



TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Attending the R&A 'Teach the Teachers' seminar in Melbourne proved very informative and certainly beneficial. Totaradale members will have a head start on learning the rules changes once I receive all the training resources which should filter down from the R&A to NZ Golf. If anybody has a yearning to become a Rules official now would be a good time to join the training pathway.

At the beginning of May we applied for a donation from Pub Charity to purchase a relatively new golf cart. We had our eyes set on a 2015 model Precedent Club Cart and sure enough we were successful in our application and received \$6000 towards the purchase. We should take delivery by the end of the month. Carts will be available for both members and visitors and remember our members receive preferential rates.

Date for you diaries - Sunday June 17th - Spike Hildyard Par 3 Tournament this will have a field limit of 45 players so get your names down on the entry sheet as soon as you can. Thanks to Stu for organising this event again, I'm sure everyone appreciates the amount of work and effort involved in putting this together. Thanks also to our tournament sponsors Helloworld.

Another date Sunday 5th August - NBS Totaradale Team Trophy - Teams of Four 18 hole Stableford round where we combine Stableford points with a slight challenge. Best two scores from the first six holes, best three from the next six and then all four scores count on the last six. We have ordered the trophy [sponsored by the NBS] Flyers and entry sheets will be out shortly. Teams will need to include one female player. Main prizes will be sponsored by the Nelson Building Society.

Starting this month there will be a new monthly raffle draw with three main prizes. We wanted to add something different to what is currently offered in the way of raffles and we'll monitor how this performs over the next few months. Thanks to Clare Heslop for organising these baskets.

Any members who are able to spare a bottle of wine for our quiz night, please hand these to Paula or Amber, and I'll be tapping a few shoulders in the next couple of weeks to join the organising committee.

You'll see from the green keeper's report there is some ongoing work to improve the drainage on the course, thanks for your patience with this, it will have its' long term benefits. Thanks also to Billy Beaumont and Stan Friend for their voluntary work around the course and also our gardening group for their contribution.

Good Golfing
Mike H

MID WEEK MEN - Hi to one and all,

The Hickory held at Takaka was a bit of a disaster, so enough off that. We had 53 in the field at the Vets which was won by Bill Filmer on 39 points (on count-back), and Yvonne Burbridge for the ladies on 32 (also on count-back). Thanks due to John for getting the course playable despite the very wet conditions. The next Vets held in July will be played on the Thursday the 12th not the 19th as in the programme due to it clashing with the Pennants at Nelson. The entry fee will be increased by a dollar to seven dollars as costs are rising so a small increase is necessary. The Tuesday competitions are going well and the numbers are up.

Play well and remember about slow play and keep up with the group in front and not hold the field up, or let the ones behind through so everyone enjoys the game.

Ron



9 HOLE LADIES - May has been quite a busy month for the 9-Hole ladies. We had the first round of the Lough Trophy handicap competition early in May without wet weather interrupting. We participated in two regional tournaments last week. The first was at Tasman Golf Club on a lovely autumn day, with blue skies and little wind. Four of our players attended with some success. Runner-up Nett B grade was Sue, winner Nett B grade was Lyn and Verety won closest to the pin. They were disappointed in the turnout but maybe because later in the week we had Greenacres Grandmother's 9-hole tournament. More of our members played there. Verety won straightest Drive, also Judy W won a novelty prize. Lyn was 3rd runner-up for B grade and Brenda was the A grade winner. This was a Stableford only competition. Several of our members continue to play 9-hole Vets at Nelson. It is always enjoyable to meet up with golfers from other clubs. Good Golfing. Sue Paine



FROM THE CLUBHOUSE - Hi all, a few chilly mornings and crisp frosts in the last week has seen the fire in the clubhouse roaring, we'll take any spare newspapers or egg cartons you have for starting it please. The highest bidder on the silent auction for the golf bag was Nick McIntyre, thank you to all those that placed bids. The money from this goes into our Junior fund. A reminder that Thursday's tee up for \$10 green fee promotion has now finished for the season. If you had friends or family making the most of that deal please inform them. Many Thanks, Amber.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Congratulations to our 18 hole ladies on winning the Tasman District National Teams Competition. It appears this is a first for Totaradale which makes it even more special. It is not only a credit to the players but also their caddies and supporters. Well done to you all. The Hore Rosebowl was changed to an 18 hole event because of morning rain. All participants enjoyed their afternoon and turned in respectable scores. The winners were Brian Dalley and Pip Edwards with 45 Stablefords. Congratulations to the Totaradale Vets organisers on their well organised tournament and the 18 hole ladies on running another very successful tournament, the Totaradale Foursomes. Good luck for the June - Sloan, Old Hickory and Pennants competitions. Once again thanks to all the staff for your work and support which helps us enjoy our golf. Up coming events to note are: The clubhouse will now be closed on Wednesdays. Sunday 17 June our Helloworld sponsored Par 3 Tournament - Get your entries in. Saturday 23 June the Eagles are coming to play in the Winter Stableford, Sunday 19 August the twice postponed Stewart Cup. Now an 18 hole event. Pip



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RULES CORNER - Identification marks on your ball.

