

# October Newsletter





# Chairman's Report

## OPERATIONS

As we are becoming accustomed to, trading under Level 2 is causing more than its share of frustrations. The latest Government announcement on Monday 4 October indicates we are likely to remain at this Level for a few weeks yet. Whilst we are fortunate to be able to be open, albeit with restrictions, it makes our tasks of operating and planning ahead very difficult. One of the biggest challenges we have faced is the "flip flopping" from Government authorities on what we can and cannot do.

We do offer our most sincere apologies to our members for the inconveniences caused but please be assured your Committee and Staff are, as always doing their best in trying times. We know Clubs NZ are doing their best also on behalf of our entire Club community, in constantly lobbying Government to refrain from putting our confusing messages, "flip flopping" on rulings/directives and making it clear how hard it is for Clubs to survive. A copy of a recent media release from Clubs NZ is included for members reading.

## FINANCIAL

Our August result was understandably poor with normal trading turnover well down for the month due to lockdown and when open again, the negative impact Level 2 has on our business. Almost all our function bookings for August and September were cancelled or are to be re-scheduled, due to the number of persons per room or building restrictions we face. Not only are sales down but the cost of doing business increases with the seated service restrictions so is a double whammy, bottom line wise. We are also pleased to report our Bankers, TSB have recently agreed to provide additional support through this difficult period.

Despite inclusion of Government support via the Wage Subsidy and Resurgence Payment assistance we incurred a net loss for the month of August and are now in a small net loss position year to date. It is pointless for us to make comparisons to the comparative position last year or budget as the impact of Covid has thrown all projections out of date.

We can and will recover from the setbacks we have experienced in recent times and the keys to this recovery will be from our being able to return to normal trading conditions and from **member support**.

You can help greatly by visiting your Club as often as you can. We know it is an inconvenience having to wear masks, remain seated, not be able to use the pool tables etc., however in these times we need our members support. Remember it is not your Committee or Management making the Covid rules but we do have to make best endeavours to comply.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not paid your 2021/22 sub by now you are now in the overdue category as these were supposed to have been paid by 30 September. We remind you that as per our Constitution overdue subs must be paid by 31 October next for you to be able to accumulate loyalty points and participate in membership draws.

As at 30 September it is disappointing to report less than half of our subs had been paid. We thank those of you who have paid and urge those of you who have not paid to do so promptly. With trading so adversely Covid impacted, subscription income is increasingly important to us. Prompt payment of your subscriptions will assist in boosting our income and liquidity position. Your subs can be paid at the office, bar or by Internet Banking direct to our TSB Account No. 15-3974-0021575-00.

## STAFF

We are pleased to report we have recently signed contracts for two key senior positions within our Club.

A couple of weeks ago we signed up the services of a new Head Chef, who will commence with us from the middle of October. His name is Gareth Holland and he brings to us considerable experience as a Chef and previous owner of his own business. Gareth will provide the leadership and support our young Kitchen team are looking for.

After a second round of interviews for our GM position, we were successful in signing up the services of Kim Smith as our new General Manager. Kim brings to us considerable Hospitality Industry experience. In recent years she has been managing Luxury Lodges which has included provision of food and beverage services, function and event management and human resource management. Whilst Club management is somewhat different, we are confident Kim has the qualifications, experience and attributes to lead us well as our new GM.

David Gordon, Ron's right hand man is still away on sick leave after suffering a sudden, serious illness a few weeks ago. We hear David is making good progress and I know you will join with me in wishing him all the best for a full and speedy recovery. We hope to see you back soon David.

Our very grateful thanks here to our valued member **Boof Madden**, who has voluntarily stepped in the help Ron with Club Cleaning duties. Boof is doing a great job and we ask all members to thank him whenever and however they wish for working as he is on our behalf.





## 100th BIRTHDAY FUNCTION

On Saturday 2 October we had the privilege and pleasure of hosting a 100th birthday celebration for our Maintenance Manager Ron's Mum. We catered for 90 guests in our Restaurant and doubt we have ever previously hosted a function with guests ranging from toddlers to a 100 year old special lady.

One of the other notable features of the day was that some of the Family arrived by helicopter from Queenstown, with the pilot having to ring the Club on route, seeking permission to land on the Club's property.



## CONCLUSION

I do not want to conclude this Newsletter without again mentioning how well our Staff have risen to the challenges of additional responsibilities and the difficulties of operating in a Covid restricted environment. As I have said in the past and have no hesitation in saying again, we are so lucky to have such great staff who are prepared to step up and meet whatever challenges they face and attack their respective tasks with enthusiasm.

I urge all members to show their appreciation whenever they can. I also want to record my thanks to Craig Macmillan who has joined with me in sharing the Club management tasks. It has not been easy for us two retired "o-fs" to take on what we have had to but we will do it for our Club.

Here's hoping we are not too far away from better times. Together we can do it and you, our valued members are so important in us being able to rise to the challenges.

