



Plimmerton Croquet Club Newsletter

DECEMBER 2016

Diary Dates

December

Dec 20 - Club Handicap matches to be completed

January

Jan 20 - entries close for Club Championships

Jan 27 - next Twilight pizza night (probably - check the notice board)

From the Captain's Report

"Despite all the rain, floods, earthquakes causing delays in all interclub games they have now been completed and winners have been decided. Congratulations to Graeme Bamford and John Kliem on winning the AC doubles Monday Interclub. Runners up were Ivan Nicholson and Murray Cain. Congrats also to section winners, Clair Roberts and Tony Le Petit, and Sue Dewsnap and Ian Stuart finishing 2nd and 3rd in the Finals.

Congrats to Carolyn Rait and Tom Berryman on winning the Paraparaumu AC doubles last weekend. Runners up: Wayne and Dianne.

The Association Ferns have been passed on to Petone. The last challenge of the season for the MacKenzie cup is being played on Wednesday against Kelburn. Plimmerton is challenging Kelburn for the Gold Buttons on Sunday at Kelburn.

The Club competitions are nearly all finalised and winners are being found. All club sessions are being well attended and everyone is enjoying the mostly fine days of play.

We have 9 newbies having lessons under Jo's guidance with the help of Sue, Bill, Bob, and Anne and anyone else who is lurking when needed.

Functions - unfortunately the Kindergarten had to cancel due to the flooding, but hope to rebook in January. The CCDHB sent a late request for an hour or two. This was arranged and 13 staff members and a toddler were hosted by Arthur, Bob and Anne for approx. an hour and a half. They all seemed to have enjoyed themselves."

Recent Events

Interclub

Golf Croquet

Congratulations to Claire Roberts and Tony le Petit and Sue Dewsnap and Ian Stuart for coming 2nd and 3rd in the Golf Croquet Interclub competition. The playoffs were held at Plimmerton over three days and the competition was eventually won by Frank Light and Fred Marsh of the Paraparaumu club. More photographs in the [gallery](#).



Association Croquet

With two teams in the final, Plimmerton were assured of winning the Monday Association Pairs Interclub. In a closely contested match Graeme Bamford and John Kliem just prevailed over Murray Cain and Ivan Nicholson 14-12.

Wayne Gair, Dianne McDonald and Anne and Bob McKenzie were runners up in the Wednesday Teams Competition



Rosters

December

Lawn Surrounds
Kelvin

Line Marking
Graeme

Housekeeping
1-10 Murray
11-20 Chris C
21-31 Robin

Shopping
Jan W

January

Lawn Surrounds
Wayne

Line Marking
Tony

Housekeeping
1-10 Diana
11-20 ??
21-31 Patsy & Ross

Shopping
Lyn

DON'T FORGET TO PLAY
YOUR CLUB HANDICAP
GAMES!



The Christmas Function

Another wonderful Christmas event was held on the 10th. Unfortunately the rain ruled out afternoon play but morning play and lunch went to plan. Thanks to Sue D for organizing and supervising the lunch, to the members for bringing such wonderful food, to Sue W for the splendid flowers and to all who contributed to the successful fund raisers.



Jolly spectators



Serious players



Kitchen elves

Interclub Challenge Series

Petone are the new holders of the 10+ Association Ferns after a very narrow win over Bob McKenzie and Ross Williamson.

However, Sue White and John Kliem were successful in retaining the 18+ McKenzie Cup(s) in a nerve-wracking final challenge of the season by Mary and John Stevens of Kelburn.



From the Groundsman

Another busy month for the groundsman during November.

Apart from the regular lawn mowing, line marking and the surrounds mowing and weeding and general tidying up that is performed by our industrious band of ground volunteers.

The club helped to host the Lower North Island champs early on in the month, which involved the grounds team to prepare the lawns and install the Atkins hoops on all five lawns along with extra line marking and mowing duties.

The end of the month we endured the earthquake and ground flooding which required a clean up - thanks to Jo Bray and the ride on mower to "vacuum" all the lawns of silt and debris from the flooding.

Fence line: After two Wednesday afternoon working bees, we have completed the work required to realign and mend the affected fence line accordingly.

Protea mower: The Protea has been running a bit rich lately and the clutch seems to be slipping whilst idling. I have sent it to our engineers for repairs.

Water toby: The water toby for the clubhouse had sprung a leak and has been



repaired by the kapital Irrigation team and they have also been asked him to take a look at the sprinkler/valve on line 6 which is showing signs of a leakage especially when the irrigation system is being used.

Gardens: As per usual Chris continues to maintain the gardens and hedges to his high standard of tidiness despite getting a hammering from the floods.

A huge thank you to the following volunteers and Kelvin (again) for project managing the fence repair work. hope I haven't missed anyone: Kelvin, Bob, Tom, Pip, Ivan, Jo, Tony, John B, John K, Bill, Robin and friend, Graeme B and Wayne (with trusty chainsaw).



More photographs by Jo in the [gallery](#)

Remember - Twilight Croquet Every Friday 4 till late

The next meal night is probably going to be January 27th Watch the notice board for confirmation. The usual format is: food orders by 5pm (\$10.00), phone Sue D at the clubrooms on 04 233 8901 if you are running late, bring a drink of your choice, eat about 6pm. Play Association or Golf or Ricochet.

And finally...

2016 has been an interesting year politically and climatically but also a very sad year for several of our members.

Hopefully we can all look forward to lots of great croquet at our wonderful 5 lawn club in 2017.

Season's Greetings to All!

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