I recently dropped off a couple of very important golf balls with the engravers to be mounted on Hole in One trophies. Congratulations to Nigel Massey and Lynne Johnstone both holing an ace on #17.

It was interesting to see neither ball had any identification marks on them and I thought perhaps timely that we remind ourselves of the potential pitfalls of not putting an ID mark on your ball.

Rule 6-5 Ball. states *'The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball'.*

So what if you don't? well firstly there's no penalty if you don't however if you play your ball into an area where an identical ball lies from another fairway or even from your own group and you are unable to distinguish one ball from the other - then both balls are deemed lost.

Further complications arise when playing a provisional ball which just happens to be from the same ball sleeve as your first ball and same number etc. and neither is distinguishable from the other, this unfortunately happens more often than you would imagine.

So you are playing #6 and your first ball bounces away toward the hedge, you now play a provisional ball and this also bounces off in the same direction - both balls are identical.

Scenario 1 - one ball is under the hedge and out of bounds or not found at all and the other is in bounds. The ball found in bounds **must** be presumed to be the provisional ball, so you are now playing 4.

Scenario 2 - both balls are found in bounds, the player must select one of the balls and treat it as the provisional ball and abandon the other, so now playing 4.

Moral of the story - it pays to put an ID mark on your ball and perhaps play a different brand if playing a provisional.

Ready Golf & Pace of Play

The new Rules to be launched in January have been carefully put together with a strong emphasis on reducing the amount of time it takes to play a round of golf and in stroke play "ready golf" will be encouraged.

The term "ready golf" has been adopted by many as a catch-all phrase for a number of actions that separately and collectively can improve pace of play. There is no official definition of the term, but examples of "ready golf" in action are:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker
- When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot

Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off

This extract is from the R&A Pace of Play Manual which also has some excellent videos.

Click here <https://www.randa.org/RulesEquipment/Pace-of-Play/Overview> if the link does not work simply copy and paste in your browser. Scroll down to the video library and I would encourage you to watch 'Ready Golf' followed by 'Pace of Play - Player Behaviour'.

As a club we can embrace 'ready golf' now and get some brisk pace back into our golf. However, playing ready golf is not an excuse not to be ready when it is your turn to play.

SATURDAY MENS REPORT - The Saturday mens section is ticking along nicely. During May we have been playing the Costello & Jenkins handicap matchplay pairs, we have 1 more match to be played to find the finalists. The finals are down for the 9th of June, so good luck to all pairs in the finals. The Eagles are due to visit us on June 23rd so I hope we have a good turn out of members that day.

Ross

18 HOLE LADIES REPORT - Another busy month has passed for the Ladies 18 Hole members. Our Tuesday and Saturday groups continue to compete in several competitions including LGU, Fowler/Johnston and Wislang events. The Marg Lindsay Foursomes was held May 12th with Marg Orman and Pip Edwards coming out the victors - well done to you both.

Pip, Helen White, Marg and Sue Rawson did really well coming second at the Nelson Golf Club Ladies District Open Day and under extreme wet conditions. Great job!

On May 20th the Ladies National Teams competition was also held at Nelson for the clubs in the top of the South Island - with Totaradale taking out the honours. Congratulations to Pip Edwards, Sue Rawson, Cay Cockerell and Audrey Barron.

Following an initial committee decision to postpone the May 24th Totaradale Ladies Foursomes, due to threatening rain, the event eventually went off as scheduled. Thanks to Fran Sutherland and Claire Heslop for all the amazing sponsors for this event - in total 14 businesses supported the day.

Thanks also goes to all of the ladies who contributed toward the day; with morning tea, donations for the raffle and scorers - superb effort from everyone.

The winners of the day were:

1st Nett - Jeanette Galletly and Aly Oldham - Golden Downs

1st Gross - Fran Sutherland and Sue Rawson - Totaradale.

From the 18 teams that participated Totaradale had a total of 5 teams taking away prizes - well done to everyone.

Audrey and Pip



OUT AND ABOUT WITH YOUR GREENKEEPER - Well winter has finally arrived. We would have daily frost's from early May onwards in a normal winter. That means I have a break from chopping grass for a while. It also means we could have delayed starts and icy conditions on the course, please be aware. Nelson held a field day for the Canterbury Tasman Turf Managers Association in the middle of May. We had breakfast at Kina Cliffs and a walk around the course. Weather was not ideal but we managed. We then came to Totaradale after Tasman. I explained a few things about the course and the club while we were waiting for a break in the weather. We walked across the course in fairly damp conditions, but it didn't rain. The group were very impressed with the condition of the greens and the course in general. After lunch we walked across the road to Wakefield Outdoor Power Equipment where Peter filled us in about his business. Peter is very knowledgeable on mowing equipment and mechanics in general. You may have noticed there is work in progress along #3 fairway. At the final stages of installing an additional sump to manage the water run off better from neighbouring properties. Big thank you to Stu of Granger Contracting for bringing his big tractor over with front end loader to lift the sump in place. H&H concrete for letting us use their concrete cutting saw. And Eric for organising the little digger. The new back Tee markers are looking great.

