



## PARAPARAUMU CROQUET CLUB

### *Newsletter – January 2023*

#### *Happy New Year !!*

Well the New Year has started in spectacular fashion with beautiful weather lets hope it continues. It's perfect for croquet!! The lawns are looking great too!

#### *Twilight Croquet is here!!*

**The Committee agreed at its meeting last Friday to commence twilight croquet next Friday 27 February, 4pm start. We envisage it will run until the end of Daylight Saving. Members can organise their own games with bring your own drinks and nibbles to conclude the evening after say a couple of games. So come along and have some fun. If you have keys to the equipment sheds and gate you are still welcome to come along and play earlier in the afternoon but there will be no organised play or member on duty.**

#### **AC CNZ Nationals to be held Paraparaumu/Waikanae Clubs 21-25 February 23 inclusive**

This prestigious Croquet NZ tournament is to be jointly hosted by Waikanae and Paraparaumu. **The lawns will be closed for club play during this time, however there will be some great croquet to watch – so come along and watch.**

The tournament is being managed by Tom Berryman and an organising committee which includes Bob McKenzie. Elaine Kirkman attends the Organising Committee meetings to report back to the Committee on our Club's responsibilities in hosting the tournament. Our grounds crew will be keeping the hoops and lawns in good order for the competition.

We are also required to provide kitchen cover for the duration of the tournament and this will be organised in three shifts per day. There is a roster on the AC competitions noticeboard with slots that need to be filled. It would be much appreciated if members could take a look at this roster and put their name down in the available slots if they are able to assist. The lunches and morning and afternoon teas will be brought in so no need for any baking. We will be providing chilled water, tea and coffee. For your information I will also attach the roster to the email forwarding this newsletter. If you cannot get to the clubrooms to put your name on the roster please call or message our President, Venna Seymour with time you could be available to assist. Venna's mobile is 021 139 9661.

#### *Competition Updates*

There is a lot happening at this time of the year and Denise has recently sent out an email reminding members to put their names down for the various competitions/tournaments scheduled. John Robertson will have kept AC players informed of AC tournaments/competitions. You will find the notices/flyers on the noticeboards in the clubrooms and also on the Club website <https://paraparaumucroquetclub.weebly.com>. So please put your names on the lists provided if you wish to play in these. As a reminder I have listed some of the February ones below:

<b><i>Sherwood Cup, Wednesday 25 February</i></b>	<i>Paraparaumu versus Levin – played at PCC – Draws are on noticeboard. Players to bring a plate as PCC is hosting this competition. We need another member to assist in the kitchen in the morning. So let Denise (021 0677174) or any member of the Committee know if you can assist.</i>
<b><i>Judy Kermode Challenge, Sunday 5 February, Rose Gardens, Palmerston North</i></b>	<i>More PCC players are required for this competition – so put your names down on the list on the noticeboard if you wish to play asap</i>
<b><i>Sunday 12 February, Paraparaumu CC – Combined AC/GC Teams Challenge</i></b>	<i>Put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you wish to play in this competition</i>
<b><i>Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February, Plimmerton CC Don Reyland Stars regional play-offs</i></b>	<i>Put your name on the noticeboard if you are interested in participating</i>
<b><i>Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March at Kelburn CC WCA Silver Badges</i></b>	<i>Again put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are interested in competing.</i>
<b><i>Wainuiomata handicap doubles</i></b>	<i>GC entries close Monday 20 February</i>
<b><i>Paraparaumu Teams Event, held Paraparaumu CC</i></b>	<i>GC entries close for this event Monday 27 February</i>

*There are several more GC Tournaments and Challenges in March and April – including the PCC Championships scheduled 24/25/26 March - so please check your Programme Booklet for more details and watch out for notices on the noticeboards. There is also a competition for members who have only been playing for 1 year or less so be sure to think about entering this if you qualify.*

Upcoming AC tournaments are on the AC Club noticeboard, with the AC Council Cup versus Levin to be held at Paraparaumu on Wednesday 1 February, AC WCA 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Singles to be held at Waimarie Hutt Valley 4/5 February (entries by 27 January), and AC entries closing for the Veterans handicap tournament to be played on Wednesday 22 February at Plimmerton/Petone. The big event for AC at the Club is of course the AC CNZ Nationals – see above.

### ***Committee Update***

The Clubrooms are looking very smart now with our new blinds. A decision has been made to purchase blinds for remaining windows and these will be installed in due course.

The Committee late last year also agreed that Venna Seymour approach the appropriate staff at KDC for information on how to progress a request to have a 5<sup>th</sup> lawn at PCC incorporated in long term Council plans for upgrading sporting facilities in our area. Venna recently followed up with the Council on this issue and we expect a visit next week from the Council staff member who is responsible for Kapiti's croquet lawns.

As our AGM is not too far away in April, if any member is interested in joining the Committee or taking on responsibilities for running/helping with tournaments could they please advise one of the Committee members. We are always looking for people with some computer skills to help with tournament coordination/management, recording results etc. So please come forward if you can help at all. Nomination forms for the AGM will be on the noticeboard in due course.

### ***Coaching/"Have a Go Days"***

Anne McKenzie will run another "Have a Go Day" in the near future. In the meantime, on Sunday 29 January, Anne is running a session for a few people who expressed an interest late last year - so if you know of anyone who would like to join this session please let Anne know 027 228 8988.

Anne has also arranged an AC coaching session on Sunday 26 Feb with Greg Bryant, CNZ Development Officer. This will be an all day session but there will still be two lawns available for GC on that date. Anne advises that she will offer some GC coaching again in April. Thanks Anne!

### ***Lawn Fees***

Members are reminded to pay lawn fee of \$5 for guests they bring to the Club. This can be paid on line direct to the Club's Bank Account 03-0732-0261847-00. Please remember to enter in notebook provided for this purpose in the Clubrooms. You can of course leave cash if you are unable to arrange an online payment. Please note on your payment that it is payment for ground fees and your name in reference field.

### ***And of Course - Reminder to support our Sponsors***

You will note advertising hoardings displayed by our sponsors around the greens. If you need any of the services these companies provide we would encourage you to contact them as their contribution to the Club is much appreciated. Please note your membership of PCC.

Sue Dixon, Secretary  
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