



Plimmerton Croquet Club Newsletter

JULY 2017

Diary Dates

July

Sat 29 Jul – WCA
Captains Meeting at
Plimmerton 1pm

August

Sun 6 Aug – Winter GC
Challenge vs Khandallah
at Plimmerton

Sun 12 Aug – Players
Meeting at Plimmerton
1pm

Fri 18 Aug – Working
Bee 10am

Rosters

July

Lawn Surrounds
Wayne
Line Marking
Jo

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

Shopping
Lyn

August

Lawn Surrounds
Robin
Line Marking
Wayne

Housekeeping
1-10 John B
11-20 Jo
21-31 Murray

Shopping
Irene

Recent Events

Paraparaumu/Plimmerton Mid Winter Challenge 16 July

Sunday dawned fine with very little wind but very nippy, fortunately though no frost on our lawns. Jo Bray was first to arrive and was busy setting up the lawns for us when I arrived. Wayne wasn't far behind and went about banging in the hoops and adjusting as necessary, many thanks to both for getting us set up and ready to go.

A great and very entertaining day eventuated with our teams trying their hardest to beat the unbeatable father and son team from Paraparaumu. The Bullen's went undefeated with four from four for the day. We had just picked up the lawns and into the clubrooms when down came the rain. Perfect timing!!

The end result saw Plimmerton take the win with 11 games to 5 and 90 hoops to 79.

A great effort by our teams - Murray Cain and Ivan Nicholson, Graeme Bamford and Roel Ymker, Chris Cambourn and Mahi Ani, Tony LePetit and Ian Stewart.

Thank you to all of the players and the kitchen staff for some magnificent food (those cheese straws and sponge drops – wow)

Thank you to Dave Hunt and Roger Hurnard for being our referees. I know they came in very cold each game for a hot drink.

Sue Dewsnap – GC Vice Captain

Upcoming Events

Sunday 6th August Khandallah/Plimmerton GC Challenge

The lawns will not be available for general club play on this day. Please let Sue D know if you can help with morning or afternoon tea.

Saturday 12th August Players' Meeting

This year's Players' Meeting will take place at the Clubhouse on 12 August at 1pm. This is an opportunity to discuss any issues relating to the Club in a less formal environment than the AGM. The agenda for the meeting has been emailed to all members.

You can view a draft copy of the programme for the coming season on the website before the meeting. [Draft Programme](#)

Friday 18th August Working Bee 10am

Please come along if you can and help get things tidied up in readiness for the new season.





Association Croquet World Championships

Our first report from Carolyn Rait, the Plimmerton Croquet Club Venue Manager:

Excitement builds for the World AC Croquet Championships to be held in the Wellington Region 3-11 February 2018.

Plimmerton is one of the host clubs and will see eight days of action. Plan to spend some time observing the world's best croquet players.

To provide shelter for spectators a marquee/tent is required - ideally 8m x 10 m. Can you assist? Please phone me on 234 7422, or email carolyn.rait@gmail.com if you have a suitable marquee/tent.

Excerpts from the Captains' Report

Playing Sessions during June

The weather has treated us very well during the month. Most Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday playing sessions have been well attended. AC and Ricochet, on fine days, range from 16 – 22 players. Ricochet has been as high as 8 players. The midweek GC sessions have been in the mid-20s with Saturdays in the mid-30s. Sundays for GC were in the range 8-13 players.

Programme

Our draft programme is now on the Club's website for player review in advance of the Players' meeting. There will be some minor tweaking required following the WCA Club Captains' meeting on 29 July. Paremata Auto Services has paid the sponsor fee and the programme booklet will be printed following the Players' meeting.

GC Rules Education

It is proposed to hold a GC rules quiz on August 27 and September 10. The quiz material first used in 2010 and 2012 has been updated by Tom and validated by Wayne. The quiz will have a 4 person team format, limited to 32 people per session and will be open to players from all Clubs on a first come basis.

Coaching

Ricochet – Bill Harper has arranged coaching for those who have shown interest and there has been a rise in player numbers as a consequence. AC – We have had two people receiving coaching on Thursdays. Karen Eng from Khandallah and Neville Laphorne (Plimmerton). They are both doing well. Roger Hurnard from Khandallah has also been a regular attender at AC sessions during June and is benefitting from playing against our players.

Tom, Sue & Graeme

Excerpt from the Grounds Report

Wayne acknowledged the following people who have volunteered to take on essential work within the team:

Lines Marking Team: Tony Le Petit, Graeme Bamford, Jo Bray, Neville Laphorne, Murray Cain and Ivan Nicholson

Surrounds Team: Ivan Nicholson, Kelvin Watson, Robin Chesterfield, John Brown and Neville Laphorne

Mowing Team: Kelvin Watson, Ron Dewsnap Ross Main and Robin Chesterfield for potential backup

Rosters have been set up and are in operation for Lines and Surrounds.

Introducing Graeme Bamford – Association Croquet Vice Captain 2017/18



Looking back on my 77 years I've done a lot, or rather attempted a lot.

I've been a Post and Telegraph telegraphist and supervisor, a musician playing piano in restaurants, clubs and cabarets, a shoe shop proprietor, a salesman selling aluminium windows and conservatories and a real estate agent.

I've always been keen on sport and as a kid spent all my summer free time on the tennis courts. In winter, it was rugby and table tennis. I continued playing tennis in

Wellington in my earlier married years, but later, because of sore joints and bones took up golf. Although I used to practise, trying to improve my game, really, I was just pretty average.

One day - I think it would be 4 years ago coming up September - my wife showed me a "Croquet Have a Go Day" clipping in the local rag. She asked me if I would like to try it. The rest is history....

I consider my progress at this sport as good. Currently I am on a handicap of 5, close to 4 for Golf Croquet. My A/C Handicap is 10. I attribute where I am at to practice, particularly when I started out. As well as going down to the courts to practice on my own I would also practice at home running balls over coins on the carpet as well as grooving my swing on my swing practicing machine. If you are interested in seeing how such a machine could improve your game, go to [Reg Bamford "The Mental Game"](#) on YouTube. And, if you are interested in building your own swing trainer, I am happy to lend out my pattern. (Reg Bamford - no relation - is currently second in the world AC rankings, Ed)



As the Vice Captain for Association Croquet, my goal is to increase the number of players. If you are interested in trying the game, contact me (or Tom) and we will arrange an introduction for you.

Mallets For Sale

Beverley Berryman has two 'Woods Mallets' for sale.

Mallet 1 - length: 34inch, weight: 2.13 lbs

Mallet 2 - length: 32inch, weight: 2.13 lbs

Both mallets are in excellent order and she would like \$120 for each mallet. Beverley is happy to bring the mallets to the Clubhouse for you to try.

Please contact her at Beverley.Berryman@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 236 8877

Reminders

Please do not play when there is frost on the lawns.

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

We need an enthusiastic Facebook user to administer our Facebook presence. If you could volunteer, please email plimmertoncroquetclub@gmail.com

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