

TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - It's been a busy time behind the scenes for the Committee with John Mehrstens sorting out the fairway mower; John Cullen putting together an application for a grant for a replacement; Eric and Tippy will be in touch soon with jobs for the volunteers; Blair, John De Jong and I had an onsite meeting with the TDC regarding the drainage ditch along #6 and Jean as always keeping tabs on everything; I'll also be putting together an application for a grant to purchase an additional golf cart and Amber and I finally completed the programme book. Thanks to all for your contributions, it is appreciated. This week we signed up a three year sponsorship agreement with Total Golf. The Nelson PGA Professional Sean Riordan put together a package that offers sponsorship for the Easter Tournament, paid advertising in the programme book and signage display by the practice green. Additionally Sean will provide a 'Beat the Pros' day with a prize pool of \$300 and we are looking at dates in April to contest this event. Total Golf will be the sole supplier of most of our golfing equipment and accessories along with any coaching requirements with Nick Loach - definitely a win-win partnership, many thanks to Total Golf.

Another win-win partnership just completed this week is with the Nelson Building Society. We have renewed NBS main sponsor status of the Easter Tournament with a cash injection and an array of merchandise for the prize table. Additionally, we have negotiated sponsorship for one of our main Sunday tournaments - formerly played as the Vai Malietoa Plate this will now be named the NBS Totaradale Trophy and will be open to the district. The same team format will apply with prize vouchers for the winners and a new trophy supplied by NBS. Please highlight the date in your programme books Sunday 5th August. Many thanks to the NBS.

Our Easter Tournament is fast approaching and posters and flyers will soon be sent out. Entry forms will also be up on the notice boards soon - got to be in to win !

Another item for your social calendars will be a Totaradale Quiz Night , this will be held late September. This will be a great opportunity for our club sections to come together for a social function and bring along some friends and family. NBS will be supporting the prize table and we'll be holding a small auction whilst final results are calculated. A warm welcome to our new members Brian Lack, Lynden Murray, Dylan Murray, Frances Price, Jack Gauld & Kate Burn.

Good Golfing

Mike H

MID WEEK MEN - Hi to one and all,

Hickory at Nelson was a bit of a struggle and couldn't blame the course as members had got the course in good order considering the storm damage. We came second last. The weather has not been kind and the scores reflect that the course is having a job absorbing all the moisture and therefore plenty of sodden areas making play harder. We are still getting reasonable numbers when we get a chance to play. We have several members with a number of health problems I wish them well and hope to see them shortly. Just be careful out there as it is very slick and people are slipping around a bit. Anyway the next vets are coming up on the 5th of March for the District Vets and the Thursday 15th for mixed Vets.

Happy Golfing

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9 HOLE LADIES - Once again the weather has influenced our golf this month with streams flowing through the course, however we still managed to get some games played.

The Allan Lowndes Trophy competition was completed and the winner was Sue.

We had our Opening Day last Friday 23rd February with a good turnout of members and we played Totaradale Stablefords which was won by Helen and Carol – well done.

Our Annual Regional Tournament is scheduled for this Friday and we hope the weather is kind to us.

Sue Paine

9-Hole golf



FROM THE CLUBHOUSE - Lovely to see Mr and Mrs Vercoe bring their grandson Ben out for a round recently, yes he carried his own clubs the whole way!! I would like to acknowledge and thank our family of advertisers who have kindly placed advertisements in the Totaradale 2018 programme book enabling the book to be printed at a minimum cost to the club. Continued support from these local businesses is hugely appreciated, therefore I encourage you to in return support them wherever possible, so when you pick up your copy of the new book please take note of who is supporting your club.

Many Thanks, Amber.



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RULES CORNER -

Recent Incident - Disqualified for entering wrong score into the Dotgolf system

In a recent competition Bruce on completion of his tournament round duly completed his scorecard and had his marker attest his scores for each hole. Players were instructed to enter their scores into the Dotgolf computer system. For hole 3 Bruce accidentally entered a 5 where he had a 6 and for hole 4 entered a 6 where he had a 5. The Committee in charge disqualified him for entering a score lower than actually taken on hole 3 although his score card was correct.

What should have happened?

Rule 6-6d. Tells us that a player is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his **score card**.

Note 1. to this Rule also tells us that the Committee is responsible for checking the **score card** and working out any calculations and/or stablefords.

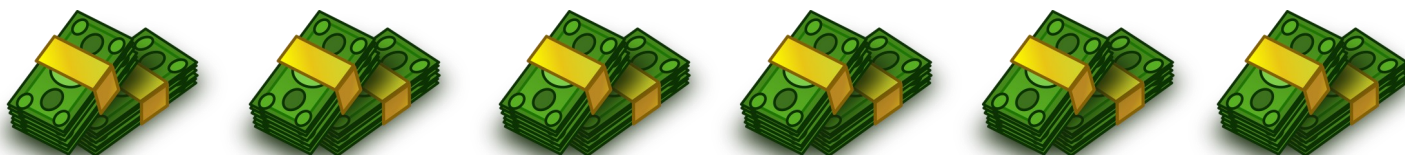
The Committee should have checked his score card which has been correctly submitted and they should have corrected his scores in the Dotgolf system and reinstated him.

The moral of the story - if playing at clubs where the Dotgolf system is used you need to check your **score card** is correct and signed by both you and your marker. What gets entered into the system is for the Committee to sort out - even if you enter the scores. It's the written score card that counts not entries punched into Dotgolf. You may have read recently that as from January 2020 there will be a Global Handicapping System - not much will be changing here as we already follow the USGA system. Major changes for the UK/Europe as they currently only return score cards for tournaments. It would appear one change we may see here is rather than your best 10 of 20 scores this will change to best 8 of 20. What the new system allows is golfing holidays with a handicap that now travels with you.

