

TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - January provided us with such an array of weather from the extreme mid 30's to a deluge of rain early January that I have never before witnessed and now last week a hugely destructive storm. Under the circumstances the course stood up to it well and we will always try to keep the course playable but the occasional closure is sometimes inevitable and we will try to keep this to a minimum.

The amount of water that occasionally runs through the course has now increased the volume going through the drain along #6 hedge. The Committee is currently working with the TDC to see if improvements can be made to help discharge the storm water quickly and thereby reduce any risk of back-up or flooding. We will keep you posted with any developments.

Welcome to our newest member Sue Holland who has joined as a first year 9 hole member, good golfing Sue. Easter comes early this year and is now only a few weeks away, this is the club's flagship tournament in the district and we rely on members to really make this a success so if possible invite any mates from other clubs, the more the better.

Good Golfing
Mike H

9 HOLE LADIES - January has been very quiet. Many members away at various times or with other family commitments over the summer break. The only competition still underway is the Alan Lowndes Trophy. The weather has affected play as well either very wet or a heatwave! But whose complaining?

We have had our first committee meeting for the year to prepare for our annual tournament which is held on 2nd March so Flyers will be going out shortly. For the most part we are just trying to keep cool.

Good golfing
Sue Paine

MID WEEK MEN - Hi to one and all,

Once again the weather gods were against us as and another Vets Tournament was rained/washed out, to those who thought we good run another in January there was no other dates available with out clashing with other events. The Tuesday golf is still going well despite the heat. Remember to drink plenty of liquid out there and use sun screen as well. The next Hickory is at Nelson so get your names to Denis Hall if you want to be considered for the team.

Well that is it for another month.

Good golfing
Ron





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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - This Sunday is Timbertown which I hope is well supported and run successfully by Ross and Murray, thanks boys. Names are required for the Sloan Trophy team for 2018, a sheet is up on the men's notice board. Twilight is going well once again after a couple of weeks of rained off nights. The course is looking great for the rain and the work on the greens by John and various helpers.

Happy Golfing.

Hamish McWhinnie

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE - Greetings all, I have a few small housekeeping matters that may or may not be of relevance to you. Firstly, I'm attempting to update our member contact details list, if you have changed address, phone number or email address, can you please let myself or Paula know and we will update.

It's also come to my attention that there is an increase in the amount of banana skins being thrown on our garden areas around the course. There are sufficient rubbish bins around so please use them, the skins are unsightly and while they do break down over time its not a great look.

I don't want to sound too much like Jackie, I'm already mistaken for her enough as it is!! But can I please ask that you make an effort to get your cash out on the way to golf. On busy days it can cause quite a problem when multiple people want cash out **early** in the day to pay their entry fee. We simply don't hold much cash. I haven't turned any of you down yet, but I will if it becomes a continued problem and you'll have to borrow from a friend. There is an ATM at the Wakefield Four Square.

On Saturday 13th January we were rained out and the course closed. I did however wonder why John was frantically running across the course with a fertilizer sack in his yellow wet weather gear. Then he turned up at the door looking very pleased with himself and his catch. A big fat eel released into the pond.

Enjoy your month!!

Cheers Amber.



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RULES CORNER -

Rules Corner

Answer to last month's teaser - John had a 10 and Bill had an 8. See if you can work out why?

Recent Incident - Whose turn is it to putt?

In a stroke play round player A's ball lies on the green a metre from the hole. Player B who is off the green chips up and his ball is stopped dead by A's ball which then rolls on a metre or so. B's ball is at rest on the exact same spot A's ball was at rest. Player A must replace his ball and B must play as it lies.

So whose turn is it to putt? This should be decided by lot - in other words a simple toss of the coin and then either player could mark the position of the ball and then span with a further marker to allow the other to putt.

Recent Incident - Accidental movement of a ball on the putting green. On two occasions this week we had players who accidentally moved their ball at rest on the green. Under the new Local Rule introduced in January 2017 there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced. This Local Rule was introduced by the R&A and applies at most clubs.

In the first incident a player practised his putt above the ball but managed to somehow clip the ball - Had they made a stroke? No! there was no intention to strike the ball, they simply clipped the ball with a practice stroke. No penalty and replace the ball. [only applies when the ball is on the green]

In the second incident a player about to mark his ball on the green decided to waft away with his putter the wasp trying to land on his ball and accidentally clipped the ball. There is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.

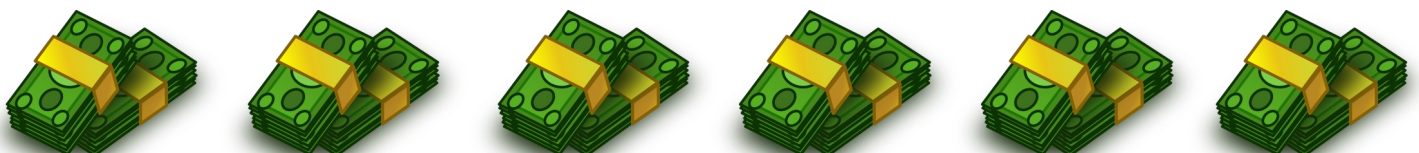
SATURDAY MEN'S REPORT - With February over we have finished the Summer Stroke. The successful players in each grade were 0-10 mark Topia 11.20 Brian Biggs 21 + Jacob Berthelson. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm conditions and keeping the sun screen up.

Regards Ross

18 HOLE LADIES REPORT - The extreme January temperatures have seen fewer players competing this month. The summer Jean Hildyard and Johnson Trophy competitions are nearing completion. Our Tuesday 2 person Ambrose was keenly contested with all groups achieving good results. Winners on the day were Colleen Marshall and Pip Edwards with a nett 50. Entries close this week for the Stuart trophy pairs match play competition.

Pip and Audrey

REMINDER - SUBS ARE DUE - Now that we are into February a new season will be shortly upon us, therefore annual subs are due by 31st March. See Amber or Paula if you want to pay at the office. Alternatively accounts can be paid online. Please ask if you have any queries regarding accounts.



SOMETIMES YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR



OUT AND ABOUT WITH YOUR GREENKEEPER - 300mm of gentle rain, certainly makes the difference on a golf course this time of the year. And it didn't take long before the scorched looking course turned around into a lovely lush looking course.

Thank you to Brian and Denis for helping out with some extra mowing and helping with the sanding just before I went on holiday. And Denis for taking the reins while I'm cruising around the North Island on my motor bike.

Happy golfing, John



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.





UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

SAT 10th - Opening Day - Mixed American Foursome

TUE 13th - Opening Day - 10am Tee Off

FRI 23rd - 9 Hole Ladies Opening Day

Coming up in March...

WED 14th - Twilight final round

WED 21st - Twilight Social and Presentations

FRI 30th - Good Friday

EASTER TOURNAMENT

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPITS

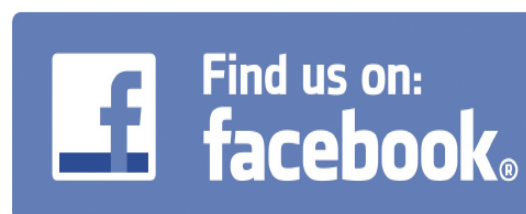
- ♦ Solar lights installed and working well
- ♦ Paula and Amber both had 90 day review and are now full employees.
- ♦ Clubs Liquor licence matters discussed
- ♦ Discussion around ideas for increasing club revenue

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.