Kind Regards  
Lloyd





# Club Industry

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

*27 September 2021*

## Restrictions on Club Sport are Strangling the Chartered Club Industry

If the Alert Level restrictions are not eased soon, we will see clubs closing their doors for good, says Clubs New Zealand.

“Clubs have continually supported the measures put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, however, the current restrictions, which prohibit most club activities, including sports are strangling our clubs and reducing them to nothing more than food and beverage outlets”, says Chief Executive Larry Graham.

“We are incredibly concerned with how quickly the guidance can change and the inconsistent approach to enforcement. Our member clubs are doing everything they can to create a safe and welcoming environment in compliance with the Public Health Order, and yet, we are hearing reports daily of other venues operating with full bar service and little physical distancing. It is becoming increasingly difficult for clubs to enforce the restrictions when customers can “go down the road” and not be restricted.

“When the country (excluding Auckland) moved to Alert Level 2 the guidance provided that recreational and sporting activities such as pool, snooker, darts and bowls could resume within clubs (with restriction) as they have under previous instances of Alert Level 2. Since then, the guidance has been reviewed multiple times, with clubs being told that sports were prohibited, then allowed, and then once again prohibited all within the space of one day. The reason these activities are prohibited within a club is the food and beverage rules which requires customers to be seated at a table at all times.

“The loss of club activities such as pool, snooker, darts, and bowls has severely restricted club operations with many of our member clubs reporting a reduction in trade of 80% or more at Alert Level 2. Clubs within the Auckland region have advised Clubs New Zealand that they are better off remaining closed at Alert Level 3, then trying to operate at such a reduced capacity at Alert Level 2.





# Outdoor Bowls

## Greens

We apologise to all our members, including the great bunch of new members we have, for the lack of rinks available. However as most of you will be aware Covid restrictions have prevented our supplier and service provider, Tiger Turf, from getting out of Auckland to complete the task of laying our new Cunneen Green. Completion was originally targeted for end August and had this been possible there would have been room for all.

Please Note: Green CLOSED 11 & 25 October until 10am for spraying - weather permitting.

## Open Tournaments

Friday 1 October at 12:30pm - 3 Bowl Triples - 3 games of 8 ends - Power Play  
Friday 8 October at 12:30pm - 3 Bowl Triples - 3 games of 8 ends  
Friday 15 October at 12:30pm - 3 Bowl Triples - 3 games of 8 ends  
Friday 22 October at 12:30pm - 3 Bowl Triples - (Singles Entry) - 3 games of 8 ends.  
Friday 29 October 12:30pm - 3 Bowl Triples - 3 games of 8 ends - Rotational

## Championships

Men's Pairs Championship 16 & 17 October at 8:30am

## Roll Ups

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1:00pm start, names in by 12:45pm  
Single entry 2-4-2 Tuesdays - 9:00am start, names in by noon previous day







# Services Association

## **Name Change - Taradale Club Services Association**

You will notice that our Association has change its name to better reflect that we are very much a part of the Taradale Club and very proud to be so. As such we are totally committed to ensuring not only the survival of the Club, but also its growth.

With the NCC plan to build more than 200 houses over the road from the Club, and a number of houses in the hills behind the Mission, in coming years, these communities are going to have easy access to our club which will help that ongoing growth.

## **Trust Fund**

As part of our commitment to the Club, our Trust Fund is now known as the 'Taradale Club Trust Fund', to better reflect that the Trust is, and always has been, accessible to the wider membership of the Taradale Club, not just to veterans. Our intent is for this Trust Fund to grow so that it is providing support to all members of our Club who might need a helping hand. It is worth noting that whilst we don't yet have a large bank account our support and welfare team have become adept at accessing funds from many different sources. In the last year they sourced about \$90,000 needed for surgery or support to individuals and this has greatly improved the wellbeing of those individuals.

## **William Lee**

You may have read in the Hawke's Bay Today recently about William Lee who was a WW1 soldier who served with the Otago Regiment. William returned from WW1, but then was sadly killed here in Napier in 1938 when there were significant rains, causing flooding and a number of large slips off Napier Hill. One of these slips destroyed William's house killing him in the process.

His is one of a number of grave sites in the old cemetery on Park Island Hill without a headstone and there are sure to be others among these unmarked graves that are the last resting place of service persons. The Remembrance Army is raising funds for a headstone to mark William's grave and our Services Assn have undertaken to conduct a ceremony to unveil that headstone and honour William for his service. This ceremony is planned for 11am on Saturday 6 Nov. All are welcome to attend this service to honour William Lee.



## Napier Civic Awards

One of our Services Assn members, Graham Duley, is to be honoured for his work with a number of volunteer organisations throughout Napier, including our Services Assn. Because of Covid this has been delayed until Fri 29 Oct 2021 at 5pm, but it is great to see Graham being recognised by the City for his work and contributions.

Graham is a 'Life Member' of our Association and like all of us is proud to be a member of the Taradale Club. As well as Graham's whanau, three members of our association have been invited to be present when Graham receives his award from the Mayor.

