



# TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** - The mild May weather has been great for the club with a noticeable increase in green fees and some great turn-outs for our programmed events. However, looks like winter has finally arrived with a vengeance and as always it will have an effect on the course and playing conditions. The fairways and greens will understandably be softer and everyone needs to be a little more diligent in the repair of divot holes and pitch marks. If using a golf cart be careful where the ground is soft and mushy. The course is looking well after the extremely demanding dry summer and it would be great to keep this way.

Totaradale Golf Club would like to extend a warm welcome to new members Brent Harris, Jarn Tamarua, Matt and Grant Johnson, good to have you on board.

It's also been good to see Nick Loach back for some excellent golf clinics and hopefully we'll see a little more of Nick as he has now been appointed as the new executive officer of Tasman Golf Incorporated taking over from Lynden Murray. Lynden has done a fantastic job and we wish him the best with his new venture which will hopefully give him some leisure time to get out on the golf course and get to know our members.

There's been quite a lot of discussion with regard to the bunkers on the course and whether or not to fill them and have grass bunkers which would mean far less maintenance or whether to divert some of the surface water causing the washouts and replace the sand. Whilst there are good arguments for both options it would appear that there is a fairly strong member preference to retain them. With this in mind the grounds committee will put a plan of action together over the winter months to upgrade them.

The owners of the property adjacent to #3 green have advised that they have erected an electric fence to ensure their dogs no longer venture onto the course, however they have strongly requested that players do not climb over the fence to retrieve balls from their property as this is damaging the fence. If you see any player attempting to climb over just let them know it is not ok to do this.

**MID WEEK MEN** - Hi to one and all,

The Hickory held at Motueka wasn't to successful but we weren't last, but a good day never the less. Vets tournament held on the 16th with 58 players attending was won for the men by Denis Hall on 43 points on count back from Graham Strickett and Dave Warring and for the ladies Shona McLean from Motueka on 40 points won from Leanne Kearns on 38 points. We concluded the Watkins Memorial (best 2 from 3 medalford) was won by Peter Pinnock runner-up John Nichols. The full results on the back notice board. We have had the first round of the Friend Trophy (handicap match play). There has been good attendance on the Tuesdays from both men and ladies. Well that's all from me.



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**9 HOLE LADIES** - 5 of our ladies played the Biddy Smith challenge against Motueka on May 9th. They put up a good challenge and won 1 of the 5 games – thus Motueka retained the Biddy Smith Cup.

9- Hole competitions coming up include the Grandmothers tournament at Greenacres on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 9-Hole tournament at Tasman on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual 9- Hole ladies mid-winter lunch is to be held at Grape Escape on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are a very busy, active group of keen 9-hole ladies.

We have donated new equipment to the Admin staff to use in the kitchen, to support the excellent job of catering they are doing. Equipment included an electric beater, baking tins and muffin tins – funded from our weekly Friday raffle.

Helen Byrne

9-hole Captain



Pictured: Jah with Carol (9-hole ladies' treasurer)

**CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT -** Golf is certainly in full swing with numerous competitions underway and Totaradale hosting Mixed Vets, Pennants, Ladies Foursomes and Sloan during May. Once again thanks to the members who run these events so efficiently and to Megan and Jay for preparing delicious food. Thanks to John for preparing the course and special thanks to Dennis Beggs and Brian Wislang for preparing the course so beautifully for the Ladies Foursomes.

At this stage we are not filling in the bunkers as we are still investigating the possibility of getting better sand. If we are able to do this we will re- evaluate the situation later in the year.

The Hore Rosebowl which was postponed due the rain is to be held on Sunday the 1st of September. Please add this to your programme book.

Nick Loach is holding another coaching session at a cost of \$10 on Saturday 15 June at 10.15. Please register your intention to attend with the office.

**The course will be closed on Sunday the 9th of June** to enable the Tasman Cup to be played at Totaradale. This involves 40 players whose handicaps are less than 6 so should be worth seeing. They play 9 holes BB match play followed by 18 holes singles match play. Please add this to your programme book.

