



## April 2026 Newsletter

### President's Report

We wish to introduce and thank Jan Rae for filling in as a staff member while Catherine is on ACC. Please be patient with her as she learns the ropes. To our members please if you have trouble printing out your cards don't just keep pushing the buttons to repeat printing, talk to the staff who are on duty and they will fix the problem. With darkness getting earlier as we come into winter the evening, green fee players are not there the same, which reflex's a little on the incomes. Please be patient if we get more hopefully playing during the day. To all the members that helped out over Easter a big thanks, and a special thanks to Coxy and his team without them the tournament wouldn't be the success it was. I myself spent the weekend not far from my bed.

Until next time—Good Golfing  
John Cullen (President)

### Club Captain Report

Another month bites the dust and we are starting to move towards winter conditions. As you have probably noticed there has been a bit work going on in various parts of the course with drainage as well as tree felling taking place, all this work to help with removal of excess water and shading of some areas. All this works towards improvement of the course. Please have some patience. Again thanks to Ian and all the helpers for the work done, I'm sure most of us appreciate the effort. Easter Tournament went off without any problems except our campers trying hard to clean out the bar. (Good effort!) Got great feedback from visitors on condition of course. Ian's work goes without saying. Let's ensure that he is encouraged to stay around if you see him. Thanks to all whom helped with Easter. Finally got clubhouse manning sorted (taken a while). Welcome Jan to the fold (even if it's temporary). A fair bit to take on board but we seem to be onto it, picking up duties easily. Again a reminder to treat staff with respect and to speak to them, not at them. We cannot afford to lose. If possible, please refrain from going into the back of the office, unless it's absolutely necessary (should only be the clubhouse committee and the people who are on duty for the day. If you do need to talk to one of the office staff, please make sure you are not standing behind them when they are busy at their desk or serving someone. Suggest waiting patiently on the other side of the counter. Stewart Cup will be rescheduled. Remember to watch the website and Facebook for changes to program and closures.

Coxy  
Club Captain



## From the Course Convener

Autumn has arrived with a start of unsettled weather but also with fine days. The wetter weather and warm days has certainly made the grass grow, making the course a delight to play on.

A big thank you goes to Brian Wislang for once again stepping in to maintain the course whilst Ian was away on his holiday hunting down in Stewart Island.

The areas where the new drains are, are being tidied up and grass replanted.

On Wednesday 29 April, lime will be spread out on the fairways and rough areas. This is the last of a three year programme of liming to adjust the soil acidity. This has greatly benefited the fertility of grass growth.

To continue the improvement on the fairways this will be "hard" fertilised this Autumn and again in the Spring.

The greens have had another light sanding, this will carry them into the Winter in good condition. With periodic verti-draining (needle tined) these should hold up well over Winter.

On Thursday 30 April the large totara next to the men's #5 tee will be removed, this is being done by a professional arborist.

The area where pines have been removed continues to be tidied up ready for replanting with natives.



We need volunteers to cut up firewood, if you can help please contact Bill Filmer or Peter Bowler.

We still need a large quantity of top-soil for various uses around the

course. If you know someone or somewhere we can get some please let Ian or myself know. Preferably at no cost but we can pay a reasonable cost.

If anyone has "free" native trees and shrubs all donations would be readily accepted. Thank you to the ladies who continue to look after the gardens.

Your help is asked for, to maintain the course in pristine condition. To affect this, take a sand bucket with you and fill in divot holes, also repair pitch marks on the greens. Thank you Ian for your continued excellent work on and around the course.

Please contact Bill Filmer or Peter Bowler if you can assist at any time with work on course.

*"It doesn't matter how bad the golf is the beer will deaden the pain"*

Bill Filmer  
Grounds Convener

## Mid Week Men's Report

The Old Hickory was played at Nelson, great improvement. We finish a close 3rd well done team. Next Old Hickory is at Motueka looking for even more improvement.

The final of the Friend Trophy was played between Denis Hall and Coxy with Denis coming out on top.

The Flight (landlord Trophy) was played between Brian Biggs and Craig Sargo with Brian winning on the first extra hole.

Denis  
Mid Week Captain

## 9-Hole Ladies

20 April: Totaradale Interclub team had a successful day against Nelson with 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Well done Interclub team: Anne Hildyard, Brenda Gibbens, Rae Hanford and Ali Crossman.



24 April: 4 of our ladies played at Nelson 9-hole tournament. Congratulations to Rae Hanford: 2nd runner up Stableford, Division 2 and Ali Crossman: 3rd runner up Stableford, Division 2.



We have completed the first round of the Lough trophy. This is a good opportunity for ladies to experience Handicap Match play competition.

The weather had been lovely and the course in great condition.

Helen Byrne  
Ladies 9-hole Captain



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## Ladies Captain Report

Well, here we are now heading into winter and the cooler months of the year, not nice for some but good for others who find summer golfing to hot.

The LGU rounds got under way this month and will continue over the coming months. Also note to the ladies, the sheets are up for the Pat Angus (Tuesday comp) and the Liddle Cup (Saturday comp) so have a look at the dates and see if you can take part, get your names in.

