**From the Boardroom**

**August 2023 Meeting**

**Due to unavailability of some Committee members, we did not meet in July our recent meeting was 10 August 2023.**

**Committee Resolutions were all voted in unanimously.**

**Gaming**

Your Committee has been concerned for the last few months that our gaming was slipping down to very low levels. It would appear that we do not have the right type of machines that “gamers” enjoy playing. We have addressed that by buying a bank of 8 Aristocrat machines at a cost of $32,000, which we are told are the Gamers choice. We have also changed the jackpot to a more understandable system of must go before $1,000.

We are going to open at 10.00am Tuesday through to Sunday to be available. We are also going to give the room more TLC. Make sure you drop in and have a look at the new machines.

**Car Park**

The car park gets repaired, weather permitting, Wednesday 23 August by Higgins Contractors Ltd (thanks team) and relined with arrows informing attendees of the traffic flow. Please obey these instructions they are design for the safety of us all. Please allow Higgins to do the job by parking elsewhere on that day until they finish.

**Cabling to Outdoor Bowls**

The present method of some of the cabling to the Outdoor Bowls area is a Health and Safety issue. We have received a quote for the cabling to overcome this issue, roughly $3,000, and we need to have a trench dug to lay the cables. The Cabling will future proof that area as we are putting in significantly more cabling than we currently need.

**Membership**

We welcomed 22 new members last month (50% female) and gave permission to the Pania Fishing club to become associate members. A very warm welcome to you all. We provide a welcoming letter that sets out what is available at our club including what adjuncts they and you can join.

Our membership is due for renewal on 30 September 2023 and the **annual subscription remains $40.** For those of you wanting to pay via internet banking please include your name and member number.

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We do appreciate the early birds as it spreads the administration.

**Restaurant**

We continue to get increasing number of functions to the club, which is great for our turnover and bottom line. This is due to the excellence of all our staff both in the Restaurant and Bar and the “word” being passed on in the community.

If you want a function for a Birthday, Wedding (anniversary), Life Celebration of a loved one, a Prize Giving ceremony, or a family get together discuss it with our friendly TC team and we can tailor something to fit your purpose. Look up our Web site www.taradaleclub.co.nz

The recent Food and Wine was an outstanding success well done to all of the team who made it possible. If you missed it keep a look out for October’s “French” connection.

We are looking at changing our marketing both our web site and our radio advertising looking to get more “bang for our buck”.

**Inflation**

**Remains frustrating ongoing** and We cannot control the cost spiral. We just ask please be understanding on pricing changes. Hopefully the cycle will change and they will slow down.

**Craft Beer Club**

Dean Candy, a new committee member, is going to start a Craft Beer Adjunct to be held in the Weka Room the first Thursday of each month so watch for the advertising around these nights the first is to be 4th October 2023. The courtesy van will be available for those that need it. Mark into your diary now.

**TSB Visit**

Set down for 24 August 2023. Keith, Christian and Gerald will meet with them. We will report on any outcomes in September.

**Constitution**

The Government has passed new laws re Incorporated Societies, and this may necessitate a change to our constitution. Richard Cross is reviewing the legislation and our Constitution to ensure we are all aligned.

**Fantail Room**

At the AGM we were asked to consider renting this space on a permanent basis. We have not discussed this in any detail as Higgins Construction Ltd is likely to be in residence until December 2023. We will involve any affected Adjuncts.

**Staff**

We have an excellent team who work extremely well together. They continue to do a great job so please be nice to them. Abuse, aggression of our staff by disorderly members is unacceptable.

**General**

4 months of the year down and our trading continues to be mixed. The Bar is going well, the restaurant is on budget, but Gaming remains well down. Overheads are up. Power and maintenance the main over runs.

**Just remember it is YOUR Club and the more YOU use it the more successful WE will be.**

Gerald McCarthy

Committee Chair

14 August 2023