

A Word from the Chairman

OPERATIONS

We are pleased to report we finished our 2020/21 financial year off strongly and this has continued into the first month of our 2021/22 year. Whilst we are some way off finalising our annual accounts for the 20/21 year, we can report it was an excellent year for our Club. To be able to report so positively, in what was an extremely testing, extraordinary trading year, brought about by Covid related lockdowns and trading restrictions is very pleasing. It has not been easy for Andre and his team to manage our way through these disruptions and turn what could potentially have been a shocker of a year, into a very successful one. Again I reiterate how fortunate we are to have such a capable, hard working and innovative management team and core staff, who have all worked extremely hard to produce the financial results they have.

We are finding it extremely difficult to recruit suitable staff to reduce the workload on our current team. It is well known and reported how lack of suitable staff is impacting greatly on the hospitality industry at this time. If any of our members have extended family members or friends, who are looking for work, please ask them to talk to Andre or other members of our management team. The work pressure has increased with the growing reputation of our Club as an events and function venue. Michelle has done a tremendous job for us in marketing our Club in this way, now we need to get into a better position to cater for our growth, by increasing our staff. If we all keep our eyes and ears open, we may be able to help. Our first official Anzac Day service on Anzac Day was well attended and very well run. We again thank our Greendale Services team, for their expertise and experience in facilitating this day. It is certainly my wish that this becomes part of our annual calendar of events and more of our Club members take the opportunity to remember our fallen heroes at our Club on Anzac Day, in future years.

Our Outdoor Bowls Adjunct, has been very busy working on improvements to our greenkeeping storage facilities, bowls locker room and toilet areas. Many of our Bowls members have put in countless hours of voluntary labour with this project and we thank them most sincerely for their great efforts on our behalf. To my way of thinking, this is what a Club should be, members working together for the betterment of all and to improve the Club. Our replacement green has been ordered, the deposit paid and we expect to have a new Cuneen Green, ready for bowling on early in the new season.

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FINANCIAL

As mentioned earlier we have made a great start to our new financial year. April has been extremely busy and weekly financials very encouraging. It is going to kick start our year with gusto. This time last year we were in lockdown, so very heartening to have such a positive reversal of fortunes.

At our last Committee meeting we adopted the Budget for the 2021/22 year. We have done so with some degree of uncertainty as the World is still far from Covid free, however we have prepared a budget which assumes normal trading throughout the year. We are targeting further growth for our Club and confident we can achieve another very pleasing result, given normal trading conditions.

We are still working on preparation of our Annual Accounts and still some way of setting a date for our AGM this year. Our change from having an external Accountant to having our own "in house "Accountant, as well as changing our Accounting system from Myob to Xero, has put some pressure on our timetable but we will get there and be in a position to set a date soon.

TRADING DAYS

By the time you read this newsletter, most of you will be aware we have decided to temporarily close the Club on Tuesdays. We had been considering this during the Winter months, as we did last year and had brought the timing forward due to the current position we are in with a staff shortages. We had planned to implement this decision into the Winter months so as to give all our operations staff two successive days off per week. Our team needs such a break each week while we are short staffed due to the hectic weeks we are enjoying with so many functions and events. Whilst the revenue we earn from these activities is great for the Club, we must look after our key people. We apologise to members inconvenienced by this decision, however it is only going to be for a short period of a couple of weeks or so as we have in the last few days secured an exciting opportunity for the Club which will necessitate us being open 7 days per week from mid-May until the end of this year. We firmly believe temporarily reducing working hours is far better option for us than to overwork our key people and have them having to take time off for sick leave or other health issues, due to pressure of work. We want to be seen as a fully responsible employer who looks after and demonstrates caring for our people. Such a culture will also assist us to attract and retain staff in future.

