

TOTARADEALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

January 2026 Newsletter



President's Report

With the festive season over for most, I hope you all had a fabulous time and all fit and well for the coming year.

The Club is ticking along with great staff and with the help of volunteers, many thanks to the members who have put their hands up to help. Hope all members have enjoyed their holidays and maybe some extra days on the course, but please remember to respect the green fee players, they are essential to keeping the club running and keeping our membership fees low.

We have a number of members that are going straight to tee from their cars, please can I ask you to check in at reception each time as we believe that green fee players are seeing this happening and follow suit, we may be missing out on green fee dollars!!

We have, over the past few months had drivers "borrowed" from the hire sets, if any members have any drivers that they do not use, it would be very much appreciated if you would like to donate them to the club.

I hope your golf improves over the coming year, just keep enjoying our wonderful course.

Happy New Year to you all. John Cullen, President

Club Captain Report

Welcome back to a new golf year after a good Christmas and New Year break we hope.

Looks like we have had many visitors from various parts on NZ and overseas playing at our course through the holidays. Getting some great feedback on course conditions and friendliness from our staff and members.

Timbertown Tournament 1st Feb, Teams Best Ball Nett. Get those entries in.

Stans Birthday Bash will be run at a later date.

Thanks to those who have manned the club house over holiday stats. It has helped us out a lot.

Most of the new program has been sorted, just waiting for sponsors to be confirmed.

Thanks to all the Captains for the effort put in sorting program. Coxy

9-Hole Ladies

On December 12th we held our Fun Christmas Tournament for registered 9-hole players. We had 54 men and ladies play, including 3 from Takaka and 3 from Waahi Takaro, joining us for the first time.

We had a fabulous day with great prizes, thanks to sponsorship from Ernest Rutherford/Ryman Healthcare, Hirschmann's Mower servicing and Pak n Save. Wakefield 4 Square and Wakefield Pharmacy donated gift baskets for raffle prizes. Totaradale Junior Golf group donated sun visors for lucky prizes. We are really grateful for this support.



Gay Hamilton (Takaka) Division 1 winner with Helen Jacobs (Ernest Rutherford).

Ali Crossman (Totaradale) Division 2 winner.



David Storer (Totaradale) Men's



Carol Parkinson (Waahi Takaro) Best Dressed winner.

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

Happy New Year to you all. Helen Byrne, 9-hole Captain

Saturday Men's Report

With another year done and dusted we will move into January with the four rounds of stroke play good luck to all. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and a good year of golfing ahead. Ross



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From the Course Convener

Welcome to 2026, wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous year. May the golfing gods be kind to you and you have a great year of golf.

The course is in excellent condition for time of the season, thank you Ian for your continued excellent work in all you do on the course.

Over the past couple of weeks Pete Bowler and I have trimmed trees all around the course. This has made for safer and easier access for people and equipment.

Monday the 5th January Rob Tiare will be helping to clear the drain along the practice area and if time allows also along number 1.

We are hoping to start the removal of the pines between number 5 and practice area this month. Also there are other trees along the neighbors fence line on number five that are marked for removal.

We need volunteers to cut up for fire wood that is stacked under trees down by the sheds.

We need a large quantity of topsoil for various uses around the course. If you know someone or somewhere we can get some please let Ian or me know. Preferably at no cost but we can pay a reasonable cost.

Ian and I are investigating an alternative supply of sand for the greens. The silica we get at present is too coarse and the dune sand is too fine. What we have will continue to be used at present.

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

Good golfing over the summer.

Cheers

Ladies Captain Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with time spent with family and friends.

The weather has been lovely for a few golf games to be had too through the month for those who like the heat.

I hope all enjoyed the Gruesomes day, which was a bit of a laugh.

As we head into 2026, I am busy with Pat and Pip sorting the program for the coming year.

Thanks again to Pip for stepping up to be the Tuesday convenor again this year, your work is much appreciated.

I will get the sheets up for the first two competitions starting in February, the Stuart Trophy and Crompton Vase as soon as the dates are locked in.

We also have the Picnic Day coming up in February with the theme this year being "CHECKS" so get your teams organized and your costumes sorted! On this day we usually have a good turnout, and we have a great laugh.

Here's to another great year of golfing in 2026 and I look forward to seeing you all out on the course throughout the year.

Carmen

Mid Week Men's Report

Hi all and New Year greetings to you all.

Denis Hall here, I have taken over from John Barnet as Mid Week and Hickory Captain. I know all of you, like me, wish him well.

We are looking at 2/3 members from midweek to make up the midweek match committee . In this committee, we look at any concerns members may have with programme tournaments etc. So give this some thought and come forward to help.

I am also looking at every midweek player to take a turn at being the starter on Tuesday. The more there is, the less you have to do. Full training will be given on what is required from START to finish.

I am looking to update the procedure so it will be easy to carry out.

Coming events

January 15 Mix vets (start sheet in office)

Old Hickory, This starts in Feb at Tasman, so I will be looking for names to play. This year there will be carts available at some venues. A great chance to play other courses at very little cost.

Thank you Denis



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THE LONGEST DAY CHALLENGE

Four of our members, Roger Hunapo, Stuart Albon, Abi Mann and Craig Spargo are stepping up to the 24 hour, longest day challenge to raise funds for the Nelson Cancer Society.

The challenge will begin on Friday 9th January at Totaradale Golf Course, they kick off at 9 am and will play all through the night to 9 am, Saturday 10th January.

Please support this amazing challenge and golfing endurance to raise as much as possible for this amazing charity.

Please feel free to pop into the club, play along them and give some moral support, or maybe just to cheer them on from the clubhouse.

There will be a collection box in the clubhouse, or you can go to the website:

Longestday.org.nz, find your team and donate as much or as little as you can.

Please get behind this amazing cause and support our team.

Membership Price List

1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027

Full Member \$715.00

9 Hole Member \$480.00

9 Hole Summer \$325.00

18 Hole Summer \$450.00

Under 19 - Full Playing Rights \$195.00

Under 14 - Limited Rights \$120.00

Storage - Trundler Shed \$50.00 Annual

Storage - Motorised Cart or Scooter \$100.00 Annual

Power Supply @ \$5 per month \$60.00 Annual

All prices include any levies applicable and GST

Secondary Members

18 Hole \$625.00

9 Hole \$410.00

UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER



Wed 7th Jan — Twilight

Sat 10th Jan— Summer Stroke 2 (Men)
Jean Hildyard 3 (Ladies)

Tue 13th Jan—Nett (Men)
Johnston Cup 4 (Ladies)

Wed 14th Jan—Twilight

Sat 17th Jan— Summer Stroke 3 (Men)
Jean Hildyard 4 (Ladies)

Tue 20th Jan— Combined Net (Men)
Johnston Cup 5 (Ladies)

Wed 21st Jan—Twilight

Sat 24th Jan- Summer Stroke 4 (Men)
Jean Hildyard 5 (Ladies)

Tue 27th Jan—Par (Men)
4BBB STB (Ladies)

Wed 28th Jan— Twilight

Sat 31st Jan— McEwan Mug 1 (men)
Stableford (Ladies)

Sun 1st Feb—Timbertown Tournament

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 socialise.

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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