



TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

PRESIDENT MESSAGE - During the holiday period the committee decided to monitor the after hours Green fee attendance and particularly the payment of these fees. Always the concern being, the lack of the latter being adhered to on these occasions with the club losing valuable revenue. We were pleasantly surprised of the payment received and the means some go to, to pay these fees. Reassuring as that honesty amongst golfers is generally still alive. Many thanks to Jo Hay for giving up her evenings to do this.



CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT - What a splendid day we had for Totaradale's Total Golf Timbertown Tournament. Thank you to our Green Keeper John for mowing the greens early on Sunday morning. Excellent work especially on No. 9/18 green! Many thanks to Madge for coming out and spending the day at the club and selling many raffles. Jackie and Dreana you kept the water cooler full and made sure there was great food and beverages to be enjoyed - thank you.

It was great to have other teams from the district playing in our tournament and we must remember whenever we get the opportunity to reciprocate. Likewise our sponsor -Glyn Delany of Total Golf Nelson, if you see him please remember to tell him that you appreciate what he's doing for golf at Totaradale.

Eric, my thanks for collecting the money on the day. Mike and Pat, I am in awe of the way you sorted and checked the cards so quickly and arranged the putt off. Ross well done on getting the raffles drawn too. Jean you are a 'Star' deciphering all those score cards as well as counting the takings for the day - what an awesome job you do for Totaradale.

Coming up... Opening Day is on Saturday the 6th and we are playing Drawn Pairs

The first Sunday Tournament is on Sunday 21st, it is the Stuart Trophy.

Don't forget to put your name in for the Easter Tournament.

I'm sure you'll all agree with this quote from Arnold Palmer:- "Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."



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.



INTRODUCING A BUY/SELL/SWAP SECTION

Want to have a clean out of all that old golf gear? Feel free to send me pictures and details of golfing gear you no longer want. Anything for sale/to swap/or give away and we will advertise it for you!

Many thanks to all those helpers for cleaning up our trundle shed.... Looks awesome!
9 Hole ladies thanks so much for the new additions to the ladies toilets I'm sure these will be used and enjoyed by many. Bev Doyle a big thanks for looking after our planter box on the deck.



Thank You!

MEN'S CAPTAINS REPORT - Welcome to the new year of golf at Totaradale. I will be finalising some results for competitions played over December and January and will have the results posted for you all via the website in the next week or so.
Please be aware of the following weeks competitions for the men as they differ slightly to what is stated for February in the 2015 programme book.

February 6th is Opening Day Drawn Pairs

February 13th is Round 1 of the McEwan Mug and begins the start of the ringers for the year also.

February 20th is Round 2 of the McEwan Mug

February 27th is Round 3 of McEwan Mug and is also the last day for players names to enter the Woodham Cup

Congratulations to the members that have been playing well and winning the daily competitions held each Saturday and those that have played in other district events over the last month. Good luck to the 2016 Sloan team as on Sunday 7th of February is the first round to be held at Murchison so good luck to the players involved.

Did you know? - Honesty, integrity, courtesy: three words that have come to represent the spirit in which the game of golf is played.

Play at a Good Pace and Keep Up

You should always play at a good pace. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If the group loses a clear hole and delays the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, they should also invite the faster moving group to play through.

It should be remembered that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.



MESSAGE FROM THE EAGLES -

To get an invite to become a member of the Eagles means you have done something special for your club (voluntary work towards course maintenance, administration or coaching Junior Golf etc) the present members from this club are Ron Fowler, Kev Marsh, Gordon Thomas, John Cullen, Robin Frengley, Stan Friend, and Stu Beaton. Recently the Eagles have extended their invitation to include woman.

Stan Friend

PLACE FOR SALE/RENT?

Fellow golfers.....We are looking for accommodation for Nov-Feb/March. Do you possibly know someone who has a small (1 bed) place for sale or perhaps a self contained sleep out for a (reasonable) rent.

If so we'd love to hear from you.

