

TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

May 2024 Newsletter



President's Report

Another month has gone by, so quickly. We are now into the colder weather and shorter days, and our competitions are in full swing.

Green fees players are continuing to come for a game at Totaradale, and complementing us on the wonderful condition of the course.

We welcome this week our new Clubhouse Manager, Jill Dear.

Myself and Mike Hrynkiw will be teaching Jill the idiosyncrasies of Totaradale so please be patient with us all.

The Tasman Cup was held at Totaradale on Sunday, and with that came a myriad of complements regarding the course.

Please remember to check the website for any changes, the Club captains do their best to keep to the program book but occasionally dates get changed, the website will have any updates.

Good golfing Jean

Good health is the foundation of a good life

We know that regular physical activity is good for us, but why is golf so unique?

Research has found that playing golf helps to prevent 40 major chronic diseases such as type II diabetes, heart attacks, strokes, and breast and colon cancer. It can also help to reduce anxiety, depression and dementia, while improving self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence.

The pleasure of walking in fresh air, socialising and taking up a mental challenge by playing golf releases endorphins, natural mood enhancing chemicals in the brain, which make us happier and relaxed.

Saturday Winter Start Times

Saturday club day start times will move to 11.00am starting Saturday June 1st and will run through to Saturday August 3rd [inclusive]

We will move back to 12.00 noon on Saturday August 10th

A Warm Welcome to Jill

A big warm welcome to our new clubhouse staff member Jill Dear.

Jill offers some valuable skills and experience and starts her new role on Thursday 9th May. Jill will settle in nicely with all our support and patience.



Jill Dear - Clubhouse Manager

Hello members, I live in Tasman with my green keeper husband and our four children.

I run a small boysenberry farm & contract grow flowers on our lifestyle block here part time alongside my new role at Totaradale, (which I am excited to begin!)

My background has been mostly horticulture and business management and development.

Hobbies include, fishing, gardening, floristry, I love to cook and whenever possible; quality time relaxing with my family in the Marlborough Sounds.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

From the Course Convenor

Progress has been made on the #3 tee with patching and seeding. The flaxes have been removed around the tee and this has already shown results in the grass growth on the tee.

We are hoping to get some free top soil and this will be used to upgrade the men's #7 tee and also extend #15 tee. This will be late autumn work.

With the very dry autumn some work on the greens and fairways with repairs and fertilizing has been put on hold. Hopefully this will not have a detrimental effect going into winter.

The spray programme for the greens continues albeit without rain the progress in maintaining good quality growth is hindered.

Your greenkeeper Ian is doing his utmost to keep things moving along, but as we all know plants and grasses need water to survive and flourish. In all instances rain is 100% better than pond water.

Another of the sheds has been cleaned out and the soil screen brought out into the open. This will be put to use as needed.

Thank you to John Barnett, Brian Wislang and Denis Hall who continue to provide their help in doing maintenance around the course.

If anyone else can spare some hours let me know, all help is much appreciated.

To finish.....please remember to repair your pitch marks and replace your divots.

Enjoy your golf

Bill Filmer



Rules Corner - Scores NOT acceptable for Handicap purposes

Some formats of play and scores played under certain restricted Terms of the Competition are not acceptable for handicap purposes. The following illustrative list is not exhaustive and if a player is in doubt as to the acceptability of a score, they should check with the Handicap Committee.



While being coached on the course

When you play a round combined with a coaching session you cannot submit a score for the round.



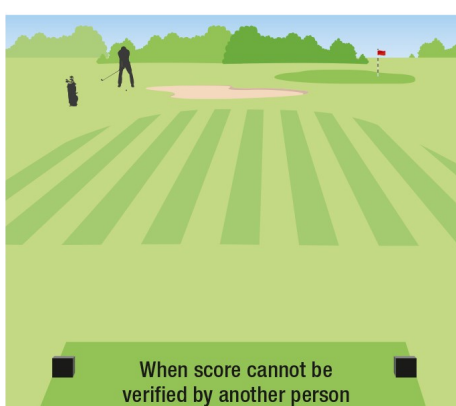
When using non-conforming equipment

At any time a non-conforming club is used during the round, the score is not acceptable for handicapping. E.g a spring effect driver



When the number or type of golf clubs to be used is restricted

Competitions where the clubs used is restricted e.g irons only, these scores are not acceptable for handicapping purposes.



