



## January 2025 Newsletter

### President's Report

Welcome to 2025.

I hope you all enjoyed Xmas and New Year with friends and family.

Now for the busy time of year setting up our new program etc.

The various Club Captains have finalised the program for the coming season. This will be at the printers in the next week, and updated on DotGolf as time permits. Membership is due for renewal by the 31 March 2025.

To assist the Treasurer this year, please notify us by email or at the club if you are NOT renewing your membership, this will help alleviate a lot of unnecessary bookwork.

This is also an ideal time to check we have all your contact details up to date.

Payment for 2025/2026 Subscription can be made at the Club (EFT POS or Cash) or by Internet Banking to Totaradale Golf Club Inc

Account # 03 1354 0039505 00

Please use your Club ID as reference.

18 Hole Membership \$665.00

9 Hole Membership \$450.00

Trundler Shed Storage \$50.00

Kart Storage \$100.00

Power Supply \$5 per month

If you have any queries please contact Ali, Catherine or myself. Invoices will be sent on request.

My thanks to all the Volunteers who have helped either by manning the Clubhouse or assisting Ian with the constant upkeep of the course over the holiday season.

Happy golfing, Jean

### Mid Week Mens Report

Hi everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful festive season and rested well and are looking forward to another year of exciting golf. Not much has happened though we've been having good turn outs with some really good scores. This could be because of the summer conditions and the course being in great condition, thanks to Ian.

Happy golfing JB

### 18 Hole Ladies Captain's Report

It's been a lovely hot summer so far with some lovely days for golfing for those that can stand the heat. I hope all have had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with time spent with family and friends. Pat and I have been busy sorting out the program for 2025 and we have the Stuart Trophy and Crompton Vase as the first competitions to start in February. I will get the sheets up soon with the dates for these so that those who wish to sign up can get the dates booked in their calendars. We have also got the Picnic Day in February with the theme this year being "Spotty Dots" so get your teams organized and your costumes sorted. If the past is anything to go by it should be a great day for the ladies to take over the course and have some fun.

Thanks to Pip for stepping up and being our Tuesday convenor as I am still working full time and cannot join in on Tuesday fun and games every week, maybe one day. Also, once things quiet down, I will sort with Jean a list of those who volunteered to do the duties to learn the DotGolf system with her.

Here's to a great 2025 of golfing and I look forward to seeing you all out there. Carmen

**TEAM SPOT QUIZ!**

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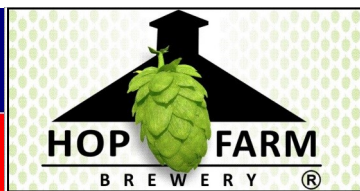
## LADIES TOP SPOT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: 20th February 2025  
Tee Off: 10.30am  
18 Hole Stableford Round  
Team of 4 - modified Stableford Competition  
Plus Individual Stableford Prizes  
Best Dressed Spotted Team Prize  
Entry: \$10/player  
Plus Clubhouse Spot Prizes

Entries close 18th Feb

Entries to Pat Hrynkiw 021 148 3859  
or email to: - totaradaleladies@gmail.com

Spotted Team Ball Included



## RULES & HANDICAPPING CORNER

Just sharing an extract from the Waikato Golf Referees Association recently sent to the clubs in their district.

- If you do not wish to follow the Rules, then you are not playing golf at all
- You are playing against not only the others in your group, but also the rest of the field
- If you do not bother with proper compliance in casual games, and learn the rules properly, you will certainly be compromised in a serious competition
- The rules do not permit any agreement to not enforce the Rules
- We should not feel embarrassed to ensure others all comply

Here are some examples of rules that are regularly not recognised, or are simply and deliberately ignored.

A penalty will be incurred if:

- The rules require a drop, and this is not done properly ( i.e. from knee-high, no nearer the hole and coming to rest in the relief area), before the next stroke is taken
- Following a local rule for preferred lies ( placing), the ball is put nearer the hole or too far from the original spot
- You lift a ball to identify it, and do not first mark the position of the ball
- In a stroke play shot-gun start, you play some practise shots on your way to your starting tee, or chip and putt on the green next to your first tee, before starting
- Players discuss with each other before hitting, the club they either propose to hit on a par three hole, or that have just hit before some others have hit.
- It is a breach , both to ask the question or answer it publicly before all players have hit. There is no problem after all have hit, but otherwise it is illegal advice
- You take longer than three minutes to find your ball , but then find it, and play from where it lies. It has been deemed lost , and is no longer in play

## CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT.

Happy New Year

Not a lot to report on as still winding into the real program. Xmas Tourney went off pretty good with 74 entries a good day had.

Added New Year Ambrose in this year and got 13 teams entered, including teams from outside Totaradale. Think we will make an annual event.

Well done to Roger Hunapo in his long trek (Longest Day) 72 holes even in cart was a great effort. About \$500 raised so far for Cancer Society.

Next major Tournament will be Timbertown 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Regan Tasker memorial Ambrose to be held Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March at this stage. This may change.

That's all for now. Coxy



## From the Course Convener

While some may disagree, the summer weather so far has been perfect for the golf course.

With the wetter and humid weather, Ian is having to be very vigilant and proactive in preventing mould and fungus growth in the greens. Hence the spraying on greens is done more often. Weed spraying also. As you may have noticed there was a hydraulic oil spill on number 17 green. A hose malfunctioned on the greens mower, this has been fixed. The green will be re-turfed in the damaged area.

The greens that were scarified have almost totally recovered. The difference and increase in the grass growth is noticeable. The playing surface is almost back to being perfect. Tree trimming continues around the course. This is an ongoing job especially at this time of the year

Ian and the course committee are working on a programme to carry out some major renovation work around the course over the summer and early autumn. The problem with the flooding occurring in the storage/cart shed is being worked on, this may involve some extensive drainage work.

Firewood is still available, we just need help to cut and split. The chip mulch has been spread around trees on number three.

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. However you play the game, be positive and enjoy the walk!

## 9 Hole Ladies Report

December 13 the 9-hole ladies hosted the Totaradale Fun Christmas Tournament. We had 43 participants (men and ladies) from clubs around the District. It was a very successful day and the Course was in fantastic condition. A big thanks to our Sponsors: Hirschmanns mover repairs, PacNSave Richmond, Tasman Auto Electrics, Wakefield Caltex, Wakefield 4 Square, and Wakefield Pharmacy. We are very fortunate to have such support from local businesses. Many of the entrants went home with lovely Christmas goodies prizes.

We are now running our Summer Tournament – Alan Lowndes Stableford, and have completed the 3rd round.

Helen Byrne

## **UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tue 25th Feb—Stableford

Sat 22nd March—Mens Hillerby and Hart

Sat 29th March—Ladies Nancy MacCormack

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.

### **CLUB CONTACT DETAILS**

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