

TOTARADALE GOLF CLUB

Wakefield, Nelson

September 2024 Newsletter



President's Report

The Committee has had questions regarding the change of conditions for Twilight.

This tournament runs for 22 weeks. A nine-hole course can accommodate up to 72 on the field at one time, 16 Teams x 4 = 64 players, this enables some casual players to enjoy twilight as well.

The tee off times are from 3.30 – 6pm, with the first off not finishing until 5.30.

As most players wish to play between 4 and 5.30 we do not have a lot of lee-way.

Our Dotgolf system has a competition with the best 3 of 4 scores counting for registered handicaps, this will save the countless hours spent by volunteers collating scores and changing and checking handicaps each week.

We also have our paid staff to think about, preparing, cooking and serving the meals and manning the Shop and the Bar.

Whilst we have several volunteers to help, keeping this tournament going is a mammoth undertaking that requires a great many hours of voluntary work.

These changes will streamline some of the problems the twilight competition has been experiencing.

We are fast approaching the end of our financial year and our AGM in November.

All your 2024 elected officials are up for election or re-election, please consider if and how you could assist in keeping Totaradale a thriving golf club. Many hands make light work.

Happy golfing

Jean

18 Hole Ladies' Captain Report

Congratulations to Raylene and Jo who beat Carmen and Pat on the 19th hole in the Riddle Rosebowl final. Pip and Marg Orman beat Helen and Robyn in the flight.

Totaradale played the final round of the Pennants competition on Thursday 29th August at Golden Downs. Pip, Pat and Raylene managed wins and Marg Orman and Willie had halves, whilst Fran, Yvonne and Helen had good battles but lost. The overall 2024 pennants competition was won by Greenacres who managed to secure plenty of points against Nelson on the final day.

The Club Champs finalist have been decided. Fran and Yvonne will battle the senior grade. Pat and Helen will contest the intermediate and Marg O and Raylene will decide the Junior. The flight is still progressing.

The Madge Johnston competition commences on Tuesday 17th. Good luck to all.

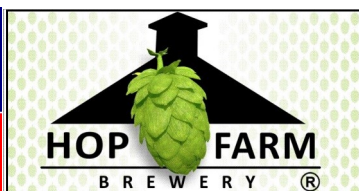
Pat



2024 NBS Team Stableford Trophy

A very challenging tournament where teams of four play best ball stableford on each hole but with a twist. Holes 1 to 6 best score of four counts, holes 7-13 best two of four and final six holes best three of four.

This year's winners were Phil Thompson, Robin Frengley, Carmen Cartwright & Spiro Cosmatos. Well done guys



Midweek Captain's Report

Spring is upon us, warmer and longer days hooray. The finals of the Richard Jack Memorial have been played with Warren Burke and myself winning, the runner up Brian Wislang and Robin Frengley.

The flight was won by Bill Filmer and Denis Hall and the runner up was Ross Dalley and Rob Griffith. The Drummond Cup was won by Bill Vercoe runner up Ruary Otoole.

Mid week champs have been played well done everyone. Old Hickory was played at Tasman where we came second well done guys, next one is at Motueka.

26th Sept is mixed vets at our course so get your names in.

That's it from me - sweet and short JB

9 Hole Ladies Report

August was another busy month with the beginning of the first round of the Club Champs. The final round of Interclub was played at Nelson. Congratulations to Claire, Lyn, Rae, and Sue who all won their matches. Motueka was the winner this year and we were a close second so a great effort from our ladies. A number of us went to the Greenacres tournament where Sue Paine was the only one who came away with a prize. Well done to Sue.

Helene

Saturday Men's Report.

The season is moving along nicely. We are going through the club champs, nearly all grades are through to the finals, just senior and flight grades to be completed. Good luck to all finalists.

Congratulations to Golden Downs on winning the Sloan Trophy for 2024, fantastic back-to-back wins, well played guys.

Also great to see a tight tussle for second place for The Martin Thompson Shield which was won by Takaka, well done guys a great result just pipping Motueka.

Better luck next year for our guys.