Look out for the entry sheet which will be up soon for the John Hildyard par 3 tournament.

June is another busy month with plenty of competitions to enter so enjoy golf and keep repairing those divots and pitch marks.

Pip

## **OUT AND ABOUT WITH YOUR GREENKEEPER -**

Big thank you for Dennis and Brian to fill in while I was away for a few days.

There will be some major repairs to the irrigation system of greens 8 & 9. Please be aware and take care while this is in progress. Frosts will no doubt come along sooner or later. Be careful on paths and other slippery areas.

Happy golfing, John



## **RULES CORNER**

### **Rules Corner - What is this Ready Golf?**

There appear to be several misunderstandings and myths surrounding this Ready Golf so let's see if we can add some clarity to what Ready Golf really means:-

**On The Tee** - Ready Golf, we often hear, means that the person who is ready at the tee should hit first. That is simply not true. Ready Golf means that the player with the honour should be **READY TO HIT FIRST**. If the player with the honour isn't ready, only then should someone else hit first.

**On The Fairway** - Ready Golf means that ALL golfers should go to their balls as soon as possible and get **READY** to play their shots. While waiting to hit, players should **SURVEY** their shot, **SELECT** their clubs, **TAKE** them from their bags, and **STAND** at their balls **READY** to step up and make the shot when it is their turn - That's Ready Golf.

All players should **GO TO THEIR BALLS** as soon as possible. The only time players should wait for other players is if the first player's ball is in front of the other player in such a way that the other players could be hit by the first player's shot. In particular, a **CARAVAN** of players should **NEVER CONVERGE** unless their balls are all in the same location.

Walk down the sides of the fairway to reach your ball, determine your club selection while waiting, and then move towards your ball when clear to do so. You can usually get close to your ball and get ready to play the shot, while players behind you can still make their shots.

**Helping To Find Lost Balls** - It is important that everyone try to help find a lost ball in order to keep the field moving, but players should do it **AFTER** hitting their shots, not **BEFORE**.

**Entering and Exiting Greens** - **ALWAYS** leave clubs at the back or side of the Green closest to the next tee. If a shot is played in front of the Green first, the player should move his or her clubs to the back or side of the Green before playing the next shot. Also, don't stand around after you've finished the hole to write down the scores. You can do that at the next tee or when you wait for others in the next fairway.

**Speeding Play on the Greens** - Emulating the pros around the putting green has done more to slow down golf than any other single event. Playing Ready Golf around the Greens means getting **READY** to putt **BEFORE** it is your turn! Players should line up their putts **WHILE** other players are putting, so they're ready to putt when it's their turn. If you miss a putt by one or two feet for example, you should **MAKE** the putt instead of marking the ball and waiting for another turn - unless it is a tricky putt and you want extra time to survey it. When it is your turn, walk up to the ball, take your stance and make your putt. When you putt, you should always take your time, so you make a smooth, unhurried stroke. Ready Golf **DOES NOT** mean **RUSHING**. If you prepare in advance to putt, you can take your time **AND** play Ready Golf.

**Summary - Ready Golf means BEING READY to play, not playing when you are ready.** Here are some simple rules.

- ◆ Walk to Your ball as soon as possible, so that you can choose your club and think about the shot in **ADVANCE** - not when it is your turn.
- ◆ When a ball is lost hit your shot **FIRST** and then look for the lost ball.
- ◆ Walk down the **SIDES** of the fairway to reach your ball and then approach it when clear to do so. **NEVER** play in a caravan, moving in a group from ball to ball.
- ◆ When on the Green, line up your putt **BEFORE** it is your turn, and make the tap in putt immediately instead of marking, if you are not in someone else's line.



## SATURDAY MENS REPORT -

We are well into the Costello and Jenkins best ball match play. Because of the number of entries I have had to regig the program a little, but I hope everyone has got that sorted. Good luck to all those still in there.

We are progressing well with our winter comps and the weather is being kind to us. Course is in great nick so thanks to John for that.

