

# TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

**Newsletter May 2023** 

## **President's Report:**

Hi to All Members

I have recently returned from a golfing trip spent mostly in the South of Melbourne where we played challenging courses and got plenty of bunker practice where deep sandpits were discovered guarding most greens. It's good to experience other courses, their hospitality and general practices from a management point of view.

This meant I missed the annual highlight Easter Tournament but from all accounts was a great success with many contributions in various ways from many of you. It was a bonus that the weather played ball and performed well. Many thanks to Coxy and his team of willing helpers who assisted him in running both days. Feedback has it that the course was in great shape & looked a picture thanks to AJ and his team of volunteers. The positive hospitality experience provided by Sue & Jo was top notch and a big thanks to those who gave their time or donated goods towards this.

We are actively recruiting for both the greenkeeper & clubhouse front of house roles. Whilst writing this report I can say we have interest in both roles.

Sundays are popular days for green fees players to visit our course providing additional income for the club. It's important to have personnel on site to welcome them and collect their fees. We are setting up a roster for volunteers to do this. If you can help out please let me know.

The 'Futures' and 'She Loves Golf' sessions have been successful and will continue into term 2. See the posters around the clubhouse for details on how to join in for anyone you know of who may be interested. The club has gained some new members from the sessions.

### **Cheers Gordy**



View from #1 green looking back to the Richmond Ranges - simply stunning







#### From the secretary:

Please welcome the following new members:

Mike Edmunds, Kenneth Allen, Kelly Ogilvie (1st year 9-hole), and Marie (9-hole) & Paul Coll (full 18-hole) both from Waikouaiti. For those who don't know NZ geography, Waikouaiti is a 9 hole course midway between Dunedin city and Palmerston, Otago).

Farewell to longstanding 18 member Norma Davies who has joined the 9 hole ladies at Greenacres.

The club now has a new upright 400 L freezer in the corner by the drinks fridges. Special thanks must go to the 9-hole ladies for providing the funds for this, and to Anne Hildyard for organizing its purchase and negotiating a substantive discount.

Trevor Bryant R.I.P

A message from Eve Clarke and Tasman Golf:

'It is with regret I wish to inform you on the passing Trevor Bryant. Trevor was huge part of Tasman Golf, some of you may remember him as the Tasman Golf Executive Officer. Trevor had been involved with Marlborough, West Coast/Buller, Nelson, and Tasman Golf for well over twenty years. He did whatever he could to make anyone feel welcomed and was a great ambassador for Tasman Golf. He will be greatly missed by us all.'

Another less known aspect of Trev's contribution to golf was his involvement with the Special Olympics golf group at Greenacres. Trevor often acted as scorer and handicapper at their ribbon days and regional competitions.

A private cremation was held. Trev's good friends and colleagues joined with Heather, his wife of 41 years, in a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at The Lakehouse, Olive Estate.

## Saturday Men's report :

April saw the finals of the Woodham & Burnett Cup, a couple of good tussles that went the distance over 36 holes and a little bit more in final.

Woodham Cup winner Steve Cox, runner up Gordy Thomas

Burnett Cup winner Craig Robertson runner up Paul Hurst

Sloan trophy team – the team is going great guns after rolling Golden Downs in the last round we are currently leading the way, keep up the good work Eric & the team.

Costello & Jenkins cup pairs match play, we have started to play this but the weather has curtailed 1 round already, please keep an eye on the web site as we will need to tweak a couple of dates to get all the matches played.

Saturday winter competitions – nett stableford etc, usually played for over 3 rounds, these are progressing well, again keep an eye on the website we will have to double up on a couple of these competitions to ensure they are all played.

Easter Tournament – top job Coxy and your crew of helpers good effort.

Big thanks to AJ on the effort you're putting in keeping our course in great nick, as members we're proud of our course and the Monday army of volunteers helping out as well.

Good golf Murray









#### 18 Hole Ladies Report

I wish to sincerely thank, Pat Hrynkiw, who has ably and very efficiently carried out the duties of Ladies Club Captain while I was absent for 5 weeks. Thank you very much, Pat. Great job!

We have our **Totaradale Foursomes Tournament** on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** [Now postponed until 1 June]. Once again items are needed for the Raffle Table. Baking is always well received and is supplied so well by our ladies. Just another plea! Jobs have been allocated for on the day and I am sure it will be a resounding success.

A big thank you to those of you who put your hands up to help on a **Cleaning Roster** for the Clubhouse since Jo has left. Much appreciated. Hopefully it is not for too long.

Good luck to Lynne Johnstone, Pip Edwards, Raylene Bowler and Fran Sutherland who are off to Marlborough Golf Club on the 21st May to compete in the National Teams Final.

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#### 9 Hole Ladies:

A very quiet month of April. We have happily paid for the new freezer for the club and received a letter of thanks from the Committee.

Helene Billington



#### Mid-week Men's report:

Watkins Memorial (a medalford competition) has started with 2 rounds being completed, the 3rd is later on due to Anzac day being in the middle. We move onto the Friend Trophy a handicap match play competition.

The next Hickory is at Takaka on the 4th of May. [This was postponed due to rain to the 11th May but again cancelled due to the wet.] It has been a quiet month with steady numbers attending.

That's all from me, see you on the course.

Ron



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#### **Rules Corner**

As we get into the thick of the competitions let's remind ourselves of some of the basics.

- Make sure you mark your ball to distinguish it from another of the same brand and number.
   If you cannot identify your ball in 3 minutes it's lost.
- If you need to identify your ball, you can lift it or simply roll it over to check it but you MUST first mark the ball, if you don't 1 stroke penalty.
- There are no gimmies in Stroke Play You need to hole out in Gross and Nett competitions.
   In Stableford and Par competitions you can pick up if you cannot score.
- If you tee off the wrong tee in Stroke Play you must correct your mistake and add a 2 stroke penalty. You cannot simply play the correct tee the second time round and ignore the breach.
- If you tee off the wrong tee in Match Play it is up to the opponent if they recall the stroke. If they choose to, this must be done immediately and it's still your turn to go.
- If you chose to play a provisional ball you must state it's a 'provisional ball'. Saying "I'll play another" or I'll "reload' is not enough.
- Whenever you are placing or replacing a ball, this must be done by hand. You cannot simply roll the ball into position with a club if you do 1 stroke penalty.
- In Stroke Play you MUST swap cards with your marker to attest the score for each hole.
- In Foursomes or 4BBB stroke play your partner CANNOT be your marker.
- Players cannot ask for or give any advice to or from other players. [other than your partner]
- In any pairs competition, a player MUST not stand on or close to the line of play behind the ball while the partner is making a stroke to gain any information. [same as caddies]
- Back-on-Line relief now has a 360 degree club length relief area.

#### Belated News -

**John Paramor**, one of the most respected referees in golf, has passed away at the age of 67. The announcement was made by the European Tour on the news of his death on Friday, February 17, 2023, calling him the "finest, fairest referee in the world."











### UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

#### **Coming up in May-June 2023**

18th May Mixed Vets

28th May Hore Rosebowl Mixed Pairs 18 holes Best Ball 3rd-4th June Waimea Open (Tier 1 event) at Greenacres 25th Robinson Trophy Mixed American Foursomes 18 holes



#### 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.
- Please note the club's email address: totaradalegc@gmail.com please delete the old 'xtra' account from your address books and update to the 'gmail' account

#### **CLUB CONTACT DETAILS**

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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.





