

From the Boardroom

December 2023 Meeting

Our recent meeting was 30 November 2023. Committee Resolutions were all voted in unanimously.

Membership

We welcomed another 26 new members last month for the club. We are currently 100 members higher than this time last year and that equates to an additional \$3k in revenue.

For those that have not paid December is your last chance. Failure to pay our constitutional rules dictates that we must remove you from the membership list. To avoid this please check that your membership card is 2024 if not please pay. The **annual subscription remains \$40**. For those of you wanting to pay via Internet banking please include your name and member number. You can also pay at the Office or the Bar.

Account TSB

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New Sub Committee Social & Events

The Fantail Room was in use last weekend for a function. **The first since Higgins left**. The room is now carpet tiled at Higgins expense and they generously donated the tiles rather than have the cost of removing them. The floor covering will make the room quieter and more appealing.

We are continuing to allow Higgins Construction Ltd a Corporate Membership through until 30 September 2024 as part of their lease agreement and our thanks for being a great tenant.

We will welcome back our Indoor Bowls Adjunct in March 2024 for the start of their new season and it is likely the room designed for Darts will see them welcomed back as well. If you are interested in either sport please look up our website for contact details or ring the Office.

Functions

We have a very busy period from now until Christmas so members may experience some inconvenience all for the common good so please remember to be tolerant. Please note the staff don't make these decisions so please do not pester them with your intolerance.

November was a very busy month with a weekly record turnover Melbourne Cup/Robbie Williams week with the following week 8 Ball Open Pairs not far behind. Well done to everyone involved Racing and 8 Ball Adjuncts and especially our hard working staff. The feedback we have had for all these events has been terrific.

Opening Hours Festive season

Please note that we will not be open Christmas day - we are letting the staff have time with their families. We will be open Boxing Day and New Years day to cater for members especially those who enjoy a punt - we will operate as normal thereafter. The kitchen will be open and the menu will be subject to availability. If you need to please check the opening hours on our web page.

Projects

Outdoor Bowls Ablution Block

We have appointed Keith Redman House Designs to act as our agent in submitting plans to the Napier City Council for the Outdoor Bowls Ablution Block. These plans have been submitted. We thank Keith for his expertise and guidance on this project.

We also thank all the members who helped with the important cable laying out to the Out Door Bowls building and the Fund Raising Committee who are making great progress to date and will continue to need our on going support.

Front entrance

We have experienced some delays with this and it has been scheduled for the New Year.

Quotes being obtained for

- The replacement chairs have arrived – we will get more when required.
- CCTV replacement is going ahead at around the \$6k quote
- Gaming room servicing for peak times will be looked at in the new year

Constitution

The Act was changed sometime ago and we thought we had until 2025 to make the changes. However, the IRD has made a ruling that unless these changes to our constitution are made we lose our charity status that we have always enjoyed. Through an Extraordinary General Meeting we will make some minor constitutional changes.

We intend to do this one Friday night in January when we will have a door check on membership and take 5 minutes of members time to pass the two resolutions required. We apologise for the inconvenience and ask for your tolerance. Both Rule changes are required to allow us to have the exemption for Withholding Tax on our investments. This applies more to our Adjuncts than it does to the Mother Club. These changes are the recommendation of the IRD and our solicitors concur with the changes. We will advertise the date and notice of motion in the New Year.

Honouring our History

We are reviewing ways were we can appropriately honour our history and the women and men who have made the TC what it is today in our 51 year journey. Previously we had photos of all the past presidents lining the wall. We are looking at something different and when we finalise our thoughts in the New Year you will see what we have done.

To honour our founding President Dave Nichol we set aside the member number one as unable to be reallocated and this was done in 2017 honouring our founder leader.

Donation

We have again assisted the Taradale Trust Fund to provide Secret Santa gifts to staff and club members for 5 deserving people. The Taradale Services arm of our Club does a great job not just for war veteran's but for all members and we thank them for their good work.

Remembrance Table

A Remembrance Table is to make a return and will be reserved for the Veterans on Fridays and any other special occasions. Outside of these times Club members may use it but we ask you please to give it the respect it deserves.

Membership Draw

In mid to late February 2024 we are going to trial a membership draw on a Wednesday 5 weeks at \$500 accumulating to \$2,500 must go. This is expected to be self-funding so watch out for our "What's On" in the New Year.

Craft Beer

We had a good response to the first one and the second one is scheduled for the first Thursday of every month this time Thursday 1st February 2024 tickets only \$10 for free samples and finger food. The Head Brewer from Hawkes Bay Brewing Company will be the guest speaker. The courtesy van will be operating.

Financially

Having Higgins post covid and the cyclone was a big bonus as the first half of the year activity was low as people recovered from both. It has picked up since then and we are encouraged by our forward bookings, increased membership and are hopeful of having a successful 2024.

Inflation

While the inflation number has steadied it has not gone away and is still plus 6% per annum. We are constantly facing price increases especially in our overheads where Rates, Insurance, Interest and Energy are rising faster than the CPI 6%. We are all experiencing it and for us to continue to survive there is no choice but to pass these increase costs on. We hate doing it but if we want to be here in the tomorrow we have to. Please be tolerant and there is no point sounding off at the staff they are not the Government/Reserve Bank and not responsible.

Christmas Give Away Draws

Our first Sunday "Christmas Giveaways" from 3pm to 5pm was very successful and more will be held on Sundays up until Christmas including Sunday 24th Christmas Eve. Remember YOU must be there to win and certain conditions apply.

On behalf of the Committee and Staff we wish you a happy festive season and if you are travelling a safe journey. We hope you have a great family and friends time and we will see you soon at OUR Club.

Gerald McCarthy
Committee Chair
13 December 2023