Ross

## 18 HOLE LADIES REPORT -

What an amazing autumn we are having. Course conditions are great and we are still getting some run on the ball. Ladies are still shooting some very good scores.

Our National Team comprising of Cherie Hancock, Helen White, Pip Edwards and Sally Palmer participated in the regional finals on May 19th in Greymouth. The course was very heavy, having had a recent spell of rain, and made the conditions extremely challenging. A great effort by all the girls. Karamea won the title for 2019.

On May 23rd Totaradale Ladies hosted our Foursomes event. We had ten teams from our club and a further ten teams from other clubs. The weather was perfect and it appeared that everyone enjoyed the day. A special thank you to Denis beggs and Brian Wislang who prepared the course for us, it was perfect.

Results of the day were:

1st Nett - Cay Cockerell and Moira Gibbs

!st Gross - Robin White and Taffe Maloney - nelson

2nd Nett - Lynne Johnstone and Helen White

3rd Nett - Marg Orman and Marcelle Porritt

Thanks to the ladies committee and all the members who contributing in making this event such a success.

it is starting to cool down so stay warm out there and good golfing!!

Audrey and Pip



Totaradale Foursome Winners

Left to Right Kath Maloney and Robin White, Nelson (Gross Winners) Cay Cockerell and Moira Gibb, Totaradale (Nett Winners)



Totaradale Foursome Country Rovers



## TOTARADALE TALL POPPY TWILIGHT RESULTS 2018-2019

### Team Winners

1st WOWERS      2nd FLOSSIES      3rd OLD COOTS & KIDS      4th DS & HS

### Ladies Winners

1st B Craft      2nd J Hay      3rd R Thomas      4th M Hall & K Ford

### Men 0-10

1st J Tomkinson    2nd R Taire    3rd R Ford      4th R Dalley & B Vercoe

### Men 11+

1st J Nichols      2nd M Hrynkiw    3rd B Dalley      4th S Cox

### OVERALL WINNER - CLARE HESLOP

Twilight golf yet again proved to be a very popular competition and generated a gross profit of \$1905.00

A big thank you to Megan for keeping the 'twilighters' fed every week and also to our Twilight sponsor TALL POPPY REAL ESTATE. Please remember if you are thinking of buying or selling a home call TALL POPPY and talk to the team and don't forget to thank them for their support at Totaradale Golf Club.

### FOR SALE

#### MGI Four Wheel Golf Buggy

Approx three years old and has had very little use.

Contact Jo Hay 021 078 447 (txt) or 035418104 (phone)



### LAWN FERTILIZER -

Due to members enquiring with the Green Keeper about lawn fertilizer the club has FOR SALE 20kg bags of fertilizer for \$45. Please see John if you would like to purchase.





## UP AND COMING DATES TO REMEMBER.....

### JUNE

8th June - Costello & Jenkins Semi-Finals  
9th June - Sloan fixture at Tasman GC  
9th June - Tasman Cup being played at Tataradale -  
course closed until 2pm  
15th June - Costello & Jenkins Finals  
16th June - Helloworld Par 3 Tournament  
27th June - Ladies District Open Day

### COMING UP IN JULY

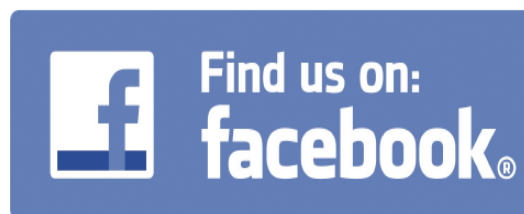
**THURS 4th** - Old Hickory  
**THURS 11th** - Tataradale Vets  
**SUN 21ST** - Hall Cup - Team Ambrose

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

- ♦ Jah has passed her Bar Licence exam
- ♦ Concrete base completed for the new toilet - soon to be up running.
- ♦ Frosts coming soon - be careful on wooden bridges and steps

### CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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### OUR CLUB'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Tataradale 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.

