



TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

PRESIDENT MESSAGE - Wishing you all a very happy New Year and successful golfing season.

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT - Thank you members for your support of the Christmas Hamper Tournament. It is a tournament I've always enjoyed playing in. Thanks must go to Hamish for being the barman on the day. I appreciated Jean and Colin's swiftness in doing the cards so Dennis and John could sort the results of the tournament quickly and accurately. It's great that members also bring in the novelty prizes when they know they are the last ones going past them. It saves Eric from collecting them all afterwards. Many hands make light work!

Please put your names down for **Timbertown** the sheet is in the men's notice board at club.

May the New Year hold great golfing achievements for us all at Totaradale.

Club Captains - The programme book is being finalised at the moment and it may help to have all the club captains around the table to check that the inevitable clashes are cut to a minimum. Sat 9th of Jan at 10:30, please get in contact with me if this doesn't suit and we can arrange another time.

Sponsorship - To run tournaments we need to have sponsorship. The Easter Tournament is approaching, if you are aware of any organisations which could be approached regarding sponsorship could you please let Jackie know. Totaradale has many members and I know as members we all would make an effort to use our sponsors when we could and thank them for the support they give to Totaradale.



18 HOLE LADIES REPORT - The ladies on the whole are enjoying the new trial tees. We are looking forward to including them as alternative tees. Anne Dobbie is still in Christchurch Hospital having treatment. She says it will be a long haul but we trust she will get better soon. For those who are playing summer golf the course has held up quite well but has dried out somewhat and getting a lot of run and some awkward bounces. Look forward to you all returning to golf in the new year. Trust you had a merry & happy Christmas and new year.



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.



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MEN'S CAPTAINS REPORT - Hi All

I hope you all have had a good Christmas and are going to enjoy a great New Year.

I will be sending out shortly the duty roster for the Saturday Men, which I hope those that put their names up are going to be happy with.

I am hoping that this year can be enjoyable on Saturdays and that we can gain a few more numbers into some of the competitions thru the year and especially for the Easter Tournament, Ryder Trophy and Xmas Hamper events.

Good luck to those that are selected to play for the Sloan Team in 2016, Country Clubs, Ryder Trophy and any of the representatives teams for the district.

Happy New Year from Hamish McWhinnie

Totaradale Mens Captain



9 HOLE LADIES GROUP - So as we say "Goodbye" to 2015 I can't help thinking what a wonderful year it has been for Totaradale 9 hole Ladies Group. Congratulations to those who stepped up and got results. The roundup for 2015.

Winning the Biddy Smith Challenge Trophy (Played for by clubs in the region). Brenda Gibbens our Captain becoming "Champion of Champions" Yvonne Burbidge winning the Sue Bunt Trophy Willie Simpson winning the Postal Stablefords Lyn Collings winning best Nett at the Hanmer Springs Tournament Plus all our club trophy winners and competitors.

We are lucky to have such a friendly and harmonious group of Ladies. A fact that is often commented on by visitors. No more so than at our Annual Christmas Competition. Many thanks to Richmond Mall Management for their donation, enabling us to offer a good array of Yummy prizes, plus a spot prize on every hole, including a bag of reindeer droppings and a cuddly Teddy Bear. Balloons, Carols and festive fancy dress added to the atmosphere and everyone had a chance of a present. Judging by the feedback I received, once again we managed to pull it off and were the talk of the local clubs. Only by working as a team can something like this be achieved and I am pleased to say thank you to everyone who played a part in the days' success. I hope that 2016 will be as interesting and fun as the past year has been and we will continue to enjoy a healthy membership. Hopefully we can recruit a few new Ladies to join our Group.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ **Captain's Meeting** Sat 9th @ clubhouse 10.30am
- ◆ **Twilight** starts back January 13th, meals available after play.
- ◆ **Timbertown Tournament** 31st January.
- ◆ **Trundler Shed** clean out will be happening soon so please take home what is yours and not needed to be there.
- ◆ **Please report** any incidents, accidents to the office.

TIMBERTOWN TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2016
Tee off times: 8am & 12:30pm
(Please indicate preferred tee off time when entering)
Teams of Four - Best Ball Nett on each hole
(Each team must include at least one woman)

Entry Fee: \$15:00 per player
Handicap limit: Men: 24 - Women: 36

Entries to Totaradale Golf Club
Email: totaradalegolfclub@xtra.co.nz
Phone: 541 8030

Entries close Monday 25th January 2016
Post entries accepted

Total Golf Great prizes! Catering Available

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MID WEEK MEN - A big thank you to all the midweek men who helped out with duty on Tuesdays and especially John Haynes who remembered everything on the last Tuesday before Christmas in wishing everyone a safe time over the festive season. The Tues/Thurs golf will continue through the holiday time and all are welcome to join in. Our course will hopefully be quite busy over this time and we need to show some tolerance. Dennis will be putting the list up for those interested in playing in the Old Hickory so make sure yours is there if you want to be considered. The midweek program looks quite busy for the coming year and a new competition for the Watkins Memorial Picture will be played over three rounds of medalford with the best two scores to count. In conjunction with the ladies we are trying to organise a few more days of mixed competition so hope you will all join in. Happy New Year Brian

2016 New Year Rules Teaser

In stroke play, a player hits his tee shot into a bush. He drops the ball under the unplayable ball Rule within two club lengths of where the ball lay and not closer to the hole. He moves a loose impediment near his ball, causing the ball to move. He replaces the ball. Before playing his next stroke, he asks his fellow-competitor what club he should play. He takes an 8 iron and hits the ball out of bounds. He drops another ball at the spot he last played from and hits the ball into the rough close to the putting green. He plays a ball onto the green and realises it is not his ball. He goes back to the rough and finds his ball almost immediately. He plays his ball onto the green. He taps down some spike marks on his line of putt. He putts up to the hole and his ball overhangs the lip of the hole. He walks up to the hole without delay and waits for his ball to drop into the hole, which it does 15 seconds later.

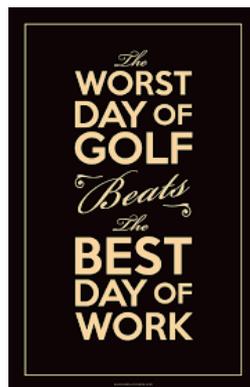
What is his score for the hole?

a]11 b] 12 c] 13 d] 14 e] 15

Please email your answer to mike@5starpromotions.co.nz

First correct answer drawn wins their choice of a Totaradale cap, visor or golf towel. Entries close 29th Jan 2016 and the winner announced on the 30th Jan.

Answer and Rules breaches will be in next month's newsletter.



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!

