



TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - After our recent AGM I would like to congratulate our new committee members: Hamish, Mike and Lindsay. Between the three they bring to our existing management committee a wealth of knowledge and experience. Thanks guys for filling these positions.

A brief update on the fire and insurance progress:

Insurance Company accepted the claim.

With all the scope completed, agreed and signed by committee tenders went out to building companies. Kennedy Construction were successful in obtaining the contract. Work has now started and has a completion date of 6 weeks. I know we will all be looking forward to returning the clubhouse early in the new year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.



18 HOLE LADIES - End of another season. Our closing day and prize giving was a great day glad to see so many taking part. There were such a lot of people winning prizes in the different grades. Well done to all of you for another successful season with record numbers of women participating.

We attended the District Champion of Champions With Adrienne Wislang Lynne Johnstone and Helen White as our Rosebowl team. These girls all played well and were only 3 points of the winners Greenacres. Marg Orman won the Bronze division well done all of you.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Fran Sutherland and her family with the recent loss of her husband Larry who many of our golfers knew personally. He lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer on Tuesday morning.

Fran will be carrying on with her new appointment of Ladies 18 Hole Club Captain, with Pip Edwards as her Tuesday Vice-Captain. We wish you both well with your new duties. As Fran has spent the last 2 years as Vice-Captain I am sure she will do a great job.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Festive Season.

Sue Rawson
18 Hole Ladies Club Captain



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.



MENS CAPTAINS REPORT - First off I would like to thank all of our club members for coming up each and every Saturday to play golf with all those that come along to enjoy a game and the company.

Next is to thank Nichola Cullen for all her work as Club Captain of the club for the 2016 year and for her help with a number of things during the year. Thanks

To the incoming Men's Captain, good luck with assembling a match committee that will assist you with starting on Saturdays and getting things sorted with Sloan Convenor and more so to enlist a great number of players to play in the annual Ryder Trophy competition against Tasman Golf Club.

Hopefully for all of our members over the coming months you will have a great Summer season and don't over indulge in things through that period called the Christmas season. Be weary on the course as during that period there will hopefully be a number of visitors using the course and enjoying themselves and please remember to repair your divots and pitch marks and carry a sand bucket to assist the green keeper.

Regards



Club Captains Report - Thank you members for belonging to Totaradale. You support it by playing golf regularly, you support it by being on a committee, doing duties, the cards, refereeing, marking the course, caddying, running Vets day, catering, especially after the fire. It doesn't matter about whether you have a good round or not at Easter- what matters is eating a delicious meal made by Ron Tasker. Thank you to our members who sponsor our competitions so generously. Other members hit family, friends and employers up for sponsorship, especially at Easter! Everyone working together is what makes Totaradale a great club to belong to. I'll take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nichola Cullen



9 HOLE LADIES - It was a successful closing day with a good turnout, with our last playing day being Pink Lady game. Cups and shields were presented plus the Champion of Champion which went to the Tasman winner who was Judy Waugh from Our club. Brenda gave her final Captain's report, and the new committee was welcomed in. We are looking forward to our fun game with the 18 holers next Friday, and then it is on to the Xmas tournament, where has the year gone??

Merry Xmas to everyone and safe travels to those who are going away.

Cheers ,Brenda Gibbens



NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - **Patron:** Ron Fowler, **President:** Stu Beaton, **Vice President:** Hamish McWhinnie, **Club Captain:** Mike Hrynkiw, **Secretary:** Jo Hay, **Treasurer:** Jean Nichol, **Committee Members:** Steve Cox, Scott Moffat, Clare Heslop, John Mehrtens, Peter Mott, Lindsay Kearns. Many thanks for giving your time and commitment to our club.



UP COMING IMPORTANT DATE



Tues 6th - Sepie Cup

Fri 9th - 9 Hole Ladies
Xmas Tournament

Sat 10th - Xmas
Tournament



Sun 10th - Ryder Trophy
Singles



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE GREENKEEPER - Thank you Dennis Beggs for looking after the golf course while I was on a trip around the South Island with my wife on our motor bikes.

It sounds like we had much better weather down there then what you had up here. I tipped 115mm out of the gauge when I got back.

The course is in great summer condition. We are December now and we have not had the irrigation on this season. That must be unheard of. There is lots of cover on the fairways. The greens got Verticut and sanded this week. It was great to use Greenacres Golf Club sanding machine again. It does such a fantastic job in little time. It is great to see some new green fee players visiting our course from other clubs around the district.

I apologise that the course is a bit hairy around some of the trees and boundaries. I missed the boat in early spring with the weed sprayer and can't seem to get on top of it. It's either too windy or it's raining.

I wish you all a festive season and look forward seeing everyone in the New Year.

All the best and Happy Golfing, cheers John

TIPS & BITS



Remember to take drinks & sunscreen now the weather is getting warmer.