That's all from me for this month.

Happy golfing, John

FROM THE ARCHIVES - A PIECE OF SLOAN HISTORY (1997)



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Winners of the Sloan Trophy after the final round at the Waahi Taakaro Golf Club on Sunday are the Totaradale team of (from left) Gary McCaa, Brian Wislang, John Cullen, Frank Ladds, Mark Friend and Chris Manson.

Totaradale's likely Ladds



Frank Ladds admits he's occasionally ruffled some feathers selecting Totaradale teams to contest this year's Sloan Trophy interclub golf competition.

But he obviously got the right mix after a side comprising Ladds, Gary McCaa, Brian Wislang, John Cullen, Mark Friend and Chris Manson became only the second Totaradale team to win the coveted 21-year-old trophy after beating Tasman 4-2 in Sunday's final round at Waahi Taakaro.

Totaradale last won the trophy in 1979 with Ladds, a former Nelson representative selector, using 11 players at various stages throughout this season's campaign.

Besides Sunday's winning complement, Ladds has also called on Robbie Stuart, John Ayers, Robert Learmonth, Chris Webb and Wayne Eggers during the year as injury and form have forced changes.

Manson and Cullen were the only players involved in every round with Totaradale winning six of its eight matches, losing only to Greenacres (in round one) and Takaka.

Totaradale was one of four teams still in

contention heading into the final round. It shared first place with Waahi Taakaro on 10 points though, with the bye on its home course, Waahi Taakaro had no chance of improving its position.

Takaka and Nelson also remained in the hunt on nine points, each requiring final round victories and a Totaradale loss against Tasman to have any chance at the title.

But it was Nelson and Takaka who ultimately stumbled, Nelson losing 3½-2½ to Greenacres and Takaka halving with Motueka, to leave Totaradale clear by two points.

Friend, Wislang, McCaa and Manson all secured crucial final round victories on Sunday with Ladds, still recovering from a broken collarbone, losing to Willy Burke at the 18th and Cullen losing 2 and 1 to Murray Tolmie.

Totaradale finished with 12 championship points while Waahi Taakaro and Takaka shared second on 10. Nelson remained on nine points with Greenacres on eight, Golden Downs and Motueka seven, Murchison five and Tasman four.

14-9-1997 - by Wayne Martin

This newspaper clipping was recently handed to me by Stan Friend. He found it tucked away within the pages of his late wife Myrtles diary. As you can see their son Mark is featured, Myrtle being a proud mother had obviously cut out the article dating it for safe keeping. In an age where we now predominately read online and keep our photos in digital format I found Stan's story quite touching. Given that we are part way through Sloan in 2018 with our team doing well Stan and I thought this little snippet of history would be of interest to you all and hopefully inspiration to the team. If anyone else has a piece of Totaradale history with a story they would like to share I'd be happy to publish it for everyone to enjoy. With a club like Totaradale having such a long rich history I'm sure there are plenty of worthy pieces out there amongst you.

Cheers Amber.



UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

JUNE

SAT 2nd - Waimea Champs - Greenacres
SUN 3rd - Waimea Champs - Greenacres
MON 4th - Queens Birthday
THUR 7th - Old Hickory - Tasman
SUN 10th - Sloan Rd 6 - Tasman
SUN 17th -
SUN 24th - Sloan Rd 7 - Greenacres
THURS 28th - District Open Day - Totoradale

COMING UP JULY

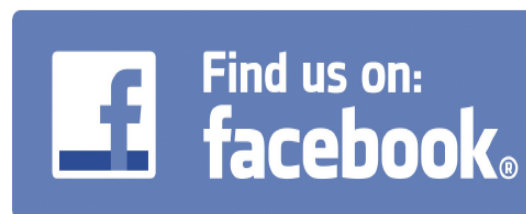
THUR 5th - Old Hickory - Totoradale
SUN 15th - Sloan Rd 8 Motueka
THUR 19th - Totoradale Vets
SUN 22nd - Hall Cup - Team Ambrose
SUN 29th - Sloan Rd 9 Nelson

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPITS

- ♦ Tee Markers - Front 9 markers are round, back 9 markers are square.
- ♦ Monthly hamper raffle now running. 3 prizes.
- ♦ Clubhouse will be closed on Wednesdays for the months of June and July.
- ♦ Quiz night committee to be set up for organisation and running of the evening.

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OUR CLUB'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Totoradale 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.