Speaking of travel I'll be flying to Melbourne at the end of April to attend a 3 day seminar on the delivery of the new Rules of Golf to players which come into force on 1st January 2019. This is being conducted by the David Bonsall, Chairman of the R&A's Rules Committee. On my return it is my intention that this article in the newsletter focus on the new Rules rather than the ones due to expire, this way most of us will be ready for the changes.

18 HOLE LADIES REPORT - February has been another busy month. We have completed the Johnston Summer Trophy and congratulations to Cay Cockerell the winner and Marcelle Porritt the runner up. The mixed foursome opening day competitions were enjoyed by all with many members commenting on the benefits of playing mixed competitions as we get to know other members with whom we don't normally play. 16 ladies entered the Stuart Trophy pairs match play competition. Both the trophy and the flight finals are scheduled for this weekend. Good luck to you all. March sees the beginning of Crompton Vase handicap match play, L.G.U, Pennants and we also have the 27 hole Drummond Cup. Keep enjoying our wonderful course and club, and don't forget to thank those who keep it that way for us. Pip and Audrey.

REMINDER - SUBS ARE DUE - Annual subs are due by 31st March. See Amber or Paula if you want to pay by cash or eftpos at the office (credit cards not accepted). Alternatively accounts can be paid online, if you have not received your invoice by email and wish to please ask and we will arrange this for you. Or a copy can be printed out for you. Any queries regarding accounts please don't hesitate to ask.



SATURDAY MENS REPORT - February has been and gone, the men have started the McEwan Mug, and some good scores have come in. Ringers has also started so good luck to all for the duration of that competition. We have the Woodham starting on the 3rd of March with a good field, so good luck to all entries for this also.

Ross D.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT -

Welcome to March members, at the end of the month we have the annual Totaradale Easter Open so please put your names on the entry sheets on the Men's notice board. Well done to the Ladies sections for running their Picnic Day and also the 9 Hole tournament last week, it was good to see reasonable numbers of our own players as well as from the other clubs in our district and a few from Marlborough.

This week (Wed 7th) is the last playing round of the 2017 / 2018 twilight season so a big thanks to Wendy Pearson of Tall Poppy for their sponsorship, along with Mike Hrynkiw for running it as well as those that have done card duty over the period. Major thanks to Fran Sutherland and Sue Rawson for taking on the catering this season it has been much appreciated.

Congratulations to those who have won trophies so far this year and for the continued support of members to make themselves available to play in the trophy events.

Thanks to John for keeping the grass mown as best he can with the weather and equipment breakdowns.

Reminder that subs are due so please get hold of Amber or Paula regarding payment of these for the 2018 season.

Good luck to those members selected for the Men's Sloan Team, Hickory Team and to those selected for any of the Women's district team fixtures over the next month. Do our club proud.

Hamish McWhinnie

Club Captain

A very special 80th birthday was duly celebrated a couple of weeks ago.

Well done Doug Adams!!



OUT AND ABOUT WITH YOUR GREENKEEPER - Not a lot to report this month. The main thing I seem to be doing at the moment is chopping grass and try to keep weeds under control. With the soil temperature being at it's peak and 300mm of rain on the course last month, that makes it optimum conditions for grass and weed growth. I have had some great feedback coming to me either through other staff members or mainly green fee players approaching me directly. One came from a Canadian couple travelling around NZ and playing golf. According to them Totaradale had the best greens they played on while in NZ and they loved the environment. Great for the club to hear comments like that. All the best for those golfers playing in the Easter Tournament. Happy Golfing, John



LAWN FERTILIZER - Due to members asking the Green Keeper about lawn fertilizer the club has FOR SALE 10kg bags for \$25.00. Please see John and he will get this for you.





UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

MARCH

THURS 1st - Totaradale Picnic Day, 50 Shades of Red

FRI 2nd - 9 Hole Ladies Tournament

MON 5th - District Vets - Totaradale

THURS 15th - Mixed Vets Tournament - Totaradale

SUN 25th - Stewart Cup - 27 Holes Bes Ball Par

Teams

FRI 30th - Good Friday - **Course closed from 1pm**

SAT 31st - Easter Tournament

COMING UP IN APRIL.....

SUN 1st - Easter Tournament

SUN 8th - Robinson Trophy, Mixed American Foursomes 18 Holes.

SUN 15th - Sloan Rd 3, Waahi Taakaro

WED 25th - ANZAC Day Tournament Greenacres

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPITS

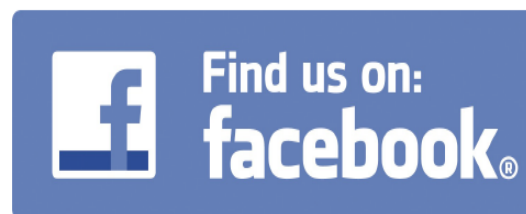
- ♦ Totaradale Twilight News - last round of competition twilight is this Wednesday 7th March. The following week 14th March is a fun social twilight round plus Twilight Prize giving - BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE - there will be a dress up theme of T. T is for Totaradale Twilight or should that be TT ?
- ♦ Beat the Pros from Total Golf Saturday 21st April.
- ♦ Open Easter Tournament entries now being taken, phone or email the clubhouse to enter.

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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.

