



PARAPARAUMU CROQUET CLUB

Newsletter August 2022

Winter Play

We have had a very busy winter season. Full lawns on most playing days. Thanks to those members who stood down after one game to ensure all who attended from both clubs were able to get a game. This was much appreciated.

The tournament held on 3 July between our Club and Plimmerton was well supported and enjoyed by all. It was a very close call with Plimmerton winning by three hoops. Each Club won 16 games. A great time was had by all and the weather was perfect. Thanks to all those who supplied the morning and afternoon teas and also manned the kitchen. Special thanks also to the referees. It was a great opportunity for those members new to tournaments to gain experience using extra turns. Due to the fact that jump shots are not permitted during the winter season handicap cards were not utilised. The postponed tournament with Waikanae has been rescheduled for 3 August.

The Mid-Winter celebration at the Jolly was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Social Committee for organising.

Subscription 2022/23

As previously advised the sub for 22/23 will increase to \$220 to cover increased costs and winter play. As this is a reciprocal agreement with Waikanae there will no longer be a need to pay a daily fee when playing winter croquet at either Waikanae or Paraparaumu. So if you wish to play at Waikanae next year when our lawns are closed you will no longer be required to pay a daily fee. It seemed to work well this winter with Waikanae players. Subs for new season will be emailed out during August with payment due by 30 September, so watch your inbox.

Players Meeting 13 August - 2022/23 Summer Season

The players' meeting for AC and GC will be held on Saturday 13th August so be sure to put this date in your diaries. At this meeting Club Captains will confirm details regarding entries, rules etc for Inter-Club competition, which commences in October and goes through to mid December.

The new season's programme booklet will also be available – this details tournaments and challenges for the 22/23 season. These details will also be on the Club's website <http://www.paraparaumucroquetclub.weebly.com>

Club Captains will keep members informed on details and arrangements for the programmed tournaments/challenges during the season.

Opening day for the season will be on Saturday 27th August. Let's hope the weather improves. The NIWA long term outlook for Spring is pretty good so let's hope they are right!

Members will be advised if Council requires the lawns to be closed for maintenance prior to opening day.

Coaching

Anne McKenzie will advise of any coaching opportunities available for members during the season. An email was forwarded to all members in July re coaching on the new GC rules by Wayne Gair which will be held at Plimmerton on Sunday 11 September. Please register for this if you would like to attend.

Proposed Summer Season Extension 2022/23

The President and Committee are currently liaising with the Waikanae CC and Council on a proposal to extend the summer playing season to include the month of May, with Winter season June/July August. In recent years the weather in May has been very settled, hence the large number of members from both Paraparaumu and Waikanae wishing to play. This puts pressure on the hosting club's lawns, particularly in May when the weather is still lovely. June/July and August usually sees a decrease in numbers with the colder weather.

Twilight Croquet 22/23 Season

Covid put paid to our intentions to hold twilight croquet last summer season, but we hope to have a dedicated day for this in the coming summer season. Please advise our Social Sub-Committee of any ideas for social events or fundraising – these would be much appreciated. For your information our Social Sub-Committee comprises: Liz Pfahlert, Fay Bray, Pat Berrett, Elaine Kirkman and Maureen Ellis. Lesley Carmichael also assists.

Have-A-Go Day

A Have-A-Go day is programmed for Sunday 4 September – details will be publicised. If you know of anyone who may be interested in playing croquet and joining the Club please let them know of this event.

YearBook/GC Rule Books

Orders have been placed with WCA/CNZ. I will let those who have ordered books know when they are available. Bill will send out invoices.

Green Fees for Non-Members / Clubrooms hire

As noted in previous newsletter Club members may invite visitors to play on the club lawns (when available) at a fee of \$5 per person.

A reminder that it is the responsibility of Members to record details in the Green Fees Book in the clubrooms and to make arrangements to deposit the fee with the Treasurer, either electronically or through a Committee member.

The Club's facilities can also be hired for meetings/special events for \$100 per day. Please advise a Committee member if you wish to hire the clubrooms for a special event.

Changes to Companies / Incorporated Societies Act

We have received advice that the Club's constitution will need to be changed to comply with the new Act. We have two years to make the required changes. Members will be kept informed, however the changes required do appear to be rather minor. Our Treasurer, Bill is looking into this for us and CNZ/WCA will also provide advice as required.

Bereavements

Club members will be sorry to hear that Raewyn Clark passed away on Wednesday 22 July 2022. In accordance with Raewyn and her family's wishes a private funeral was held. She will be greatly missed at the Club. RIP Raewyn.

Bob McKenzie has compiled an obituaries and memorials page on the Club's website. Members may wish to take a look as it contains some lovely photos and memories of recently passed members of the Club.

Andrea Goble's Bequest – Purchase of Mallets for Club

In the last newsletter I advised of Andrea Goble's generous bequest to the Club for the purchase of mallets. John Roberston has purchased four mallets and these are kept in a locked cupboard in the Clubrooms. Please ask the duty Committee member if you wish to try one. Especially good idea if you are proposing to purchase a new mallet.

And Most Important - Thanks to all our Members for their Input to Club Activities

The Committee would like to thank all the Club members who help out with the cleaning, line marking and maintenance at the Club, and also to those who turn out for the working bees and help in the clubrooms with morning and afternoon teas at tournaments.

Sue Dixon, Secretary

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