

# Rangiora Croquet Club Inc.



## CLUB NEWS LETTER February 2020

I would like to acknowledge the loss of one of our special members, John Little. John battled with health issues for a long time. Croquet was one of the activities he enjoyed right up to recently. We enjoyed his sense of humour and respected his tenacity. He so often asked "where do you want me to put the ball?", and he usually did! When he didn't, there was always a very whacky apology. Our sympathy was expressed to his family by some of our members who attended his funeral.

### From the February Committee Meeting

#### Lawns Developments

The last covering of top soil is going on followed by levelling before planting. There will be some more planting around the boundaries and the application of more bark. Work is up to schedule.

#### Club Captains' Reports .

**Hilda GC.** Singles is now over. Div. 1 winner is Alister Newey and Div. 2 winner is Glenda Hamilton. Well done to both of them. We are now calling for entries for the Handicap pairs. Names up on the board please. Entries need to be in by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. And the draw will go up in Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Play will be knockout on full sized lawns and the competition needs to be finished by the end of March. I am always open to suggestions for improving these competitions. A trophy is needed for Div 2 singles. Hilda is to investigate.

**Carol AC.** Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Rangiora hosted the Arthur Ross regional Handicap Finals. Four competitors battled it out in blistering hot conditions each playing 3 x 3 hour games. The eventual winner was 16 yr old Josh Winter from Cashmere C.C. who will travel to Dunedin for the final. I was particularly proud to host the tournament as this was the first CCA organised tournament played on our lawns. It speaks volumes of where we are now.

A group for AC players are headed to Edgeware on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. for their funday.

Alister and Neville are competing in the Carol Hayward Tournament Played over several Tuesdays at United.

#### Fun Day

**Don't forget our fund day is 11<sup>th</sup> March. Note in your diary!**

#### Coaching:

NOTE: Lesley will continue to offer coaching from 12.20pm on Saturdays. Please join in. If you would like further coaching contact Lesley and she will arrange that with you.

There will be some coaching opportunities for club members, and especially those who are new to the game. Lesley will advise us when a programme is in place.



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### Greens Group

The Greens Group have successfully treated areas of lawn that have less grass growth. The irrigation is on regularly resulting in lawns that are in great order, and playing quite fast. We have received very encouraging accolades from visitors, and during the CCA event on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Twilight Croquet

Twilight croquet will continue until closing day in April. **The BBQ begins 5:00pm, and play at 6:00pm.**

### Social Events and Health and Safety

Some reminders for all members.

- Please check your duty day and arrange for somebody to step in if you are unable to do your day. There have been some gaps and that has caused extra work for some. And, please clean up after your use of the kitchen during the week!!!
- Remember to lock the door if you are last to leave, and that the padlock numbers are turned around.

Remember: **closing day for the year will be 5<sup>th</sup> April**, with a shared lunch followed by play.

### Congratulations

My personal congratulations to Glenda and Alister for winning their respective games in our Club Singles Tournament.

### Committee meetings

The committee meets again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please let Anne Barnes know if there is anything you would like the committee to consider.

**Wil Henderson**  
**President**



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