



Plimmerton Croquet Club Newsletter

JUNE 2017

Diary Dates

June

Sun 25 Jun - Winter GC
Challenge vs Waikanae
at Waikanae

July

Sun 16 Jul – Winter GC
Challenge vs
Paraparaumu at
Plimmerton

Rosters

June

Lawn Surrounds
tba

Line Marking
tba

Housekeeping
1-10 Beth
11-20 Carolyn
21-31 Mahi

Shopping
Jan

July

Lawn Surrounds
tba

Line Marking
tba

Housekeeping
1-10 Phyllis
11-20 Mearle
21-31 Kay

Shopping
Lyn

Welcome

A very warm welcome to new club members John & Joy Griffiths, Tony & Philippa Borra (all from Waimarie), Jenny Brash, Helen Scott and Barry Hellberg.

Recent Publications

Copies of the booklet "A Guide for Members 2017-2018" are now available in the Clubhouse. There is lots of useful information in this booklet so please read it even if you are a long term Club member. The booklet is also available on the website for those of you who would like to save some trees - [Members Guide Online](#)

Our President, Wendy Betteridge is playing croquet again after a somewhat eventful absence. Read about her experiences in her blog: [Wendy's Blog](#)

Excerpts from the Captains' Report

Playing Sessions during May The Tuesday morning AC/R session is averaging 17 – 22 players. The afternoon GC session is averaging 25 but has been as high as 36 players. This is markedly higher than May last year. Although losing two weeks due to weather, Thursday attendances are likewise well up on last year. Morning sessions 17 players, afternoon as high as 32. 10 & 21 were the equivalent numbers last year. Saturdays appear to be reasonably consistent with last year but GC did have a spike to 40 players in week 1. Sundays for GC are consistent with last year averaging around 8-10 players each session.

Programme Planning We have a draft programme pretty much ready to go just awaiting final tweaking of the WCA programme and agreement from the Kapiti Clubs regarding our shared events. Graeme, Sue and I have agreed Management arrangements for the tournaments which we will be hosting. It is probable that we will replace Croquet Ole, tentatively scheduled for 17 February, just a week after the Worlds, with a function/event which celebrates our members' contribution to the Worlds. Paremata Auto Services has agreed to again sponsor the programme.

Rules Education Summary cards of the key GC rules (Wrong Ball, Striking & Non-Striking Faults) have been produced. Sue D has laminated them and will make them available to members at \$2 a set. They fit in a player's pocket and are an easy reference when things go wrong. Sue is also planning to have brief optional rules chats as part of the normal playing sessions.

We haven't planned any specific AC rules courses. A significant course was held last year. If umpire courses are offered by other Clubs then we will encourage our players to participate.

Coaching GC - Chris Cambourn has offered to provide tactical coaching for some selected players and Sue is liaising with him on this. Ricochet – Bill Harper has a group of players who wish to learn the game and he is arranging sessions to best effect.

Tom, Sue & Graeme

Grounds Report

Wayne recorded his thanks to Kelvin for his help. Kelvin observed that the lawns are showing some undulations which will need some remedial work. Wayne is planning to canvass members and prepare rosters for lines marking and surrounds mowing.

Introducing Sue Dewsnap – Golf Croquet Vice Captain 2017/18

I joined the club in March 2014 after having been introduced in a Mustang Car Club event at our grounds . Ron and I then owned a 1969 Mach 1 Mustang. At the time I was marching for Kapi Mana Insteps Leisure Marching team which I did for 17 years, when I gave it up I headed straight to our web page and contacted Kelvin to join up.

I have already had one year on the committee responsible for Housekeeping and now turn to Vice Captain GC. A lot to learn but giving it my best. Last year I had the honour of being selected to play for Wellington in the Lower North Islands. Our team did well and ended up Runners Up.

Playing in tournaments has found me wanting to improve my fitness level somewhat. I am now out walking with 2 ladies when I'm not at the Club. With one of these walks I try to include my 2 wee Tibetan Spaniels who just love having Mum around the house now I am retired.

I previously worked for ACCO NZ Ltd in Grenada as Office Administrator but unfortunately the office relocated to Australia and the business to Auckland. We have a lovely caravan and when Ron retires hope to be out and about a bit enjoying the North Island.

Husband Ron and I have been together now for 27 years. We have 4 children between us and 5 grandkids ages 3 to 18. We are now living in the Bay after about 35 years and 3 houses in Whitby. Love being on the flat with shop up the road, Doctors across the road and Bus stop next door.

MY QUOTE is: Happiness a lovely sunny, calm day and 40 happy people out on the lawns.

I love being part of Plimmerton Club, getting to know a lot of really lovely people all with a common interest.

Reminders

No jump shots are allowed during the Winter sessions.

Please remember not to park on the grass or the north side of Plimmerton Drive.

We need an enthusiastic Facebook user to administer (and zhooosh up?) our Facebook presence. If you would like to volunteer, please email plimmertoncroquetclub@gmail.com



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