

# TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

## August 2024 Newsletter



### President's Report

Another month has flown by, we are into the last month of winter and the frosts have returned.

We have had numerous compliments about the course from our many visitors, so great job to Ian and his band of merry helpers.

More trees have been lowered resulting in more firewood, and we are gradually getting through the list of trailer loads. Please be patient, we will get to your name.

A big thank you to Kay Ford and Mike Hrynkiw for helping out in the shop whilst Jill is away and while I was getting friendly with the sick bucket.

The Committee agreed to erect a 3 bay shed for the Greenkeeper to enable him to have room in the existing shed for maintenance on the machinery. We received word this week a grant from Pub Charity for this shed has been approved. A big debt is owed once again to Mike Hrynkiw for doing the mountain of paperwork to get this through. These grants are time consuming and finicky but worth their weight in gold to our Club.

The Club champs are nearly upon us so good luck to all who have entered. The NBS Team Trophy has room for only one more team, got to be in to win!

Have fun out there

Jean

### Saturday Start Times

Saturday Club Day  
start time is back to  
12.00pm

### From the course convener

August has arrived with lots of rain and cold weather. On the bright side the days are getting longer and spring is around the corner.

With many thanks to our greenkeeper Ian, the golf course is holding up well under the conditions. The greens and tees have certainly benefited from the regular verti-draining. The greens in particular are in good order for this time of the year, this is because of the regular spray programme.

### ***PLEASE LOOK AFTER THE GOLF COURSE BY REPLACING DIVOTS AND REPAIRING PITCH MARKS THAT YOU OR OTHERS MAKE.***

Wood from the trees cut down is being split and is available to members for half the price of commercial wood merchants. First in first serve. Talk to Jean if you want some firewood for next year.

The hawthorn hedge has started to be taken out, this will be completely removed. Replacement planting has not been decided on yet. The photinia hedge has been trimmed, this requires a lot more work to get it back to manageable growth. Work continues in trimming trees and other general tidying up.

We have obtained a quantity of topsoil, this will be used to enlarge some tee areas and repair areas where root pruning was done, also areas that have become eroded and made bare of grass.

There is a lot of improvement work being done around the course, therefore you should make yourself familiar with the local rules and rules of golf particularly regarding drains, wheel marks, GUR etc.

Thanks to those who come along and help out, this is much appreciated by Ian and me.

Good golfing Bill Filmer

### Golf Clinic with Nick Loach PGA - Sunday August 25th

Just two sessions remain available with Nick at the next Golf Clinic.

1.15pm & 2.00pm

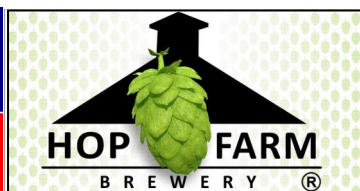
These are 40 minute sessions at \$60.

Please email or phone Nick to confirm

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Enjoy YOUR game



## Saturday Men's Report.

We are progressing through the qualifying rounds for the Club Champs, final round last Saturday.

This year we're looking at less entries than normal, some of that is due to players being unavailable because of travel plans. It looks like there will be about 7 or 8 players per grade, so some byes will happen.

Good luck to all those who have entered. We have finally got some winter weather, so please be careful out there.  
Ross

## Midweek Captain's Report

The weather has been kind to us, no lost days---- yet. Competitions going well with the finals of the Richard Jack pairs being played on the 6th Aug. The final round of the Drummond cup played the week after.

We are then into the vets club champs. Thur 25th we had our mixed Vets with a field of 35, not a bad turn out .

Husband and wife were playing in the clubs mixed foursomes. He hit a great drive down the middle of the 1st -- she sliced the second into the trees. Un-fazed he played a great shot onto the green, a foot away from the hole. She poked at the ball and sent it 10 foot past the hole, he lined up the putt and sank it. Turns to his wife "we'll have to do better that was a bogey five."

"Don't blame me" she snapped . "I only took two of them"

Have a good one - JB

## Lucas Salver/ May Rowling

These two ladies tournaments are contested annually. Marlborough & West Coast vs. Nelson Northern & Central. 2024 Lucas Salver was won by Eastern/Western and the May Rowling won by Northern/Central.

The May Rowling winners team pictured left to right:-

Diane Groom, Mati Crins, Annette Nistor [Greenacres] Jocelyn Thomson [Motueka] & Fran Sutherland [Totaradale] Inset: Anita Newman [GA]

## Rules Corner

The men's Tasman Quadrangular and the women's Lucas Salver/ May Rowling events were recently held at Greenacres, both events were match play format with a field of 80 players, who more than likely had quite a mix of the understanding of the Rules of Golf.

