Plimmerton Croquet Club Newsletter

OCTOBER 2017 (AND QUITE POSSIBLY NOVEMBER)

Diary Dates

November

Thu 2 Nov - Plimmerton Committee meeting

Sun 12 Nov – Haven Plate Paraparaumu

Thu Fri 16-17 Nov – AC GC 18+ Tournament Plimmerton

Fri 24 Nov – Twilight Pizza event

Sun 26 Nov AC Squad Play Plimmerton

Rosters

November
Lawn Surrounds
Kelvin
Line Marking
Ivan N

Housekeeping
1-10 Suzi
11-20 Bill
21-31 John H

Shopping
Jan W

December
Lawn Surrounds
Ivan N
Line Marking
Murray

Housekeeping
1-10 Peter
11-20 Elizabeth J
21-31 Josie

Shopping
Lyn

Coming Events and Reminders

Clubhouse in Use 11th November

A reminder that our Clubhouse is being used as a wedding venue on Saturday 11th November. The morning association croquet session will be as normal except that tea will have to be taken outside the Clubhouse. The afternoon golf croquet session will finish at 3pm.

Pizza Twilight

The next pizza twilight evening will take place on Friday 24th November. If you haven't been to one of these fun evenings before, simply turn up after 4 pm and play your game of choice before enjoying a communal supper (usually pizza but not always). If you can't make it before 5pm, ring in to place your order. The cost is $10 per person for food. Drinks are byo.

Interclub

Interclub continues through November. This means that there is no general club play on Sunday mornings and Monday afternoons.

Recent Events

Newbies Golf Croquet Tournament - Sue Dewsnap reports

After a weeks postponement, all eight Newbies and their senior partners turned up almost on time for their very first tournament Saturday 14th October.

There was a lot to talk about "How to do this and that" then Wayne introduced refereeing rules for the day. Finally already running 5 minutes late they went out for their ten minute hit up while I set about organising the play for the other 18 GC players who turned up for play as well.

Some of the players admitted to have shaken thru the whole of the first game a little afraid of doing the wrong thing, however by the end of the day it was mostly all smiles thank heavens.

John Brown and Bill Harper sailed thru section 2 unbeaten as did Neville Lapthorne and Ian Stuart in Section 1. This set off a fiercely fought final with Ian and Neville coming thru as winners on the day.

I think this event was well received, so we may even run another towards the end of the summer with more players involved.

Thank you to Wayne and Diane for refereeing as it turned pretty windy and cold later in the afternoon.

The finalists left to right: Ian Stewart, Neville Lapthorne, Bill Harper, John Brown. Photo by Ron.

Sue Dewsnap.

Association Croquet WCA Challenge Series

McKenzie Cup 18+
Plimmerton were the holders of this challenge trophy at the start of the 2017/18 season and it has since been stoutly defended twice by Sue White and Ivan Nicholson. They defeated Wellington 26-4, then Kelburn 14-9. The next challenge is by Petone.

Rudkin Brooches 0+
Congratulations too to Wayne Gair and Tom Berryman who won their challenge for the Rudkin Brooches at Kelburn. Waimarie will challenge Plimmerton in early November.

Association Ferns 10+
Plimmerton will be the next challenger for Petone.

Interclub

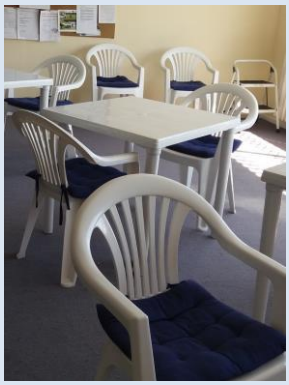
The 2017 interclub competition is now well underway. Go to the WCA website to see the results so far.

It hasn't all been fun though. Alison L-D took these photographs one rather damp Sunday morning.

Update on the World Association Croquet Championships

Carolyn reports:

Country flags (approx A3 size) have purchased for most countries though we are missing USA, Sweden and Latvia. If you can assist please contact Carolyn (Phone 234 7422 Email carolyn.rait@gmail.com)



Early in December a list of help required will be available for you to sign up. Thanks to the Dewsnaps we will have a caravan on site with a large awning for spectators. Let's make this an exciting event at Plimmerton.

Clubhouse Cushions

Thanks to all who have donated the blue cushions. If you would like to donate a cushion please purchase at Clearance Warehouse (opposite the library and near Pak N'Save). Cost $7 each.

Excerpts from the Captains' Report

Playing Sessions during September
Not surprisingly, the variable Spring weather has caused fluctuation in attendances at playing sessions. However, on fine days AC and Ricochet sessions reached 18/19 players. The Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday GC sessions continue to be the most popular with fine days seeing mid-late 30s attending.

GC Rules Education
The second half of the quiz was completed on September 10. The quiz Q&As were copied to the participants for their ongoing review with a request that they contact Wayne if they wished to seek qualification.

Paekakariki Vase - 24 September
Our team (Chris Cambourn, Carolyn Rait, Wayne Gair, Dianne McDonald, Bill Harper and Sue White) was unsuccessful in defending the trophy against Waikanae and Paraparaumu. Waikanae were the winners on this occasion.

Clubhouse Roof Painting
This was completed on Monday, 2 October.

Tom, Sue & Graeme

Excerpts from the Grounds Report

The delivery of the Toro Greensmaster and a comprehensive induction and instruction process by Tony Tipper of Parklands accompanied the delivery on 15 September. The machine performs very well, with some minor adjustments having been made to cutting heights of one of the cutting heads on the delivery day to even out the cut. A subsequent minor adjustment to even the cutting height on one other head has since been undertaken and has resulted in an improved quality of cut.

It is becoming apparent that the club needs to look to pursue the issue of an extension to the garage as the storage of the surrounds mower behind the greens machine creates access issues for those on the surrounds team as one machine must be removed to access the other

Wayne

REMINDER

Play your Club Championship matches while the sun shines!

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