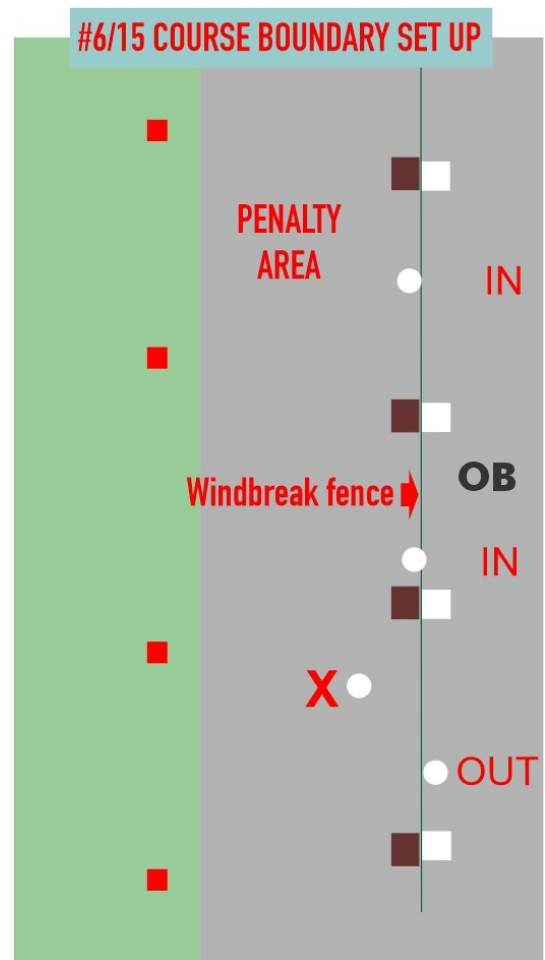
Ross

Rules Corner - Understanding your options on #6/#15

Great to see some of the hedge removed along #6 boundary line and this has led to a couple of new situations that we have to adapt to. Here's a few things you need to keep in mind if your ball ends up in the Penalty Area .

- Where the hedge has been cleared is NOT GUR, play as it lies or take penalty relief.
- The windbreak fence is on the inside of the OB line, however you do not get free relief from a immovable obstruction in a Penalty Area.
- If your ball is in the Penalty Area at point X do you get relief from the fence? NO! If the fence interferes with your back swing either take penalty relief or play as it lies.
- If you ball is hard up against the windbreak cloth sometimes you might manage to play the ball from the other side by striking the windbreak cloth and ball.
- The fence is there to help your ball not to go OB, if it dribbles under - tough luck.
- What if your ball is in the hedge but you can't play it - just take Penalty Area relief
- Can you move a red stake to play your stroke? - YES! but please put it back in

NBS Par 3
Tournament
This has now been
rescheduled to
Sunday 6th
November



From the course convener

Spring has sprung with lots of rain and warmer weather. The drainage work carried out over the past two years, along with the regular vertidrainage of greens, surrounds and tees, has made big improvements overall. Also the disc slicing of the fairways has improved drainage and promoted grass growth.

I witnessed the effects of the improved drainage myself on Tuesday 3 September, when a vast amount of water was dumped in a short 20 minute burst. The course was unplayable however within half an hour we were back playing with only a few low lying areas under water. Mostly the greens were wet but totally playable.

Some of the fairways and tees have been sprayed to kill off moss. Moss inhibits grass and in fact will kill off grass. Therefore eradication of moss will be carried out intensively over the next 2 years.

The spray programme for greens and tees will be intensified during spring and early summer. Fairways will also receive some fertiliser to encourage grass once the moss has died off.

From now through summer is a busy time for our greenkeeper Ian. Please acknowledge his excellent work when you see him.

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.

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

The hawthorn hedge has gone, any regrowth will be sprayed. Replacement planting has not been decided on yet. Work continues in trimming trees and other general tidying up.

When weather improves repairs and improvements to the course will be made with the topsoil we have on hand.

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.

The greenkeepers office has almost been fitted out. Making a much more comfortable environment for Ian to do his office work and have his breaks.

A three bay pole shed has been purchased by the club from ITM Motueka. This has been paid for by Pub Charity, thanks to Mike for getting the funds. We have contracted a shed builder to put up the shed. Some ground work needs to be done. This will be done in due course, possibly October.

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.

Enjoy the spring and play well

Bill Filmer



UP & COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 26th Sept - Totaradale Vets
Sat 28th Sept - Club Champs -
Sun 29th Sept - Robinson Trophy
Wed 4th Oct - Twilight Starts [Social]
Wed 11th Oct - Team Twilight Starts
Sun 13th Oct - Liddle & Mace Foursomes
Mon 28th Oct - Labour Day

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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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