good fights.

We have our Pink Lady Competition coming up on Friday the 27th of October, and this year, we are raising funds for the Hospice. Any 9-Hole men or 18-Hole Ladies are very welcome to join us on the day. Tee off at 9:30am

Helene



Rules Corner

What to do when things break during your round? I thought I would keep things topical and dispel the myths and establish some facts.

Player's ball breaks into pieces after a stroke

Myth - you play your next stroke from where the largest piece is found.

Fact - There is no penalty and the stroke does not count. The player must play another ball from where that stroke was made.



Player's club head separates from the shaft on the backswing or downswing

Myth - once you start your backswing the stroke counts.

Fact -

- If the clubhead separates from the shaft during the downswing and the player continues the downswing with the shaft alone, whether or not the ball is struck with the shaft - The stroke counts.
- If the clubhead separates from the shaft during the downswing and the player continues the downswing with the shaft alone, with the clubhead falling and striking the ball - The stroke counts.
- During the downswing, a player's clubhead separates from the shaft. The player stops the downswing short of the ball, but the clubhead falls and strikes and moves the ball - The stroke does not count.
- During the backswing, a player's clubhead separates from the shaft. The player completes the downswing with the shaft but does not strike the ball - The stroke does not count.

Player's practice swing breaks interfering branch on backswing

Myth - It's ok if you change your swing path

Fact - if you break a branch in the intended area of your swing you get a two stroke penalty. You cannot avoid this penalty by changing your area of swing. The same applies on the tee, if an overhanging branch interferes with your swing and you break it off, you cannot avoid a penalty by moving to another area of the tee.

However, in either case if a branch is broken on the backswing in making and completing your stroke there is no penalty.



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UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Coming up in October 2023

- 28-29th October - Country Clubs—Takaka

Coming up in November 2023

4-5th November—Champion of Champions—Westport
Sat 4th Nov—Maitai Masters—Waahi Taakaro
Tuesday 7th Nov—Melbourne Cup Day—3 Person Ambrose
Fri 10th Nov—9 Hole Closing Day (Yearly Meeting)
Sat 11th Nov—Captains Trophy & Prizegiving
Thurs 16th Nov—Ladies Annual Meeting
18th Nov - Turf Classic—Nelson
Mon 27th Nov—AGM 7pm

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.

