

# TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Newsletter June 2023

## President's Report:

Last month I was very hopeful of having both our vacant greenkeeper and clubhouse assistant positions filled. Unfortunately this was not to be with both promising candidates being offered more appealing roles or remuneration at the 11th hour. As there were no suitable backup applicants on the table, we will start advertising again. I feel very grateful the club has Allan who so ably fills the greenkeeper gap and Sue who provides pleasant front of house hospitality, working over & above the part time role she signed up for. Please show your appreciation and lend your support to these valued staff members we do have who are willing to give so much of their time. Much appreciation to many of you who already do volunteer to support them and our club for everyone's enjoyment.

The time has come to rethink the roles in this really tight labour market... what skill sets does the club require and how much remuneration do we need to offer to meet prospective candidate expectations? As a trial, contract cleaners will be used to clean our clubhouse facility each week. Another big thanks to the volunteers who jumped in to spruce up the clubhouse and keep it clean over the last two months. Cleaners are also not cheap! Can you recommend any Wakefield based cleaners who may be interested in a few extra hours work on a weekly basis?

Just as well there are burgeoning numbers of green fees players wanting to make the most of the daylight hours over the winter to play. Accommodate them whenever you can, their financial contribution to the club is now essential. Please be patient with both members and visitors to the course, everyone has the right to enjoy their round of golf!

Happy winter golfing,

Cheers Gordy

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note from 10th June tee times for Saturday Club days now start at **11.00am** for the months of June/July & August



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### **From the secretary:**

Simon Winter has been appointed as Club Support Manager for Tasman Golf replacing Nathan Smith. Simon, an 11 handicapper, who grew up in Blenheim has 30+ years experience as a professional tennis coach with a USPTA coaching qualification. He has two adult sons both scratch golfers and interprovincial representatives. Simon's brief is to assist the 25 clubs in the Tasman region and he aims to visit them in the coming months.

Please welcome the following new members: Gabe & Lachie Greenaway (Juniors); Ross (Dad) & Josh (6 yrs old) Hawken-Illes (9 hole); Quaid Dearman (1 st yr); Fraser Castle (full ex Tasman); George McKay (9 hole, ex summer); Ethan Taylor (1 st yr); Dean Chisnall (full); Danny & Joel Tolmie (1 st yr 9 hole).

### ***A notice from Club Waimea's golf section:***

We are looking for players to join our golfing group who play monthly at Greenacres It is a 9.30 start. Requirements:

1. You need to be a member of Club Waimea.
2. Then you join the golf section, which costs \$10 annually.
3. It costs \$15 a month to play

Hopefully you would assist us doing the raffles at Club Waimea when it is our allocated turn.

If interested please contact: Fran Sutherland 0274433855 or Graham Douglas 0274319980.

### **Course Convenor's report:**

At last some fine weather but with that the inevitable frosts. It was 10am before the greens thawed enough for play this morning so NO early starts please. I know it's not always members but there's too many pitch marks being left on the greens. We have very reasonable pitch forks in the shop if you don't have one. Thanks to Brian Wislang for the weed spraying around the course everything's looking great.

We have on order a refurbished greens mower about to arrive around the end of the month and thanks to our secretary, Paul Hurst, have obtained a grant from Pub Charity to go towards the purchase price. Well done Paul; it's not easy getting grant money.

The course will be closed this Sunday until 2:30 pm as we are hosting Sloan Trophy to which our boys are leading at the moment. That's it from me.

Regards Allan

### **Saturday Men's report :**

May has been a quiet month for the Saturday men weather and the heavy conditions have disrupted our programme, we are through to the semi finals for Costello & Jenkins; due to a postponement of one round finals will be played at a later date. Winter competitions are rolling on through, we will have a double up on one competition due to weather delay. Sloan Trophy our last round at Takaka was postponed; next round to be played at Totaradale.

Good golf Murray



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## 18 Hole Ladies Report:

Finally, the postponed Totaradale Foursomes Tournament was played on Thursday 1 st June, it was a resounding success. The course had been carefully prepared by Allan and Brian, despite the very wet patches, some which had been marked as GUR by Mike, so helpful. Takings from the Raffles was an all-time record thanks to all the contributions by our members. The apples donated by Sally Palmer were a great hit with everybody and the visitors especially were most appreciative. To crown the day off, the two major prizes of Best Nett and Best Gross were won by Totaradale women. Pat and Jean winning the Best Nett and Adrienne and Pip winning the Best Gross. AND it never rained till we were all in!



On Sunday 21 st May our Totaradale team of Pip Edwards, Lynne Johnstone, Raelene Bowler and Fran Sutherland represented the club at the National Teams Event held at Marlborough Golf Club. The team were initially awarded 4th place, BUT due to a recalculation on the count back have been duly awarded 3rd place. Well done ladies! Results were as follows: Nelson 152, Marlborough 153 and Totaradale 154. An awesome result.

Moi and Pat

## 9 Hole Ladies:

It was a busy May with a number of ladies playing in the Greenacres grandmother's tournament. It was a great day out after all the wet weather, although our results were not that good. On the 15th we hosted the interclub competition. The weather was lovely, and we all enjoyed the competition. All our competitions are well underway with the ladies enjoying the match play.