When score cannot be verified by another person

Any scores being submitted for handicapping must be attested. You cannot play a round of golf without a marker and submit a score. This can be perceived as farming your handicap.



Not playing the required number of holes

For an 18-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10 holes must be played. For a 9-hole score to be acceptable, all 9 holes must be



When a player does not play their own ball. For example, scrambles

Certain formats of play require you to play a partner's ball or a team ball e.g. any 4somes format or an Ambrose. These scores are not used for handicapping as a player does not have an individual score

9 Hole Ladies Captain Report

I have been away for most of April so many thanks to Rae Hanford, who has kept things running smoothly while I was on holiday. Interclub this month was played in Blenheim and our result was not enjoyable reading. Rae was our only player to win a match so again thanks to Rae for keeping our flag flying.

The first round of the Lough Trophy has been played and unfortunately a number of players had to withdraw due to injuries and unavailability. Helene

Men's Captain Report

The Costello Cup has started, good luck to all entries. We have also started our winter comps. The course is in great condition so thanks to Ian for all his hard work. We haven't had big fields for the last few weeks but everything is going according to plan.

Ross



18 Hole Ladies Captain's Report

The first round of the Pennants was at Motueka on the 18th April. Our team played Nelson securing 7 points. Golden Downs are leading with 10 points. The next matches are 16th May at Greenacres when we take on Golden Downs, good luck ladies.

The final round of the Westrupp Trophy on the 21st April was played at Nelson Golf Club. After the morning rounds Nelson and Greenacres were tied but Nelson stomped ahead in the afternoon once again securing the trophy. Jean was called into the Totaradale team at the eleventh hour to replace Nichola who was injured, and proved once again she has what it takes securing a half in the morning with Willie and a win in the afternoon. Fran also managed a win again and the team scored 5 points with Motueka taking 13.

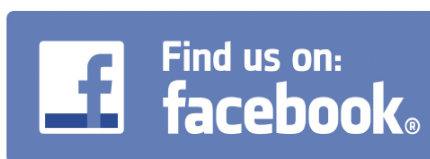
National Teams 4BBB Nett was played at Motueka on a glorious sunny day. Adrienne and Pip managed a 69 and Nichola and Willie had a 74 net. The winners from Greymouth however had 60/65 net respectively. And Motueka who were second had 62/65 net! It's tough chasing those scores.

The Nancy MacCormick 36 hole foursome was played over Tuesday 23rd April and Saturday 27th April. Jean and Yvonne took the main placing.

The Totaradale Foursomes is this Thursday 9th May. This is one of our keynote tournaments and we have trophies for gross and net winners. Fingers crossed for good weather and a good turnout.

On a personal note Lynne Johnstone is recovering in hospital post-surgery, and wanted to thank everyone for their concern and best wishes. Everyone is hoping Lynne's recovery is smooth sailing from here on.

Pat



Woodham Cup 2024

Congratulations to Bill Vercoe, winner of the 2024 finals of the Woodham Cup.

The final was played over 36 holes on a glorious Autumn day. Commiserations to runner-up Greg Mann.

Midweek Captain's Report

We've been lucky with the weather so far with the fairways greening up and of course the greens in excellent condition. The finals of the Langford Trophy played which was won by Brian Biggs runner up Elton Netto and the Friend Trophy was won by John Barnett defeating Ross Dalley on the 37th hole. The 3rd round of monthly medal was played with Mark Tullett the winner, well done.

Old Hickory was played at Nelson in good conditions, was won by Greenacres, the topgun went to Motueka, we were somewhere between. Coming up Mixed Vets Thur 16th May

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.

JB

UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER



Thurs 9th May - Ladies Foursomes

Sun 12th May - Mother's Day

Thurs 16th May - Totaradale Vets

Sun 19th May - Sloan Rd 5 Totaradale

Thurs 23rd May - DOD Golden Downs

Sun 26th May - Hore Rosebowl Mixed Pairs - Best ball Stableford [18 holes]

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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 socialise.

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

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