



## PARAPARAUMU CROQUET CLUB

### *Newsletter – August 2023*

#### *Opening Day, 23/24 Season – Saturday, 26 August*

Our **Opening Day for the 23/24 season is Saturday 26 August**. The 'first hoop will be run' at 11am, followed by games, BBQ sausages and bread, with more games for those who wish to stay on. Lawns will be shared AC/GC. Let's hope the weather is kind.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

##### *Working Bee – Saturday 5 August (Wet Weather Day Sunday 6 August)*

Colin is organising a working bee, hopefully for 5 August, with back-up date 6 August (10.30am-12.30pm). This is to tidy up the grounds and clubrooms ready for the club's opening day. Some gardening and painting of seats around the lawns may be involved. If you can paint bring a paintbrush and paint-tin or if you prefer gardening bring a gardening tool and gloves. You may have noticed that the Clubroom roof is looking a bit in need of a repaint. We have engaged a contractor at a very reasonable price to undertake this, hopefully before opening day.

##### *Club Players' Meeting, Saturday 12 August*

The Club Players' Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 12 August, commencing at 10am. Please come along. It's a good time for members to learn what is happening at the Club, discuss issues with Club Captains, and provide any input you as members of the club may have. A draft of our Club programme booklet for the new season will be available at this meeting and more information on Inter-Club competitions will also be available.

##### *GC Rules Session, PCC Sunday 20 August*

Anne will run a GC Rules session on Sunday 20 August for those players who wish to "brush-up" on their knowledge. More about this at the Players' Meeting on 12 August.

##### *Community Coaching by Greg Bryant, Wednesday, 30 August, PCC:*

- *GC Advantage (9.30am-12.30pm)*

Croquet NZ will adopt the Rules of Advantage GC as the recognised GC Handicap format from the beginning of the 24/25 season. This coaching session will introduce the game of Advantage GC and support our club transition to this format. As per my earlier email registrations for this session are to be sent to Anne McKenzie [amckenzie53@gmail.com](mailto:amckenzie53@gmail.com) This new Handicap format will replace extra turns.

- *Rush TGfU (1pm-4.30pm)*

This GC/AC variant offers attributes of both Codes, combining GC and AC elements with a shorter and more interactive game format. Rush TgfU (*Teaching Game for Understanding*) is a tactically rich game that is easily manipulated to support new players and seasoned internationals alike with new tactical and practical challenges (examples will be presented at the session). Players of any Code are very welcome to attend. Again please register with Anne McKenzie.

## *'Have a Go' Day, Sunday 3 September, commencing 1pm*

If you have any friends or family interested in playing croquet please let them know about the Club's 'Have a Go' Day on 3 September.

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## **OTHER MATTERS**

### ***Winter Croquet***

Those of us who have been playing at Waikanae this winter have enjoyed playing there while our lawns are being rested, and the weather has not been too bad, in fact we have had some lovely days. The reciprocal agreement between our Clubs is working well. We are very appreciative of the Tuesday afternoon allocated to GC players this year.

### ***Winter Challenges***

The two winter challenges between our Club and Plimmerton and Waikanae were held on 2 July and 19 July respectively. Congratulations to Plimmerton players who won the President's Challenge with 170 hoops, Paraparaumu 150 hoops. Paraparaumu won the Waikanae Challenge this year with 91 hoops, Waikanae 69 hoops. It was good to see the trophy come back to Paraparaumu as it had been won by Waikanae last couple of seasons.

### ***Security Issues at the Club***

Due to the recent break-in to the Club's shed we now have a clipboard and form in the sheds which is to be filled in by all members visiting the club to use the club lawns and equipment outside normal club days. Please ensure you log your arrival time and departure time. This process, together with the new padlocks purchased, should help improve security at the Club. Existing keys will unlock the new padlocks purchased.

### ***Croquet Ball Sets***

Thanks to those members who contacted Colin and donated/swapped their croquet balls. We now have sufficient sets to see us through to when our new set of Dawson Balls can be delivered later this year.

### ***Club Patron***

Joy Allan, has tendered her resignation as Club Patron as she is leaving the Kapiti region. Our thanks to Joy for undertaking this role on behalf of the Club, and for the many other tasks she has undertaken during her membership. Joy is a Life Member of PCC so may well still visit us when visiting Kapiti.

### ***Membership***

Since our last newsletter Wendy Neilson and Libby Thurston have joined our Club. Please make them welcome. Three Associate members, Ken Geenty, Angela Lee and Steph Drinnan have also transferred to full membership.

David Salter has resigned his membership for health reasons. Our thanks to David for his contribution to the Club over the years. His presence at the Club will be missed and we hope his health improves to allow him to play at the Club again.

I was also sad to advise members of the passing of Stu Thurston and just last week Reg Hurley. Stu was an Associate member who loved the game and was a very active member who was at the Club on most club days. Reg was a Life Member and a Past President of the Club. As well as holding other positions at the club Reg was also responsible for the build of our current clubrooms. His contribution was significant. The loss of both of these members will be felt at the club - our condolences to their families and friends.

### ***Subscription Invoices***

Invoices will be sent out later this month and subs will be due by 30 September. As advised at the AGM there is no increase in the Club subscription for 23/24 season.

### ***Proposed Visit by Park Croquet Club***

We have had a request from the Park Croquet Club for some of their members to visit our Club on Thursday, 28 September. We have advised that we would be happy to accommodate this visit and if it is confirmed further info on the visit will be circulated closer to the date.

### ***LNI AC Teams Event to be held at PCC 25/26 November***

We have agreed to a request from CNZ to hold the LNI AC Teams Event at our Club on Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November. To ensure our members don't miss out on playing croquet for that weekend Waikanae CC have agreed to invite our players to play at their Club on these dates. Further information will be available closer to the date.

### ***PCC Facebook Page***

Liz Pfahlert has set up a Facebook Page for Club members. A search for Paraparaumu Croquet Club in Facebook should allow you to view it, join it and publish to it if you wish. Liz Pfahlert and Bill McCarthy will act as moderators and all content must be approved by either of them. It's a great place to post photos taken at events and also to publicize club activities. It will hopefully increase our profile in the community. Our webpage is of course the main source of information on Club activities.

### ***Jessica Bullen's Selection – Women's GC World Championship – Sussex County Croquet Club, UK 7-14 August***

Our Club is very pleased to announce that Jessica has been selected to compete in this competition. We wish her well. An exciting trip for Jessica and her parents. Good luck Jessica! Some of you may have seen the article in the local newspaper about Jessica's selection. <https://worldcroquet.org>

### ***CNZ Promotion of Intermediate and Secondary School (Year 7 -Year 13) croquet programmes***

Anne McKenzie has confirmed a dedicated 'have a go' day for Junior (year 7 to year 13) (Intermediate and Secondary School students) – programmed for 10 September, at 10am. If you know of any young people who would be interested in giving croquet a go, please let them know.

### ***Early Notice of Date for Christmas Function***

We will hold our Christmas Function at the Clubrooms on Saturday, 16 December.

Sue Dixon

Secretary

1 August 2023

*A reminder to support our sponsors - they are in the Club Programme Booklet,  
Website and on hoardings around the lawns.*