## Napier Positive Ageing Project

Also, one of our members has been appointed by the Napier City Council to be the 'Independent' Chairperson of the committee that is putting together the Action Plan to implement the Positive Ageing Strategy that the NCC developed about six months ago. This is of course an honour and more on this later.

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91.1 The Sound

QUIZ NIGHT

7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

[info@taradaleclub.co.nz](mailto:info@taradaleclub.co.nz)

06 844 2088





# 8 Ball - Pool

Like other adjuncts and activities in the club our 8 Ball adjunct has been affected by Covid and have had to cancel a few club champs this year as well as our Open Ladies Pairs Competition. We are hoping we could reschedule our club champs in the remaining calendar year or early in the new year.

We held a match against the Bay City Club in Napier on Saturday 7 August which was a fabulous fun day and Taradale Club 8 Ball adjunct managed to come away with a win. Great hospitality, thank you Bay City Club.

We would like to pass on to the Taradale Club Committee and Employees our support in this trying time for us all and hopefully very soon we may be able to get back into our club activities.

## **[www.covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) update Tuesday 5 October 2021, 2.00pm**

Gaming machines and pool

At Alert Level 2, you can use the gaming machines as long as you do not eat or drink in the gaming lounge. You must wear a face covering when using the gaming machines, and keep 1 metre apart from others.

You cannot play pool or other activities at a licensed premises such as a bar. However you may be able to play these at a business, such as a pool hall or bowling alley, that does not provide food and drink, or where the food and drink offering is provided in the same complex but within a separate defined space and managed according to the food service rules.





# Racing

## Day at the Races

I am pleased to report our day at the races was a success. From all the comments I heard I believe a great day was had by all. A slight mishap at the beginning of the trip when we managed to leave 3 people behind. I would like to thank this group for their understanding and making their own way over to the racecourse.

What a great day we had. So for those who are not members of the Racing Adjunct this is what our day offered. Transport too and from the Hastings Racecourse. Hosted in the Karamu Lounge virtually opposite the finish line. Free race books, pens, 2 free drinks a fabulous buffet lunch. Plus we had some good tips from a representative of the racecourse. All in all a great day.



## AGM

For our Racing Adjunct Members and anyone wishing to join our adjunct our AGM will be held at the Taradale Club on Sunday 17 October at 12.30pm. Fees are to remain at \$10.00 per person and are due for payment by Monday 1 November.

## Melbourne Cup Day

Starts at 1pm with a complimentary drink on arrival... The food on the day depends on COVID restrictions at the time. Sweepstakes and giveaway prizes. Tickets limited to first 100 tickets sold & paid.

# MELBOURNE CUP DAY

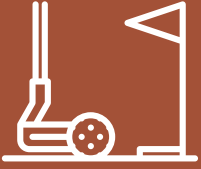
Tuesday 2 November from 1pm

COME ALONG AND HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT...

Tickets \$40 each







# 18-Hole Golf

## Club Day

On an absolutely cracker day at Napier Golf Club in September, we held our Club Day competition.

*Top players on the day were:*

Senior Mens - Garry Collins, Doug Perry and Maurice Free

Junior Mens - Gerald McCarthy, Roly Parsons and Ian Gray

Women - Gill Geenty, Di Dixon and Jo Free

Our October Club Day is to be held at Maraenui Golf Course start time 10am with a Medal Round to decide our Club Champions for 2021. The Golden Putter will be on the line too.

## Current Committee

Denys Carpenter, Gerald McCarthy, Walter Blatchford, Clint Hansen and Charlie Christie.

## Contact

Please contact Denys if you feel that you could assist on the Committee or if you wish to receive the 18-Hole Golf Newsletter and updates - [denwise@xtra.co.nz](mailto:denwise@xtra.co.nz)

Subs are just \$20, please pay them to any of our Committee Members.







# Fishing

Any new or existing members who are interested in an easy going family friendly adjunct and would like to join, please get in touch with Dion on 027 649 0352...

New members and those who wish to remain in the adjunct, need to **A:** be a financial member of the mother club (membership for the mother club is now overdue), and **B:** get your subs \$10.00 per person paid asap, any who do not wish to continue, please advise Nikki - email: taradale.fishing@hotmail.com or 027 823 7444.

## 3 week event to Kick-Off the season!

Saturday 16 October to Saturday 6 November | ENTRY: \$15.00 per person  
FISHING FOR: Snapper & Gurnard

Fish any day, any time and weigh in with Nikki or Dion at their place, send a message to Dion 027 6490 352 or Nikki 027 823 7444 to weigh your catch.

## Sunday Fish

Sunday 7 November | ENTRY: \$10 per person (weather permitting)  
Our regular Sunday Fish with Snapper, Gurnard and Kahawai.

## Prizegiving

Sunday 7 November | This will hopefully be as normal and will be for both events.

**3 WEEK SEASON KICK OFF**

Saturday 16th October  
To  
Saturday 6th November

**SNAPPER  
&  
GURNARD**

**\$15 PP**

One Day Sunday ..... Kick Off Finale  
Sunday 7th November  
\$10pp  
Snapper, Gurnard & Kahawai