



## **PARAPARAUMU CROQUET CLUB**

### ***Newsletter – February 24***

#### ***Membership Update***

Currently our membership sits at over 100. This is the maximum number of members we can accommodate as on club days the lawns are usually fully utilised, and over Winter we will also be open to Waikanae members. We will therefore not have another “Have a Go” Day until September. Please advise anyone enquiring about membership to make contact and we will place them on a waiting list.

#### ***Club Sponsorship***

Once again we encourage members to support our sponsors. You have probably noted that the China Beach Restaurant on Ocean Road, Paraparaumu Beach has become a sponsor of our Club.

#### ***Croquet Set Available for Members to Borrow***

Colin discovered two croquet sets in the storeroom when he was having a clean out. At a recent meeting the Committee agreed that the indoor set be donated to a local organisation. The outdoor set will be kept at the Clubrooms, but will be available for members to borrow. Good to use when grandchildren visiting perhaps.

#### ***Orders for Club Uniforms***

There is a list on the noticeboard for members to order club t-shirts and jackets. Please get your orders in as soon as possible to allow order to be processed. When playing in tournaments/interclub it is preferable that Club colours are worn.

#### ***Twilight Croquet***

This was to begin 4pm Fridays. Unfortunately, the first session on Friday 2 February was cancelled due to weather conditions. After the very warm weather we had been having this was a disappointment. Here’s hoping weather is better next Friday. We certainly are having a mixed bag of weather conditions this season.

#### ***Blind Low Vision NZ Croquet Programme***

Oliver Field, Inclusion Officer, Croquet NZ, has been in touch asking our Club to host Blind Low Vision play at our club. It was agreed at our last meeting to dedicate one lawn for blind low vision players once a month on a Friday afternoon. Jeremy and the Low Vision team have yet to visit the Club to check accessibility. Fridays is usually a very quiet day at the Club so I am sure it will not interfere with normal Club play.

#### ***Secondary School Croquet***

The regional Secondary School Golf Croquet championships are being held in March this year at Waimarie-Hutt CC. Anne has made contact with the two colleges in our area to offer coaching. Greg Bryant from CNZ ran a session at our clubrooms last week to give us tips on how to coach students. Anne, Paulette and Elaine attended this session.

#### ***Tournament Manager Training***

The Club is short of Tournament Managers. If anyone is interested in undertaking training to enable them to take on this job please talk to Elaine or Paulette. I am sure they would love to hear from you. The more members who are able to undertake this task the lighter the workload. At any tournament there is always two members managing, so there is always backup. Our Club Captains are unable to manage the number of competitions we have at our Club without this assistance so please volunteer to manage a tournament if you can.

#### ***2024 AGM***

Our AGM is scheduled for April. If you are interested in joining the Committee we will have nomination forms on the noticeboard for you to fill in. Please put your name forward if you can. We do currently have a vacancy.

#### ***AC Update***

Paulette advised the following results for the AC16+ Tournament held 6/7 January at our Club:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Karen Eng – (Plimmerton) - winning all 6 games
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nikhil Taduka (Waimarie)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Annette Barnes (Wellington)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Wendy Neilson (Paraparaumu)

Paulette thanked those Club members who helped on the day with umpiring, setting up lawns and checking hoops, and in the kitchen.

Lists for *Post Christmas AC competitions* are on the noticeboard. Please ensure you put your name down if you wish to enter.

*Roger Murfitt AC Tournament, PCC, 15-17 March*

Planning process is underway for this event. It is being managed by Francie Vagg. The lawns will be closed for normal play on these dates, but members will be able to play at Waikanae at no cost.

Croquet NZ is putting forward a bid to host the AC Worlds in 2027. Wellington Croquet Association have asked Clubs in the Wellington region to make their lawns available to facilitate this tournament. This is a prestigious tournament for NZ and the Committee will discuss our involvement at its next meeting.

## **GC Update**

Elaine reports that it's been a very busy period with lots of events happening. Draws for Club levels championship games are now on the noticeboard. Players are to arrange their own games which must be completed prior to the AGM in April.

Eight teams of three competed in the *Forsyth Barr Teams Event at the Club on 27/28 January*.

Unfortunately, the first day's play was interrupted by rain and due to flooding on the lawns play was stopped at 1pm. On the Sunday the first round was completed and then the second and third rounds were played. Time did not allow for a final round. From these three rounds using Croquescores two clear winners were identified, the Vikings and Colette's Cubs.

- The Vikings Team was Bob McKenzie, Colin Bray and John Pfahlert.
- The Colette's Cubs Team was David Robinson, Ron Rosenberg and Colette Mackenzie.

Congratulations to these teams! Despite the disappointing start to the event the weather was fine on the Sunday and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable day of croquet.

Thanks to all those members who helped ensure the event was a success.

Six teams played in the *Sherwood Cup Challenge at Levin on 31 January*. Advantage croquet was played and it went very well. It was the first time many of us had played Advantage croquet in a competition. No time limits or extra turns in my opinion made it very enjoyable and less complicated. Our Club retained the Sherwood Cup, beating Levin by just 12 hoops. Congratulations!

Six teams are also competing in the Judy Kermode Plate Challenge (against Palmerston North Rose Gardens CC) at PCC on Wednesday 7 February. Good luck to all the participants and once again thanks to those members who have agreed to help out at this event.

*Remember, Challenges and Tournament flyers are on the Club noticeboard – please check these out and talk to Club Captains if you wish to enter.*

Sue Dixon  
Secretary  
February 2024

<http://www.paraparaumucroquetclub.weebly.com> – for more info

*Paraparaumu Croquet Club is now on Facebook*

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