



CLUB NEWS LETTER November 2018

From the September Committee Meeting

Lawns Developments – Great News!!!

The committee has unanimously moved “that the lawn development subcommittee immediately develop and implement a plan to establish two new lawns”. This is an exciting development for our club!!! The committee is preparing funding applications to finance the development. However, there will need to be a strong commitment from members to continue fund raising activities.

Membership is continuing to grow with 6 new members confirmed at last Saturday’s committee meeting. As members know, we have to halve our lawns for club day play and even then not all those attending can get a game. Our lawns are well recognised as being of high quality and appropriate for regional and national events. Having 4 lawns will give us opportunity to promote our venue for national and international tournaments.

Captains’ Reports

All interclub games are underway with the exception of AC interclub on Mondays. Due to a handicapping discrepancy and after much discussion with the Tournament convener we felt that we should withdraw from the competition.

The match between the Fire Brigade and the Police was played on a sunny Sunday afternoon and most seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to the volunteers. We will be host to the Lioness group on Wednesday 14th November. They are bringing 14-15 of their group and we will coach them and then finish the day with afternoon tea. Later in the season the Men’s group from the Charles Upham Village will revisit.

Club Competitions can be started at any time but entries will close on 15th November.

Please let Carol know if your handicap changes at any time whether in inter-club or club competitions as they need to be entered into the CNZ database. We are lucky to have new members and they will be given handicaps according to the rules.

The lawns are playing really well with thanks to the greens group for their sterling efforts. We receive lots of praise from visiting teams and that makes us feel very proud.

Jono Hart wants to know teams for the Atkins Tournament. Please let Carol know as soon as possible if you would like to play in that tournament. CCA are planning a twilight competition, likely to be a Thursday, running from 22nd Jan. Names to Jono if you are interested.



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Equipment.

We have noticed some small stones on some lawns. It is likely they are brought in on members' shoes. If these get caught up in the mower they cause very expensive damage. Please check that your shoes don't bring stones in.

Alistair knows how to adjust the new hoops. This adjustment changes the width of the hoop. Please ask Alister or a member of the greens group if you think hoops need adjusting. There are two special hoops which he will identify with red marking. They are for the practice area and shouldn't be used on the lawns.

Coaching

We are lucky to have secured the services of Greg Bryant. He is a wonderful coach and a former World Champion. He will be at our club on **Tuesday 11th December**. Please add our name to the list on the notice board if you would like to attend.

Rule Changes

AC handicapping has changed. This is to bring NZ into line with the UK and Australia. The club has purchased rule books and they are on the table to be borrowed.

Christmas BBQ

Don't forget our Christmas function on Saturday 8th December. Play starts at 2:00pm and the BBQ at 5:00pm. Partners welcome. Please check information and food arrangements that are on the club notice board.

Annual Membership Subscription

Membership subscriptions should now be paid. The last instalment for those paying monthly is due in December.

The club is required to pay a fee to Canterbury Croquet for each financial member. We need accurate numbers and your payment so our records are accurate with Canterbury Croquet.

Club fees are \$230.00 for existing members and \$80 for new members. Mary can receive subs via internet banking and you need to identify by your surname. Our bank account is at the Rangiora branch of the Westpac Bank, and in the name of Rangiora Croquet Club.

Our banking number is 03 0674 0071147 00

Twilight Croquet

Twilight croquet was scheduled to begin a couple of weeks ago but wet weather prevented that. We plan to begin this Thursday with a BBQ at 5:00pm and play starting at 6:00pm.



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Thank You.

Thank you to those members who give their time for the club. We appreciate the greens group members, those who look after club facilities and our social events, the work our club captains do, those who work on our finances and secretarial, the group that is working to promote the club and build membership, those who do so many jobs around our facilities, and the ongoing work by members of the committee. This is what makes our club function well and a great place for us to meet and enjoy playing croquet with others.

Committee meetings

The committee meets again on Saturday 8th December. Please let Anne Barns know if there is anything you would like the committee to consider.

Wil Henderson
President



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