



## CLUB NEWS LETTER January 2019

### From the January Committee Meeting

#### Lawns Developments

I am very pleased to report that your committee has formally moved to begin work on developing lawns 3 and 3 for our club.

The development plan is in three stages. Stage 1 will see the site prepared including weed spraying, the lawn dimensions marked, and some irrigation equipment laid out. The plan is to have this completed before winter which will give time for the land to settle. Stage two will begin later in the year and involve levelling the lawns. This is the major part of the development. Stage 3 will see the lawns completed. All going to plan we hope they will be ready for play later in 2020.

We are grateful to Peter Parkinson for overseeing the development. His knowledge, experience, and his previous experience working with contractors is invaluable. Thank you Peter.

Work and support will need to come from members at various times. We will let you know what voluntary tasks members can do. Whilst most costs will be covered by grant money there is a need for fundraising by members as well. **Your support is central to the development.**

#### Captains' Reports

Congratulations to the two GC Div 3 teams who battled it out in the finals of the interclub, only to come to a draw.

Club Competitions are well under way with the exception of the AC Competitions.

Carol has circulated a poster for our fun day on 13<sup>th</sup> of March to the CCA Club Captains. **Volunteers will be required on the day.**

We have a visit to St James planned on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Names on the whiteboard please.

There are a lot of competitions and fun days on offer and they are listed below. All the contact details are on the Pin Board in the clubrooms. If you have any questions please ask Carol or Lesley.

**AC** CCA Open AC at St James 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.  
CCA Handicap open AC at Homes Park  
Carol Hayward Starts 25<sup>th</sup> Jan (Tues) at United and Elmwood  
Agnes Dick AC Handicap Doubles at Elmwood 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**GC** Silver badge level playoffs Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Holmes Park.  
CCA GC Grades at Fendalton Wednesday. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Twilight GC Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at Fendalton 4.30pm  
Bev Stechmann Handicap Doubles Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at St. Martins  
Maud Trainor GC Handicap starting 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at United.



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## **FUN DAYS**

Akaroa Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Kaiapoi Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Edgeware Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Rangiora Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**NOTE: Fun days are always popular and you need to register well ahead.  
Check the notice board for details.**

## **Match Committee**

The responsibility and work for club captains is significant. To support them the committee has formed a 'Match Committee'. Its function is to increase the number of members who can assist with refereeing, and the running of club days. The committee is Carol, Lesley, Leith, Hilda and Wil. If you can help in any of these areas please let the committee know.

## **Greens Group**

Our lawns continue to be in excellent condition and well maintained. Regular mowing, weed control and line marking are carried out by members of the greens group. This involves several hours work each week. We are fortunate to have such dedicated members in our greens group.

## **Youth Croquet**

The committee spent some time talking about our commitment to Youth Croquet. The committee has confirmed that this is an important initiative for our club. To make sure we do this appropriately and effectively we have formed a 'Youth Croquet Group' including Carol, Neville, Mary, Howard and Wil. The group will develop guidelines for junior activities and membership. Guidelines being developed by our national coach will help.

Howard has begun working with primary aged students. Their tournament at the end of 2018 was a great success. There are ongoing sessions for these students during the holidays.

Good contact has been established with the sports coordinator at Rangiora High School. The school will offer croquet as a sports option for an hour on Wednesday afternoons, starting late February. The main aim is to introduce students to croquet, and to entice them into the game with the possibility of coaching at the beginning of next season, and opportunity to play in national youth competitions. Chris Clarke has offered to coach interested students when he returns from overseas in September. Club members will look after the students on Wednesday afternoons.

It was suggested that a brochure giving students information about the game would be helpful. Mark is preparing one for CCA.

Our Youth Croquet Group will recommend guidelines that will support and sustain this area of the club's development.





### Membership

Mary reported on membership and indicated we have welcomed a number of new members recently. However, we have also lost some members so the growth rate is a little slower at the moment.

Club fees are \$230.00 for existing members and \$80 for new members. There is a reduced rate for new members joining half way through the season. Mary can receive subs via internet banking and you need to identify by your surname. Our bank account is at the Rangiora branch of the Westpac Bank, and in the name of Rangiora Croquet Club.

Our banking number is 03 0674 0071147 00

### Twilight Croquet

Twilight croquet continues to be successful, and made enjoyable through our BBQ and hamburger evenings. The final evening for Twilight Croquet will be decided soon.

### End of Season

Our last club day for this season will be **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**.

### AGM

Please note in your diary that our AGM will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Visitors

We regularly welcome visitors and groups to our club. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will welcome over 30 members of the Rangiora Lions Group. They will have their monthly meeting and meal, and some have indicated an interest in 'trying to play croquet'. We think this is a good opportunity for us to promote ourselves to a wide cross section of Waimakariri people.

Please note that there will be no twilight croquet that evening.

### Committee meetings

The committee meets again on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please let Anne Barns know if there is anything you would like the committee to consider.

2019 will be a very significant year for our club. With the development of our new lawns we anticipate a growth in membership. More of our members are participating in club, interclub and regional tournaments. We anticipate more coaching support for members. Club days and functions show a friendly and supportive culture between our members. We are doing well!!!!

Wil Henderson  
President



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