



### President's Report

The cold days are upon us, with the frosty mornings and shorter days. Ian along with Bill and his helpers have the course looking and playing in great condition.

We have had some damage done to the greens in the last couple of weeks which is very disheartening for the hardworking grounds staff and time consuming to fix.

The trundler Shed is full, which is a timely reminder for all those with keys to keep this shed locked, please lock it when you leave, do not leave unlocked just in case someone may be coming, you all have keys.

Jill has settled into the job of looking after the clubhouse and I'm sure you will all agree she is a great asset to the club.

We are now in the process of training her in the back-office procedures, so please remember, whilst the club needs to provide food to cover the conditions of our Bar Licence the catering side of her position is only a small portion of what the Clubhouse Manager job entails.

Our regular Green Fee players in the most part, have been educated regarding the Club Day closure which is ensuring a better atmosphere on the course on a Tuesday and Saturday. Assistance and patience are asked when any overlap occurs. Our staff, skilled in multi-tasking, can still only be in one place at a time.

Please also remember the 9 Hole Club Day on Friday morning. Whilst the numbers do not warrant the closing of the course for this, we ask you to respect their time playing their club competitions.

On Wednesday morning 03 July two trees ( the large gum between 7 and 16 Men's tees and the conifer beside the practise green ) will be felled. With health and safety in mind, the course will be Closed until 12. will be off No 16 Tee.

Even if the golf is not fantastic the company and the walk are good for your health.

That's all from me, Jean



### 18 Hole Ladies Captain's Report

With a few ladies still recuperating from injuries and others touring/adventuring the country our numbers at golf have been a little light. Hopefully July will see an increase in participation as we continue to mend or return home.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> our Pennant team played Greenacres at Nelson. Helen won her match, Pip and Robyn had halves. The rest of the team, Fran, Yvonne, Marg Orman, Kaye T and Moira played well but their opponents took the honours.

The Liddle Cup has reached the final stage with Fran and Jean doing battle this month, the flight finalists are still to be decided.

The Riddle Cup pairs handicap match-play starts later this month. Thanks to all those ladies who stepped up and boasted the numbers after it was clear that the first round wasn't needed. We can at least have a worthwhile competition with 7 pairs. Good luck to all players.

Nelson Golf Club are holding a 4BBB on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Cont. Regards Pat



### Practically Perfect in Everyway

Wow, what a fantastic performance, our very own Shenae Speedy starred as Mary Poppins in the Waimea College production of Mary Poppins at the Theatre Royal which ran the last week of June.

A sell-out crowd was truly wowed by a stellar performance from the whole cast and crew.

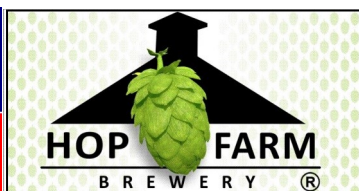
Shenae has been a regular part of our Twilight kitchen/bar team and currently helps out on alternate Saturdays.

Take a bow Shenae !

### Saturday Winter Start Times

Reminder - Saturday club day start time is 11.00am and will run through to Saturday August 3rd [inclusive]

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



## From the Course Convenor



In the June newsletter I complained about the lack of rain, now it has come but with little benefit to grass growth. Too wet, too cold.

The spreading of lime has been completed for this year. Those playing on the Tuesday after the spread had to contend with “gritty balls”, a small annoyance no doubt, but you all should have got “shiny” and clean irons! Rain came at the right time to disperse the lime and with little water runoff the course will have got maximum benefit.

Our greenkeeper Ian continues to keep the greens in top condition with the spray programme and regular verti-draining and mowing. You will have noticed that the greens surround and the tees have also been verti-drained.

This will help with drainage now and grass growth on warmer days. You will have noticed that a new drainage trench has been put in place behind

On Wednesday 3rd July the large eucalyptus tree that is a danger, in front of mens number 7/16 tee will be cut down. Also the conifer next to the practice putting green will be taken down and roots removed. This area will be re-turfed in due course.

The refurbishment of the men's number seven tee is on hold. The work cannot be completed before stroke play and club champs begin.

Work continues in trimming trees and other general tidying up. Be very careful on the clay surface beside number twelve tee will be roped off over winter to prevent people slipping and injuring themselves. Planning is underway for a long term solution for this area.

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



### 9 Hole Ladies Captain Report

Our golf this month has been affected by rain, with Inter Club being postponed until August and one of our Fridays being washed out. Five of our ladies went to Motueka's Pink Lady Day. The weather was perfect, and everybody enjoyed their day with most coming away with either prizes or raffles. Our midwinter lunch was held at Lemongrass and was enjoyed by our ladies. It was an ideal venue for our group, so thank you Rae for organising it.  
Helene



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## Rules Corner

There's no doubting we are in winter, low temperatures, frost, wet fairways and no run. Players grizzle about not being able to play to their handicap and they struggle to understand why their Handicap Index is not moving out.

We can blame or thank the WHS [World Handicap System] for this. Gone are the days when players could get half a dozen bad rounds in quick succession to get their handicap out for the next big tournament. The WHS introduced a capping system based on a player's Low Handicap Index –

*The Low Handicap Index represents the demonstrated ability of a player over the 365-day period preceding the day on which the most recent score in their scoring record was played and provides a reference point against which the current Handicap Index can be compared.*

So there you have it from the WHS. Whilst the player's average of the best 8 of 20 most recent rounds might compute to a much preferred index it has more than likely had a cap applied to limit the upward movement of the Handicap Index.

There are two trigger points within the *cap* procedure:



(i) The soft cap. The *soft cap* is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated *Handicap Index* and their *Low Handicap Index* is greater than 3.0 strokes.

When a calculated *Handicap Index* increase is greater than 3.0 strokes, the value above 3.0 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase.



(ii) The hard cap. The *hard cap* triggers to restrict the amount by which a player's *Handicap Index* can increase, after application of the *soft cap*, to no more than 5.0 strokes above their *Low Handicap Index*.

There can be occasions where a player has had an injury or surgery and is slowly getting back to golf. Whilst the WHS Handicap Index formula may result in the cap still applying, not all players deserve the restriction. In exceptional circumstances, a player may have their Handicap Index reviewed and a re-set of their Low Handicap Index.

There is no limit on the amount by which a player's *Handicap Index* can decrease.

## Saturday Men's Report.

We have started the Club Champs qualifying rounds. The sheet is up for those interested in playing in the Champs, you only need to play 1 of the 4 rounds to qualify. The rest of the winter comps are moving forward, so happy golfing to all. The course is a bit wet under foot after all the rain we have had but is in great condition so thanks to Ian and the volunteers that help out.

The postponed Robinson Tropy Mixed Foursomes has now been re-scheduled to Sunday 29th September. Ross



## UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 6th July - Marg Lindsay Foursomes  
Sun 7th July - Sloan @ Greenacres  
Sun 14 July - Hall Cup - Ambrose  
Mon 22nd July - 9 Hole Interclub Tasman  
Tues 23rd July - Riddle Rosebowl Rnd 1  
Thurs 25th July - Totardale Vets  
Thurs 1st Aug - Pennants @ Totaradale

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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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