Here's just three situations that needed assistance. See how you would Rule, answers on next page.

Q1. A player's ball lies on the fringe of a putting green. The player decides to place her ball so she can get a better line of putt. Having correctly placed her ball within the 1 club length permitted she realises that a 'second' hole on the green which has a plastic cap is now on her line of play. As she is off the green there is no relief available.

She decides she was better off with the original lie and places her ball back where it was. Her opponent tells her she cannot and so they call for a Rules official.

Q2. A player's ball lies under some trees directly behind a mound of twigs and pine cones which are piled for removal and therefore classed as GUR. The mound interferes with the player's swing. Having correctly taken relief and dropped in the relief area the player now realises that he needs to play a very low shot to keep under overhanging branches further ahead and the 'pile' is now directly on his line of play. He calls over a Rules official to ask what are his options.

Q3. A player's ball from the tee on # 7 [Greenacres] comes to rest in the estuary [red penalty area]. The player is aware that to take lateral relief [dropping within 2 club lengths of the last point of entry] the area would put her directly behind a tree/bush on her line of play. She's reluctant to go back to the tee and so opts to take back-on-the-line relief. Her opponent tells her she cannot and so the player calls for a Ruling.

## 9 Hole Ladies Report

July was a good month with the weather being kind and all our competition days being completed. The highlight was the Inter club played at Tasman. Well done to Lyn, Clare, Rae, and Sue, who had three wins and a draw between them. After this week, looking forward to the warmer spring weather coming soon.  
Helene



## Rules Corner - What's the Ruling?

A1. Preferred Lies [placing] is a Local Rule when in place and only permits a player to place once only. In the question, the player had already correctly placed her ball and she does not get to place her ball again. Once placed that's it..it's in play. The same applies anywhere when placing, if you manage to place your ball on a good piece of grass and it falls off its perch whilst you select your club .....tough, you now play as it lies. You do not get to place your ball again. In this case the player must replace the ball to where she first placed and gets a one stroke penalty for moving her ball without authority.

A2. Here the player understood how to take relief and did so correctly. If the ball when dropped is dropped correctly and the ball stays within the relief area, then the ball is in play. You do not get to drop again because you don't like where it now lies, same applies if the ball ends up in a divot hole. In the question the player's options are play as it lies or declare it unplayable for a penalty of one stroke. However, the player may clear as much of the pile on his line as he wishes without penalty as the pile is made up of loose impediments.

A3. Generally when taking relief from a Penalty Area you have three options:-

- i] Stroke & distance [go back to where you played your last stroke]
- ii] Take 'back-on-the-line' relief [ line from flagstick to ball and as far back as you want on the line and must be outside the penalty area]
- iii] Lateral relief – drop a ball within 2 club lengths of point of entry

In this situation at Greenacres the estuary /penalty area only has markers on the course side and that's because the other side goes to 'infinity', there is nowhere to drop back-on-the-line so she must play as it lies or take option i] or iii] for a one stroke penalty

Did you get them right?

## 18 Hole Ladies Captain's Report

The Riddle Rosebowl handicap match play pairs has now reached the final stages which will be played on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Totaradale hosted the pennant competition on a beautiful Thursday on 1<sup>st</sup> August. There were many compliments from the competing teams about our course. Thankyou Ian and his team of helpers.

Sue Rawson, Raylene Bowler and Helen White stepped up big time to ensure there was a feast for the players to dine on. Thanks, so much ladies! Helen's cream puffs were the talk of the club with many players buying extra to take home.

The final Pennant matches will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> August at Golden Downs.

Entries for the Club Champs are down on previous years. Some of our ladies are still recovering from injuries whilst at least six are off to exciting destinations while the rest of us play golf.

Congratulations to Fran Sutherland for her contribution to the May Rowling win at Greenacres.

Motueka Golf Club are holding a Combined Ladies Stableford competition on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Regards Pat



### UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 10th Aug - Mens Club Champs 1  
Fri 16th Aug - 9 Hole Club Champs 1  
Sat 17th Aug - Ladies Club Champs 1  
Sun 18th Aug - NBS Team Trophy  
Tues 20th Aug - Vets Club Champs 1  
Sat/Sun 24th/25th - Total Golf Open  
Sun 25th Aug - Golf Clinic Nick Loach

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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 sign posted on our 9 hole Golf Course.

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