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MID WEEK MEN - We had another very successful vets day with 77 entries. Too many really and in future the field will be limited to 72 with a waiting list. Also players need to report at least 15mins before tee off. Our next vets tournament is on 17th March.

Trevor Higgs won with 47 stableford points. Everyone must be aware that all the raffles are \$2 as there was a short fall last time.

The first Old Hickory is on 4 February and Dennis Hall will select a team from the list of names on the board. The roster for the next two months is up and the duty person will now have the help of the midweek committee members if necessary. All in all thanks to those members who help out in making our golf run smoothly and enjoyable for all. Cheers Brian

9 HOLE LADIES - It is time, once again to write my article.

Summer Golf is as always more enjoyable to my mind. Sunshine, Birdsong, Cicadas and NO mucky Buggy Wheels to clean off after a game! We have been blessed with some lovely weather since Christmas so hot many of us aimed to get out on the Course as early as possible. I am always amazed that there are so many of our Nine hole Ladies playing around the course on any one day. Go Girls.

We are gradually getting used to the new vista from the course, many, like myself, mourning the disappearing trees and the harsh, bare, new backdrop. On the up side, it is wonderful to hear the Frogs in the little pond although judging by the Grey Heron who is keeping sentry we will not have Frogs there for much longer, shame.



As there is not much to report I thought I would share an interesting section from my Golf Yoga book. Yoga is as much about breathing and mental work as it is about strange postures and I feel that most of us would benefit from taking the following on board.

“Become aware of the thoughts that may contribute to fear of failure or fear of embarrassment. Let go of over -analysing the game and let the body do what it has been trained to do. Let go of the “I should have” between shots. Allow the conscious mind to quiet, so that the subconscious conditioning can come through and help you play the game.

Experience mental clarity and a sense of calm peace on the greens. When faced by hazards and other physical distractions on the course, block them out of your mind. Know that the obstacles will fade, if you are focusing on the target instead. Focus on what you want to do, rather than on what you do not want to happen.

Focus on the ball, then on the target. Do not be controlled by fear or concern about how the shot is going to come out, before it is fully executed. Concentrate on your breathing, posture, and balance. By not focusing so much on the outcome of the game, you can detach from the game and lighten up. Defer the calculation of the score until the end of the game, so as to remove some of the pressure, allow yourself to play the game, stroke by stroke. Let go of each shot after it has been played and clear your mind between shots to reduce anxiety and possible frustration. Just enjoy your game of golf.”

Reproduced from Improve Your Golf With Yoga Techniques.

On behalf of the 9 hole Ladies group I would like to express our sadness at the death of Anne Dobbie. Anne joined our group for several games and she will be remembered for her bright and smiling personality and the ease with which she made friends. Very sad news. Our thoughts and condolences go to her family.

Happy golfing.

18 HOLE LADIES - January 2016 has been quiet for our ladies as it has been quite hot to play golf however we have had soe good umbers attending most Saturdays and Tuesdays. We have played our summer stableford rounds of Johnson Trophy on Tuesdays and Jean Hildyard on Saturdays.

We are enjoying the opportunity of playing alternative tees which gives us a different perspective from the tees on each hole now. A bit more to think about and makes it more interesting.

January has also been a sad month for all our ladies as have all been aware that Anne Dobbie was in Christchurch undergoing some harsh treatment for her leukaemia. Anne finally lost her battle on 25th January when the treatment wasn't enough to fight off this invasive cancer.

We will all remember Anne as always being a very busy person, always happy and bubbly ready to give anything a go. Our thoughts are now ith her family and friends.

As we open up in February for our winter season we are looking forward to a busy time for the next few months.

Sue Rawson (Ladies 18 hole Captain)

OUT AND ABOUT ON YOUR COURSE

The rain we received last week was just what the doctor ordered. I tipped out a grand total of 98mm. Not only was it great to have on the course with various parts greening back up already, but it topped the dam up a fair amount too. Men's #18 tee soil has been levelled and grass seed has been sown. Hopefully ready to be used by Easter. It is great to see the results of slicing the fairways. The old disks which must have come on the ark are doing a great job. It's great to have some new bunker rakes. Have a go at trying them!!