We have our 4Somes tournament on 7<sup>th</sup> May. I see we have a few teams up so that will be a fun day I hope the weather is good for us again this year.

I see that the Penants trophy has been found after many years of being missing and is now hanging proudly in the club house with Totaradale winning last year. Pip's teams had their first-round last week, and I hear all played well with Team 1 winning all 6 games against Motueka and Team 2 winning 2 of their games against Nelson. Goodluck ladies for the next round.

Also, Goodluck to Pip, Sali, Kaye T and Yvonne who are playing for Totaradale in the National Teams at Rarangi on 3rd of May. Enjoy your trip and play well, we will all be rooting for you.

Not much as far as ladies on tour, but Congrats goes to Kaye T who won the Nett Medal along with some spoils at the Grandmothers Tournament at Greenacres, winning a new putter to be personalised to her liking and receiving the Mag Challies Trophy. Good to see our ladies doing well. Also, congrats to the ladies who topped the leader boards at our own Easter tournament this year.

Lastly, it's been great to see Raylene up and about again and we hope to see you out playing again soon.

See you all out on the course

Carmen

Ladies Club Captain



## Saturday Men's Report

We have reached the finals of the Woodham and Burnett match play. In the Woodham, Greg Man is playing Craig Spargo. In the Burnett, Chris Rae is playing Trevor Barnard.

We are about to start the Costello and Jenkins pairs match play good luck to all entries. With the rain that we have had the course is looking fantastic so thank you to Ian and all of Bills volunteers.

Enjoy your golf.

Ross

### **BYLAWS OF THE TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB**

#### **INCORPORATED**

#### **Motorised Golf Cart Conditions of Hire**

1. All persons who drive any motorised golf cart on the course must be at least 16 years of age and hold at least a restricted car driver's licence.
2. No more than two people plus their golfing equipment are to ride on the cart at any one time.
3. Carts are not to be driven by any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
4. Carts must be driven in a manner that is respectful to the cart, course and fellow golfers.
5. Do not drive the cart within 5 metres of greens or tees unless it remains on a cart path.
6. Do not drive on steep slopes where a cart may overturn.
7. Smoking and vaping in the cart are not permitted.
8. Any damage to the cart, course or club facilities caused by negligent use of the cart must be reported to the clubhouse, and any monetary recompense required for remedial work is the hirers sole responsibility.

Hire charges will be set from time-to-time by the Management Committee and displayed in the clubhouse.

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## UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER



2026 MAY		MENS	LADIES	DISTRICT
FRI	1		9 Hole - Beaumont 3, Myttton 3, Ringers	Festival of Golf. Nelson
SAT	2	Costello 2 Jenkins 1 Others Par	Istas	
SUN	3	Stewart Cup - 18 Holes Best Ball Par Teams of 4 [ 1 lady]	Stewart Cup - 18 Holes Best Ball Par Teams of 4 [ 1 lady]	Womens National Teams Final - Rarangi Tasman Cup 4 Greenacres
MON	4	Mixed vets- nelson	Mixed vets- nelson	Mixed vets- nelson
TUE	5	Watkins Memorial Medalford 3 Of 3	Stableford	
WED	6			
THU	7	Old Hickory Greenacres	Totaradale Foursomes	Totaradale Foursomes
FRI	8		9 Hole - Nett A & B: Sue Bunt 3, LGU 3, Timson 3, Ringers	
SAT	9	Winter Medalford 1	LGU 4, Gibbs 2 - Entries close for Pat Angus	
SUN	10	[Mothers Day]	[Mothers Day]	[Mothers Day]
MON	11	Grandfathers Tournament - Greenacres		Grandfathers Tournament - Greenacres
TUE	12	Russ Cup 1 Nett (best 2 from 3) Yellow Tees	LGU 4, Brown / Daisy Martin 2	
WED	13			
THU	14	Mixed Vets - Totaradale	Mixed Vets - Totaradale	Nelson Ladies Penants 3. Nelson
FRI	15		9 Hole - Ruth Richards Putting 5 Back 9	
SAT	16	Costello 3 Jenkins 2 Others Stableford	Fowler Rosebowl 18 holes Nett	
SUN	17			Sloan Rd 5 - Totaradale
MON	18			
TUE	19	Drummond Cup Stableford 1 Best 2 of 3	Pat Angus 1 Others STB - Entries close for Liddle Cup	
WED	20	Mixed Vets - Motueka	Mixed Vets - Motueka	Mixed Vets - Motueka
THU	21			
FRI	22		9 Hole - Nett Timson 4, LGU 4, Ringers	
SAT	23	Winter Par 1	LGU 5 Fowler /Johnston /Wislang 3	
SUN	24			
MON	25	Mixed Vets Greenacres	Mixed Vets Greenacres	Mixed Vets Greenacres
TUE	26	Monthly Medal	LGU 5 Vessey / Commerford 3	
WED	27			Tasman Woman 9 hole interclub 4 Motueka.
THU	28			RDOD Greenacres
FRI	29		9 Hole. Lough 2 others stableford.	
SAT	30	Winter Nett 1	Liddle Cup 1, Others STB	Reefton Golden Nugget - Reefton
SUN	31			Reefton Golden Nugget - Reefton

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