Helene Billington

## Mid-week Men's report:

Well we have finally reached the semi- finals of the Friend Trophy and the third round of the Langford Trophy both having been delayed by bad weather (they are both handicap match play). The attendances are poor probably due to the weather, but if you enter a competition you are expected to turn up, if for some reason you can't please inform your opposition and arrange a time to play before the next round . Do not expect the people on duty to sort out your match timing etc. You will be cut from the competition with no redress, and be reminded of your obligations.

At time of writing the Hickory is being played at Motueka more to come later as to the result later. Well I think I have said enough, see you on the course.

Ron



## Rules Corner

### Unplayable Ball

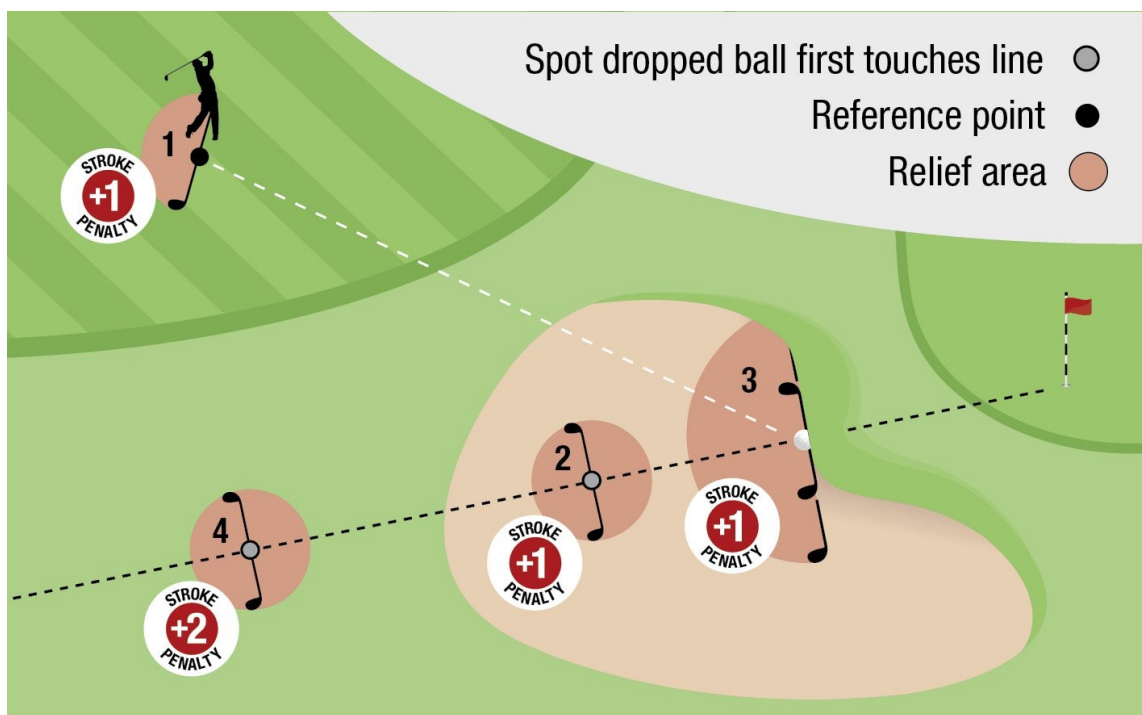
Rule 19 covers the player's relief options for an unplayable ball. A player is the 'sole' decision maker in taking penalty relief from an unplayable ball situation. Unplayable ball relief is allowed anywhere on the course at any time except in a penalty area. The penalty is one stroke only.

There are THREE relief options for an unplayable ball in the General Area or on the putting green

- (1) Stroke and Distance – simply play another ball within one club length from where you played your last stroke – no nearer the hole [you do not even need to find your original ball]
- (2) Back-on-the-Line Relief – you will need to find your ball for this relief option and you may drop a ball on the line behind the spot of the original ball keeping it in line with the hole and go back as far as you wish. Your relief area is one club length in any direction from where the ball first touches the line/ground when dropped.
- (3) Lateral Relief – possibly the option players best remember. You need to find your ball and you may drop a ball within two club lengths of the spot of the original ball, no closer to the hole.

So what happens if you are in a bunker, what are your options?

Same THREE options as above BUT options two and three must be dropped in the bunker  
(4) Extra Relief Option [for 2 Penalty Strokes] Drop a ball Back-on-Line outside the bunker and your relief area is one club length in any direction from where the ball first touches the line/ground when dropped.





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

### Coming up in June-July 2023

25th June Robinson Trophy Mixed American Foursomes 18 holes

18th June NBS Par 3 Tournament

16th July Hall Cup Team Ambrose 18 holes Best Nett

30th July NBS Teams Stableford

**NOTE: Saturday Tee-time change to 11.00am**



### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

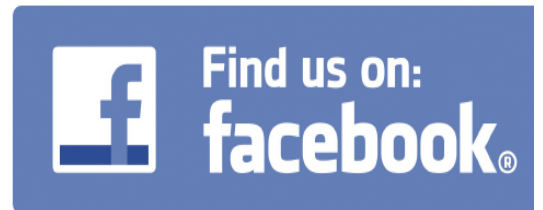
- ◆ to update your information in our systems please talk to club house staff.
- ◆ Could members please remember to report ALL accidents on the course or clubhouse.

### 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.