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NEW OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to announce we have entered into an arrangement with our local DHB, for them to hire our Fantail Room, from mid-May until the end of this calendar year, for use as a Regional Covid Vaccination Centre. The period may extend into early next year, depending on progress with vaccinating Napier and surrounding districts residents. This arrangement will guarantee us a solid, secure revenue stream from that function room for a minimum of seven and a half months, with no pressure on our staffing and no loss of business. We can cater for all our forward bookings in other function rooms within the Club. We will earn considerably more from less input from this arrangement, than we could possibly envisage from function bookings. This opportunity came about from the great work Michelle does for us in growing our reputation as a function and events venue. The exposure we will get from thousands of residents coming into the Club over the remainder of the year will be invaluable. We are permitted to promote the services the Club offers, in the Fantail Room, to all coming in and because after vaccination people do have to wait about 20 minutes there will be an opportunity to sell food and beverages and have the gaming room open to them. This is a real boost to us financially and is a wonderful opportunity to market the Club, at no cost, to literally thousands of people.

In conclusion I trust you will enjoy absorbing the positive messages from this report. Your Club is in very good heart, well served by a competent, industrious team and we look forward to continuing our momentum.

Regards to All Lloyd

The Manager's Message

April was a very busy month, and we were stretched to the limits - but we survived and we made it work for us.

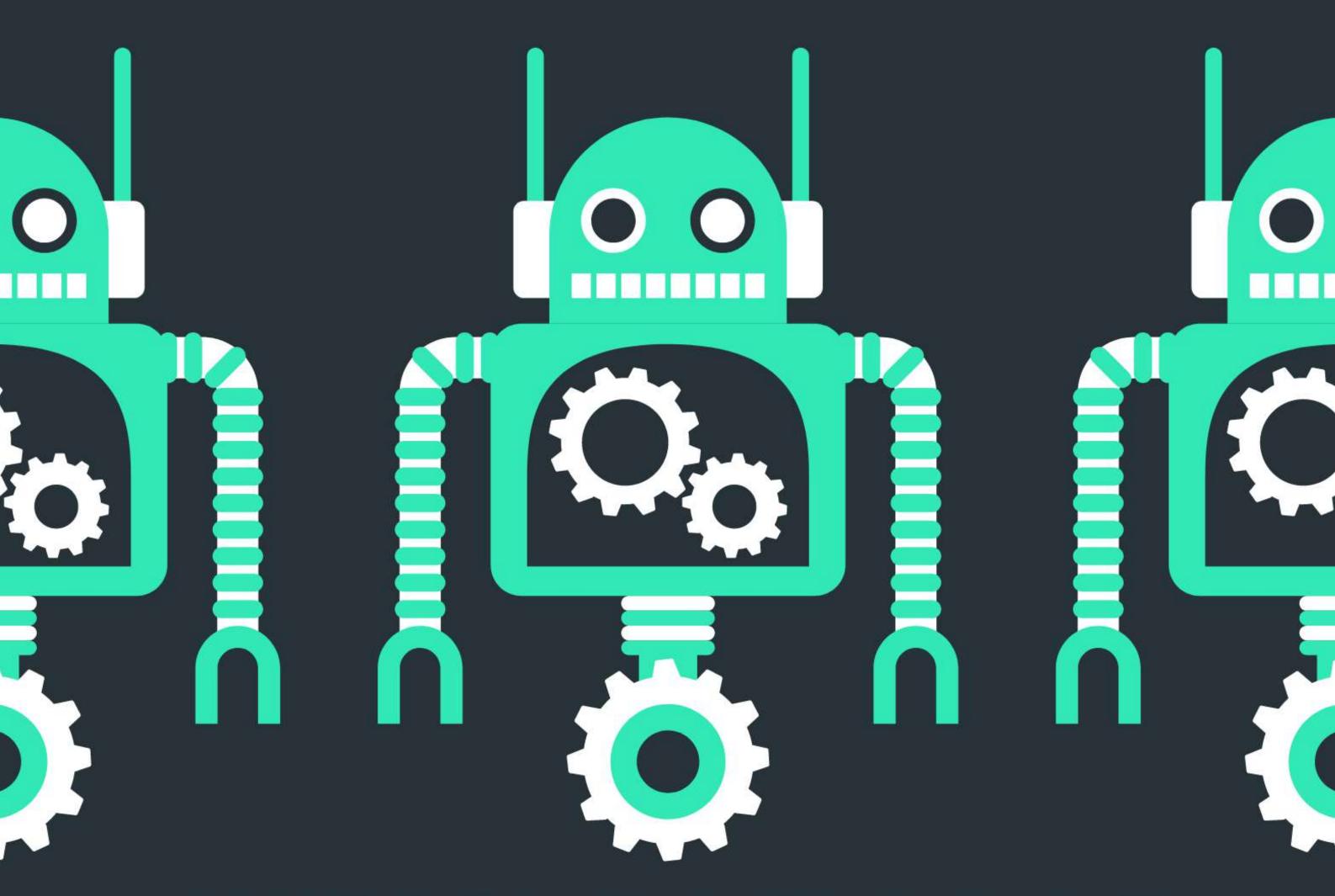
It has been good to see the club do such numbers in the middle of the year and at a time of year that isn't particularly busy. May has also started very well and we have hosted many functions already.