Happy golfing John



JUST FOR GIGGLES

Your Clubhouse Manager working way outside her job description.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ Opening Day Sat 6th - Drawn Pairs
- ◆ Opening Day Tues 9th—Mixed Canadian Foursomes
- ◆ Stewart Cup - Sun 21st
- ◆ Fifty shades of Pink - 3rd March
- ◆ 9 Hole Tournament - 4th March
- ◆ District Vets - 14th March
- ◆ Totaradale Vets - 17th March
- ◆ Wonderers tournament - 20th March
- ◆ Easter Tournament - 26th & 27th March

- ◆ Change to Tee Off Time - Saturday April 2nd 9am not 12noon

Very busy couple of months ahead. If you are unsure of course availability please ring through to office and check.

FIFTY SHADES OF PINK..... Is happening at Totaradale on the 3rd of March. All proceeds to Cancer Society. Not to be missed ladies so get your teams of 4 in. Entries close 28th Feb.

- Modified Stableford Competition
- Plus Individual Stableford Prizes
- Best Dressed Pink Team Prize
- \$10 per player entry.



New Water Hazards

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have the drainage trenches on # 6/15 marked as water hazards. The area in front of the ladies #6 tee is now part of the same lateral hazard as the duck pond [red pegs] and further down the water hazard running across the fairway is a normal water hazard [yellow pegs]. In the majority of cases these hazards are unlikely to come into play but we are all human and will occasionally duff our tee shots and end up in one of them. So what do we do now?

The water hazard [yellow] running across the fairway is fairly simple and does not differ from the one on #1, #8 or #9. If your ball comes to rest in this water hazard a player may:-

- i] Play the ball as it lies without penalty [must not ground his club]
- ii] Proceed under stroke and distance and go back to the tee under a penalty of one stroke.
- lii] Drop a ball behind the water hazard keeping the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped with no limit how far back from the hazard – again for a penalty of one stroke.

The Lateral Water Hazard [red pegs] is a little more complex and in addition to the 3 options above a player may under a penalty of one stroke, drop a ball within two club lengths of where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or a point on the opposite margin equidistant from the hole.

Sounds a little complicated? It's not really but to avoid any risk of a player proceeding incorrectly and additionally to help maintain the pace of play there is a new drop zone purely for use with this Lateral Water Hazard but remember there is still a one stroke penalty. So if your ball ends up in this Lateral Water Hazard possibly the easiest way to proceed is either play another from the tee or play from the drop zone – either way you are now playing 3.

You must not use the drop zone if you ball is in the yellow Water Hazard.

Last Month's Rules Teaser -Answer: The player's score was 15. [e]

In stroke play, a player hits his tee shot into a bush. **1 stroke**

He drops the ball under the unplayable ball Rule within two club lengths of where the ball lay and not closer to the hole. **1 pen R28**

He moves a loose impediment near his ball, causing the ball to move. **1 pen R18-2a**

He replaces the ball. Before playing his next stroke, he asks his fellow-competitor what club he should play. **2 pen R8-1**

He takes an 8 iron and hits the ball out of bounds. **1 stroke + 1 pen R27-1b**

He drops another ball at the spot he last played from and hits the ball into the rough close to the putting green. **1 stroke**

He plays a ball onto the green and realises it is not his ball. **2 pen R15-3b**

He goes back to the rough and finds his ball almost immediately.

He plays his ball onto the green. **1 stroke**

He taps down some spike marks on his line of putt. **2 pen R16-1c**

He putts up to the hole and his ball overhangs the lip of the hole. **1 stroke**

He walks up to the hole without delay and waits for his ball to drop into the hole, which it does 15 seconds later. **1 pen R16-2**

Apparently this was based on a true event and the player returned a score of 7 consisting of 5 strokes and 2 penalty strokes [the unplayable plus the OB] the rest he felt he was entitled to do.

Competition Winners : Val Allen & John Ayres [only 2 correct answers]