Please remember to collect your balls from practice area...thank you!



Repair your diverts on fairways



Please don't hit up on the group in front

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HEALTH & SAFETY

Four years ago I was appointed as the Health and Safety Officer for Totaradale Golf Club. I had to start from scratch and it has been an interesting and time consuming journey.

However, by now we have managed to be up to date around the new law which went into effect March this year. That is: with the resources available to us. The promised protocol from New Zealand Golf around Health and Safety for Golf Clubs seems to be an ongoing "work in progress".

I would like to thank those members who supported me, especially the incredible support I received from the Main Committee.

Remember that as long as things are going fine one might think that certain actions taken over the years have been a bit over the top. Once there will be an unfortunate accident/incident.....one will investigate that for 100% and consequences for the Club could be horrendous when our policy would not be up to scratch.

Golf can be a dangerous game and to the best of my knowledge we have accomplished to make members and visitors aware of danger zones. The Defibrillator was replaced recently by the Insurance company as one was not sure if the one present in the Club House during the fire was in perfect order to be used.

With the recent fire at our Golf Club the advice is to change the Assembly Point. At present at the ladies no. 7 T-of. ? To be moved to the small practice area behind the no.1 T-of. The car park will be taken up by the fire engines as witnessed by those present during the fire.

It would be good to create an Evacuation Procedure for Totaradale Golf Club. With the recent earthquakes discovering that such a plan is non existent at the Earthquake Commission website or in their policy/helpline resources.

It is time for new ideas and wishing the new Health and Safety Officer all the very best.

Dy Short

MANY THANKS TO OUR YEARLY SPONSORS



Totaradale would like to thank our many sponsors and supporters of our 2016 golfing season. Without you our season could not be possible. We look forward to your continued support and wish you and your families a fabulous festive season.

Also to our twilight cooks many thanks for a wonderful job.



RULES CORNER - Earthquakes during your Round

My understanding from a little research is if we are out on the course and the 'big one' hits, firstly get yourself into open space where there is no risk of any tall trees reaching you if they fall and second lie down. If you remain standing the quake will more than likely will throw you down and the risk of injury much higher with possible concussion or broken limbs.

Hopefully, we will be lucky enough for this not to happen. However, what is quite possible, is during a round we may experience the occasional earth tremor that in one way or another affects the playing of your round. In the main, as far as the playing of golf is concerned, earthquakes are treated the same as wind and water and are not considered as outside agencies.

So let's consider a few scenarios and how we must proceed should they happen. They fall into two categories – with and without penalties.

No penalty

- Your ball is at rest on the green and a small tremor sets your ball rolling off the green or to another position on the green. No problem, no penalty, you simply play from its' new position irrespective of whether your ball was marked or not.
- You've teed up your ball and as you address the ball a tremor causes your club to knock the ball off the tee or the ball falls off the tee as you start your backswing and the stroke ceased. No problem, no penalty, simply tee the ball up again.
- You've teed up your ball and on your downswing the ball falls off the tee due to a tremor, you manage to either cease your downswing or alter the path swing intentionally over the ball. No problem, no penalty and you have not made a stroke, simply tee the ball up again.
- Either on the tee or the fairway, your ball moves due to a tremor as you are about to strike it and duff the shot 20 metres. No problem, no penalty, the stroke counts, furthermore you are not penalised for striking a moving ball. However, you are not permitted to replay your stroke without penalty.

With penalty

- On the tee, you've teed up your ball and as you start your downswing a tremor causes the ball to fall off the tee. You are unable to check your downswing and completely miss the ball. The ball is in play and the stroke counts, there is no further penalty however you are not permitted to replay the stroke without penalty.
- Your ball is perched in the long rough but is still playable, due to a tremor the ball drops down deeper into the rough and you can now hardly see it. You must play from its new position or declare the ball unplayable for a one stroke penalty.
- You are on the green and it's your turn to putt downhill. Other players in your group have not marked/ lifted their balls as they are well below the hole. Your putt stops 6" short of the hole and before you get chance to mark and lift the ball or tap it in a tremor causes it to start rolling downhill and your ball strikes a fellow-competitors ball on the green. The movement of your ball is considered to be after a stroke and you are penalised two strokes [stroke play only]. Had you marked, lifted and replaced your ball and it then rolled there would be no penalty. Another good reason to always mark your ball on the green when someone else is putting.

I doubt I've covered every scenario but this may help the 'what if's'. Rule 6-8 permits the discontinuance of play if players believe there is danger from lightning. It would appear, as yet, that earthquakes are not a 'danger' consideration by the R&A. However, the Rule goes on to say if players discontinue play without permission and the Committee considers the reason satisfactory then there is no penalty. Golf is not a matter of life or death but unfortunately earthquakes can be – take care.