

From the Boardroom

August 2024 Meeting

Our most recent meeting was 22 August 2024.

Condolences

Life member Richard Cross's wife Lauren passed away in August - our thoughts and condolences are with Richard and his family. A lovely service was held in the Fantail room honouring her and the family. Our thoughts go out to all who have lost loved ones this year and in recent times.

Governance

If you are interested in joining the Committee and help make a difference please contact one of the Committee and express your interest. With my departure at year end a vacancy will exist.

Subscriptions

As mentioned last month we have increased in subscriptions to \$50 per ordinary member and \$75 for partner members. For ease of administration we would like everyone to pay up prior to 30 September 2024 saving us the time following up those who do not.

Please pay at the Bar or the Office or if you prefer pay online to our bank account TSB 15 3974 0021575 00 make sure you quote your name and member number. Your early support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

To those who delivered the flyers to our neighbours and surrounds please accept our grateful thanks. We have had several enquiries directly from them. To the many others who go unnoticed members doing work for the club or our adjuncts thank you for your efforts.

Spring has arrived

With Spring arriving the activity in the Club has increased. Last Sunday Outdoor Bowls had their opening day, and we wish all bowlers well for their season. Last weekend the 8 Ball Adjunct ran a highly successful and very well run Ladies Pairs tournament that attracted many players from outside Hawkes Bay. The band Audio Pimp complimented the tournament and was well received on Saturday night. Well done to all the organisers. The Sunday Fathers day lunch went well. ***Spring was definitely in the air, every sight and every sound.***

While we sincerely thank our regulars, who we really appreciate, the Club is dependent on adjunct activity along with the other promotions/functions that we are undertaking. We will continue with our regular band spot and cover bands so watch the notice boards for these for more details. These two plus the regulars are the key to our long term success.

Christmas Functions

We are currently taking bookings for these and are giving Adjuncts and Members preference providing they book before 30 September 2024. If you want to have a family or adjunct gathering pre Christmas please contact the club on robyne@taradaleclub.co.nz or ring the club on 06 844 2088 to find out more including pricing and what room size you need. Some information is available on our Website. WWW.taradaleclub.co.nz

Functions and Concerts

As mentioned above please look out for these and they can be booked online.

The next Food and Wine dinner is on 12 September 2024 and will concentrate on ***Mediterranean Cuisine*** complimented with one of Hawkes Bays very special boutique wineries ***Paritua*** "from the oldest gravels making truly great wine from the land it was born" - off their website and worth a look.

Tickets on sale either online or the Bar or the office or please just ring 06 844 2088.

Restaurant

We are going to trial some changes to our restaurant practices all designed to improve the experience and/or lower our costs. We are going to trial a buzzer system in the non-restaurant area. This is where the buzzer goes off and you come and collect your food. We are also going to trial some dividers in the restaurant thus making the experience slightly more private and lowering the noise levels when there is a crowd.

We have looked at sound proofing the Kiwi Room (Snug as some people refer to it) but the cost is \$12,500 so at present it is on our wish list. We would need an additional \$25,000 in turnover to pay for it. So if we can land some corporate memberships we will resurrect the project.

Staff

We are almost back to our full compliment. They continue to provide great service and product and have our gratitude for a job well done. It is not their fault that the breweries continue to chop and change their product offering.

Burglaries

We have had 3 burglaries in recent time. They have not achieved their aim of the burglary but the damage they created resulted in \$31k worth of repairs - all but the excess is covered by insurance. These low lifes seem to know they have less than 10 minutes to be in and out and came in wearing gloves and masks so our CCTV footage was unable to identify the persons and therefore the police would/could not follow up further. We are strengthening our entrances and altered our handling procedures all of which cost time and therefore money. Hopefully we have a cross against our site by these criminals.

Raffles

Just a reminder that the winning raffle numbers are put into a raffle register. So if you are not there on the night you can check your tickets in the register and if you are winner please see our Bar staff. We freeze the meat raffles down 5pm Sunday so please check before then if you want to have them fresh. To preserve them your prize will be frozen if a meat raffle.

Constitution

This is ongoing. If any of you feel that some of our rules need changing please contact the office robyne@taradaleclub.co.nz and we will pass on your request to Richard. We would like the project completed for approval at the next AGM. So if you have ideas please don't leave them until the last second.

Dave Nichol

The Club has decided to honour our founding President **Member Number 1** by displaying his photograph in the foyer. We understand the photo is somewhere around that era. We will also preserve his member number and not reuse it. I am sure you will all agree that this is a fitting honour to our founding President.

See you at the Club.

Gerald McCarthy
Committee Chair
4 September 2024