



Plimmerton Croquet Club Newsletter

AUGUST 2016

Diary Dates

September

- 3 Sep – Opening Day
- 4 Sep – Summer Programme Starts
- 8 Sep – PCC Committee
- 10 Sep – Entries close:
 - Club Hcap Events
 - Arthur Ross
 - Interclub
 - Gold & Silver Stars
- 17 Sep - AC Squad Play Paraparamu
- 19 Sep – Events start:
 - Arthur Ross
 - GC G&S Stars
 - Club handicap
- 25 Sep – AC Squad Play (fallback) Plimmerton
- 25 Sep Paekakariki Cup Waikanae

October

- 2,3,5 Oct GC and AC Interclub starts
- 5 Oct – WCA BiAnnual Meeting Plimmerton
- 8,9 Oct -CNZ AvB Wgtn
- 13 Oct – PCC Committee
- 15,16 Oct – WCA AC Championship Kelburn
- 16 Oct – AC Squad Play Wainouimata
- 23 Oct GC Club Pairs 2-4, 5-7 Plimmerton

September 3rd – Reminder

New Season Opening Day - 90th Anniversary - Opening of the Fifth Lawn

So many good reasons to come along and celebrate on Saturday 3rd September (from 9:30 if you wish to play in the exciting combined format tournament, or just come for the lunch). If you are coming, sign up to the list for attendance and lunch contribution in the Clubroom.

See [the website](#) for the "rules" for the tournament play.

Players Meeting

A well-attended and good humoured meeting took place on Saturday 13th. Members were given an update on the Club's response to the new Health and Safety legislation. The committee will publish a document shortly.

Players voted in favour of staying with the same playing hours as last year for the new Summer schedule. A request to consider a change to the Winter schedule will be considered at the AGM.

Your printed copies of the Programme Handbook for the 2016-17 season is available for collection in the Clubroom.

Fifth Lawn Update

We are still on schedule to open the fifth lawn on September 3rd. Many thanks and congratulations to Kelvin and all the others who have contributed to this project. The new lawns have been numbered and hoop positions determined. Current lawns 3 and 4 will become lawns 4 and 5 (still full-size lawns but moved further south). Current lawns 1 and 2 are replaced by 95% sized lawns 1, 2 and 3 at right angles to lawns 4 and 5.

The new lines will be painted and hoops installed during the week prior to September 3rd. The existing lines will be allowed to fade during August. The diagram of the new layout is available on [the web-site](#).

From the Vice Captains' Report

Our Sympathy goes to Anne and Bob at this sad time.

Winter July : Good attendances on fine days by both codes. Some New AC players' took the opportunity to practice their skills on Sunday afternoons.

We are still awaiting the new GC NHS cards and in the meantime the current cards have been updated.

Exciting times ahead with the 5th lawn about to be revealed. We have started suggesting that players look for their Interclub partners - some decisions have already been made.

Jo and Sue

Rosters

September

Lawn Surrounds
Wayne

Line Marking
Graeme

Housekeeping
1-10 Pat
11-20 Beverly
21-30 Patsy/Ross

Shopping
Irene

October

Lawn Surrounds
Kelvin

Line Marking
Graeme

Housekeeping
1-10 Josie
11-20 Claire
21-31 Roel

Shopping
Barbara

REMEMBER TO ENTER
THE CLUB HANDICAP
COMPETITIONS!



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From the July Grounds Report

As usual in mid winter, grounds activity has been fairly quiet. With slow growth and damp weather, the lawns were mowed only 3 times. The lines were done regularly. Until the new lawn configuration is in place the existing lines will be allowed to fade considerably. With the new lines a balance needs to be struck between very bright lines and the need to avoid applying paint which affects the grass.

The hoops were moved in mid July as a last move before the new configuration. Over the last 12 months the lines have crept up to 12 inches from their starting positions. Painted wooden corner pegs will be used on the new lawns to avoid this.

We finally managed to spray the lawns on 21 July with Hammer and Eraser. The only time the weather, wind and operator availability coincided was after 3 pm on Thursday afternoon. The spray nozzles were blocked and in the hurry to get things working, one was damaged. Spraying was done but the nozzles had to be replaced before being used again. The nozzles and filters had not been replaced for ages so a new set of each were purchased. The experience reinforced the need for a very thorough clean after each operation.

For effective control of moss a follow up spray is required in 2-3 weeks. The second Hammer spray was done today (10 Aug). Liquid fertiliser was also applied. The new lawn areas were given granular fertiliser as recommended.

Both the "blossom?" trees have been trimmed dramatically. However, they are still large and grow very quickly. Serious professional pruning maybe needed at some stage.

The World AC Championships Feb 2018

Kelvin reports: "The Wellington Region has committed to hosting this event. An organising committee is being set up now. The chairperson will be Sue Piper, the manager probably Brian Boutel, the referee Graeme Roberts. Other members are needed to cover areas such as Publicity, Finance, Equipment, Transport, Accommodation, Website. If you know anyone with the skills and energy to contribute please let Brian Boutel know (938 6709 brian@boutel.co.nz)."

That "what should Mahi do" Competition ...

A very, very late anonymous entrant suggested that Mahi should choose not to play a shot. Unfortunately the current rules for golf croquet do not allow this option.

And finally, thanks to the eagle-eyed Janet Boutel who agreed with Wayne's sage advice to be patient but also pointed out that this could not have been hoop 8.

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Alison L-D would love to see a bit more interaction on the PCC facebook page. Take a look and "like" Alison's handiwork (or even better, post a comment).

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