

TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

February 2025 Newsletter



President's Report

Presidents Report.

The new season has begun.

It was great to see the numbers participating in Timbertown. For the first time we needed to have morning and afternoon tee times. Congratulations to the Winners and those mentioned in dispatches.

Our new program book is at the printers and will be finalized soon. In the meantime, we have next month's competitions on Table toppers in the Clubhouse along with a draught copy for the year in the Office.

A reminder the Annual Subs are due for payment on the 31 March and can be paid online or through the Shop.

Due to Network Tasman doing a major upgrade to the power lines coming up Pigeon Valley, Totaradale has been notified of several power outages.

Monday 10th March, Thursday 20th March, Tuesday 25th March. These outages are from 9.30am until 3.30pm each day. Whilst we can lessen some of the effect, we will have no Till or EftPos, no Dot Golf system and no flushing of toilets, and limited Bar facilities.

We have been given alternative dates of Wednesday 12th, Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th if for some reason the work cannot be done on the above dates.

Happy Golfing

Jean

SATURDAY MEN'S REPORT

We have now got up to the Woodham and Burnett Cups. 1st round of the Woodham has been played, congratulations to the winners, the losers going into the Burnett. The McEwan Mug is up to the 3rd round so good luck to those who have got good scores already. The course is looking fantastic so no excuses for bad golf thanks to Ian, Bill and the volunteers.

Ross

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Not much going on. Comps seem to be ticking along. Thanks to all Club Captains.

Regan Tasker all go on 30th March. 10am tee off.

Sausage sizzle from 8.45 am. Last year for this tourney.

Program book at printers, thanks to all Captains for work done. Delay out of our hands.

Club rep teams doing okay. Keep up the good work.

Looking for eager helpers for Easter, let me know.

Reminder: Any gripes go through the right channels. That's it. Good golfing.

Coxy

MID WEEK MEN'S

Hi everyone

Going into March already! We had mid-week opening day playing Canadian Foursomes. We had a good turn out on a nice sunny day. The winners Moira Gibbs and Brian Biggs nett 72 on a count back from Pip Edwards and John Barnett. Also, on a count back on nett 73 was Jo Hay and Craig Spargo followed by Kay Ford and Ruary OToole. I've only one gripe and that is we're short on entry fee money so please put in and take out the correct amount, thanks. The weather has been great, and the course is in good condition, thanks Ian.

The draw for the Friend trophy is up on the board, entries down a bit. Old Hickory was played at Nelson and sadly we couldn't bring it home going to Greenacres with 150 points. We didn't get the popgun though. The next round will be at our course on the 6th March

That's it from me

JB

PS : You should always try before you buy, especially a putter, never buy a putter until you see how well you can throw it.



RULES & HANDICAPPING CORNER

Just a couple of quality videos to share which highlight the importance of knowing the Rules of golf and how to apply them in your round.



A ball is lost if not found in three minutes after the player or caddie begins to search for it - [Click here to watch](#)



This video explains back on line relief options when taking an unplayable from a bunker - [Click here to watch](#)

Also remember for just 1 penalty stroke you can always take Stroke & Distance relief [back to where you played your last stroke outside the bunker]

From the course convener

Summer has arrived in the last few weeks. The hotter drier weather during the day with cool dewy mornings has meant Ian has had to be vigilant with maintaining the greens, to effect the spraying for moulds and fungus has been a challenge.

The six greens not done before xmas have now been aerated with the rotorake scarifier. Thank you Brian Wislang for helping with this task, making the job a lot faster. These greens have been seeded and sanded in preparation for our major Easter Tournament.

The hydraulic oil spill on number 17 green has not been repaired as yet because of the hotter weather, it is touch and go whether this will be done before Easter.

More sand has been put into the bunkers. Those that go in these should find it easier to get out, if the golf god is nice to you!

With the help of Steve Cox and Helen's brother in-law on the digger, we have spread soil beside number 8 and 6 tees. These areas will be progressively tidied and prepared for turving.

Ian has removed many of the old stumps around the course. These areas will be tidied, levelled and grassed in due course. Thanks to Peter Bowler who started this work Last Monday.

There is an area near the drain and towards the metal pathway from 6 that Ian is preparing for the extraction of turf for repair work. Please avoid this area.

There is a bin of sand under the totara beside practice nets, please use this sand to repair your divots on the practice area. Tree trimming and mulching continues around the course. This is an ongoing job especially at this time of the year.

Firewood is still available, we just need help to cut and split.

There is always something to do around the course, If you can help please contact a committee member. Mostly volunteer work is carried out on Mondays, but any day is a good day! I must admit that there has been an improvement in the replacement/repair of divots and pitch marks, thank you. Please continue the good practice.

As a reminder

On your next round of golf, please take a sand bucket and sand. Repair any divot marks you find. If you make a divot, replace it and put sand on it to keep it in place. This includes the tee blocks. Repair any pitch marks on greens.

Bill Filmer



Ladies Captain Report

The ladies had a great "Spotty Dot" Picnic Day this year. We had a good turnout of 13 teams on a lovely sunny day at our home course. I had great feedback on the state of the course and the awesome refreshments on offer in the clubhouse.



The "Pearlers" from Motueka took out the honours this year with the "Spotters" from Greenacres runners up. One of the Nelson teams were winners of the challenging quiz prize. Our own "Dotty Domestic Dollies" were the best dressed on the day, but

they did not offer to come and do my house work for free. Thanks to all who donated to the raffle table which was a hit again this year. And thanks again to all who chipped in and made the day a lot of fun for all who played.

The ladies played their first round of Westrupp on Sunday. Thanks go to Fran, Yvonne, Pat, Jean, Pip and Robyn for representing Totaradale on the day. And Congrats goes to Pip for her singles win, Pat for getting a half in singles and Pip and Robyn getting a half in pairs. Goodluck girls for the next round. We have the LGU starting very soon with other comps running alongside this and don't forget the Nancy McCormack on the 29th of March.

Happy golfing ladies, see you out on the course.
Carmen

9 Hole Ladies Report



Our 9-hole Interclub Pennant team started the 2025 round of games, playing at Motueka against Nelson on February 17th. Results were 1 win and 3 very close losses.

We are now busy planning for our 9-hole Open Tournament on Friday March 14th. This tournament usually brings in a big

crowd of entrants and we are hoping for fine, sunny weather.

NOTE: Totaradale course will be closed for this tournament for the morning of March 14th.

Our summer competition, Alan Lowndes, has finished. We are now working through the competition programme as per the programme book.

Helen Byrne, 9-Hole Captain



UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 6th March—Old Hickory

Sat 8th March—Stuart Trophy

Thurs 13th March—Totaradale Mixed Vets

Fri 14th March—9 Hole Tournament

Wed 19th March—Final Twilight

Sat 22nd March—Mens Hillerby and Hart

Sat 29th March—Ladies Nancy McCormack

April 19th & 20th - Totaradale Easter Tournament

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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 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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