TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

October 2024 Newsletter

President's Report

Daylight saving has arrived along with the spring rain which unfortunately delayed the start of our twilight competition.

Totaradale welcomes two new ladies, Catherine and Ali who are job sharing the Club Managers role. It will take some time for them to get up to speed with all the intricacies of the role and the club so please be patient.

The Club Champs finals were held on the 28th. It was great to see all the championship games played on the same day again and the players given the respect that playing in the final deserves.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to the runners up.

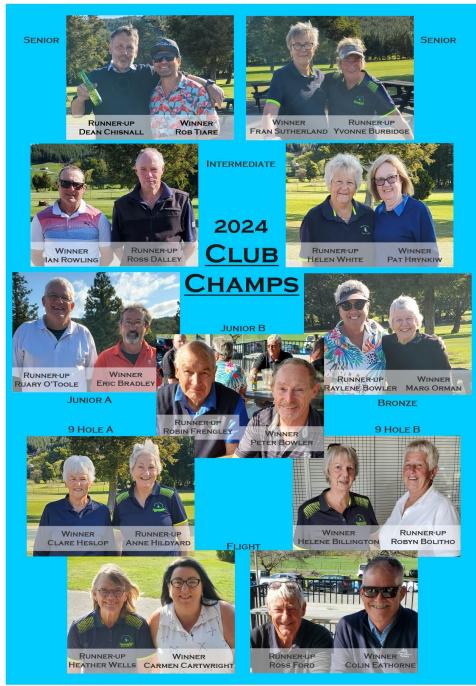
We have reached the end of the financial year and with that comes the AGM on the 25th of November. Please consider being involved with the running of the club as we all benefit from the background work done by volunteers to keep to Totaradale a viable concern. The nomination forms will be on the main notice board by the bar within the next week.

If you wish to offer your expertise please contact one of the present committee members for an outline of what any particular job entails.

Please also consider helping your section committee, as the volunteer work for these allows your club golf to run smoothly.

Happy golfing

Jean



Men's Captains' Report

Congratulations to all the finalists in this year's Club Championships. Good luck to the Vets Champs finalists. Entry sheets are up for Liddle & Mace 4somes, Par 3 Tournament & Captains' Trophy. Country Clubs now on Nov 9th/10th at Nelson - sheet is up so get your name on.

Ross & JB



18 Hole Ladies' Captain Report

The sun shone on the Club Champs Finals Day and the course was fantastic, thanks Ian.

The event ran smoothly thanks to the dedicated Totaradale team, and it was great to share the day with all our members and have a full contingent of section finalists.

Most of the ladies contests were hard fought, going the distance. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers.

The winners and losers appreciated the platters prepared by our new lady Catherine and old hand Shenae. Thanks ladies, very impressive.

Equally impressive were our traditional bouquets of flowers for the finalist which were prepared by Nichole, who has a stall outside her home, 33 Gladstone Road. She is super easy to communicate with and is happy for me to share her details. I, for one, will be supporting her in the future. Tel: 027 515 1749.

Our nine-hole ladies are holding a fund raising 'Pink Lady Day Tournament' on Friday 18th October to raise funds for the hospice. They have invited the 18 hole ladies and men to join them. So dig out your pink, have some fun and support a worthy cause.

Welcome to our new clubhouse facilitators Catherine and Alison. Maybe Jean and Kay can start now putting some effort into their golf game. Pat



This has now been rescheduled to Sunday 3rd November

9 Hole Ladies Report

September has been and gone, so not long now until Christmas.

A group of us went to Blenheim for their Pink Lady competition. Although the weather was miserable, Lyn had a really good day.

The club champs are over with Clare coming out on top of the A grade and myself in the B grade.

We are having a Pink Lady Day on **Friday the 18th of October.** This is a fundraiser with all the money going to the Hospice. All club members, male and female are invited, so we hope as many as possible will join us and make it a fun morning. Entry forms are on the notice board.

Helene

Handicapping - WHS Acceptable Scorecards

Scorecards for a round played on your own are not acceptable.

Any round of 9 holes - cards must be returned for handicapping .

Any round of 10 or more holes - cards must be returned and count for an 18 hole score.

Handicap Match Play scorecards must be returned for handicapping

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2024 Robinson Trophy

Robinson Trophy - Mixed American Foursomes, played in almost ideal conditions after the southerly wind died down.

Winners: Robyn & Gordy Thomas 67 nett

R/Up: Sali & Greg Mann 69

3rd: Nic Cullen & Roger Hunapo 69

4th: Carmen Cartwright & Spiro Cosmatos 70

5th: Fran Sutherland & Brian Biggs 70





From the course convener

Thanks must go to lan for preparing and having the course in very good condition for the club champs, albeit I think the second placegetters may disagree.

The spraying for moss and flatweeds has been a success.

The spray programme for greens and tees is continuing. However because of the lack of recent rain the greens have not got as much growth as Ian would like. Ian will "hard fertilise" (not spray) when the opportunity arises, needing rain, to boost the growth on the greens.

The greens were vertidrain cut on Monday 30/9, but not sanded. They will be done again in a fortnight, and possibly at this time sanded (weather dependent).

The Grounds committee had a recent demonstration of a new scarifier/ verticutter (SISIS Rotorake TM1000) This was used on the back of the practice green with great success. The Committee is applying for funding to purchase this machine. The benefits of this machine are:

- A one man operation. Works off tractor PTO.The machine picks up and bins the debris from the turf.
- The machine can be set at varying depths. In effect this feature can do a similar job to coring.
- The machine has a one metre working width. This means less passes over turf. Less compaction from machinery.
- The machine can be used anywhere on the course. This will greatly improve approaches and green surroundings.

Whilst playing your round there are little things that you can help with that can make a big difference:-

Repair any pitch marks and replace divots as you go even if they are not yours.

Collect any cones, branches and twigs as you go - just put them under trees where they are less likely to cause any machinery damage.

The new machinery storage shed has been erected and is in use. There is still work to do in this area, this will be done by Ian and volunteers.

Firewood is still available, we just need help to cut and split.

Work continues in trimming trees and other general tidying up.

Is there any member with a small digger? Let a committee member know. Arrangements for use will be discussed if willing to loan for two or three weeks.

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

There is always something to do around the course, If you can help please contact a committee member. Mostly volunteer work is carried out on Mondays, but any day is a good day!

Enjoy the spring and play well -

Bill Filmer



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UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER



Wed 11th Oct - Social Twilight Sun 13th Oct - Liddle & Mace Foursomes Fri 18th Oct - 9 Hole Pink Lady Day Mon 28th Oct - Labour Day Sun 3rd Nov - Par 3 Tournament Tues 5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day Fri 8th Nov - 9 Hole Closing Day Sat 9th Nov - Closing Day & Prize Giving Sat 9th Nov - Country Clubs at Nelson Sun 10th Nov - Country Clubs " Tues 12th - Closing Day & Prize Giving Mon 25th - AGM 7.00pm



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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