We have also signed a great deal with the DHB to become the vaccination centre for Napier; this will boost the club's profits and relieve the pressure of low staffing numbers. We are also looking at making some nice changes around the club, which will also boost the club's performance. We are set for a stellar year ahead.

I would like to ask all the members to please be mindful of the staff shortage that we are experiencing thoughout the country and please remember that everyone at the club is literally working their behinds off to achieve what we are achieving. So, please respect all the staff and understand that we will always strive to be at our best, but we are all well overworked currently.

I hope the winter stays away a bit longer and we can enjoy the beautiful weather we have been blessed with.

See you at the club. Happy Dayz.



AWESOME NEW QUIZ NIGHTS HOSTED BY

GUIND FITT

STARTING 26 MAY

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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE EXCITING
DETAILS

50TH JUBILEE CLOTHING AVAILABLE SOON!



awesome catalogue available to order soon from the bar and the office

Our game at Napier Golf Club on Sunday 18th April was a superb day and the weather did us proud. Numbers were down but spirits were up. Gill Geenty blitzed the course and recorded 37 Stableford points. Next was Debra with 33 and Kathy Mohi with 31. Maurice Free won the Senior Men's Division ahead of Laurie Hansen and John Thirkle. Denwise headed the Junior Men's and Charles Christie battled it out with Ian Gray for 2nd and 3rd.

Our May Club Day is at 10am on Sunday 16th May at Maraenui Golf Club. It is time for our Men's and Women's Foursomes Championships so team-up with a cobber or be teamed up with another player on the day. Our next Raffles are rostered for early June so start saving for those tickets now!

Subs are just \$20, please pay them to any of our Committee Members. Contact denwise@xtra.co.nz if you wish to receive the 18-Hole Golf Newsletter and updates.



HI All, that was a very quick April!

Taradale pool club hosted National Services for an afternoon of fun. Fun was definitely the winner on the day, as sometimes the score doesn't really matter. (We won!)

We had Club ladies' singles, which was a very close. The games played reflected on the improvements made by all. Great final between Wendy Williamson and Maria Terezaki.

Maria was the eventual winner!

Well done, Maria!

The week after this was played a contingent of the ladies went to Ladies' North islands held at Upper Hutt. They performed very well, and from the live streaming of the event we saw the standard was very high. It would have been a very stern test of the skills.

This coming month we have club mixed pairs on the 29th.

Now that will be a goodie, sort your pairs out early team.

Thanks to the members that buy our raffles when it's our turn, much appreciated.

You should know that the vast majority of the money goes back into your club, through food for interclub challenges and items required to run our larger national pool competitions; speaking of which...

Coming up in JULY the Taradale Club 50th Jubilee singles, we have an over-filled field which we have had to extend to 70.

This will be a cracker! Looking forward to seeing everyone in attendance

Have a good one
Jason Collins
Taradale Pool

Greendale Services Association

April is probably the busiest month of the year for the GSA with our commitments to the Schools in our District and of course ANZAC Day. Again this year there was a lot of work in the lead up to these events and the events themselves.

The Schools activities are about ensuring that our young people understand the importance of Remembrance and understand the Legacy they have been left by the previous generations of servicepeople. This year we also celebrated the contributions to our wonderful country by our First Responders who put themselves in a place of risk or danger to ensure that we can all live the lives we choose in peace and safety. Their sacrifices have been highlighted in the past year with the Coronavirus and it was very appropriate that our youth showed their appreciation of our First Responders with their applause following the silence for the Last Post.

The Speech Competition held on in the Club on 1 April 2021 was again of a very high standard and a number of those present made good use of the tissues they had available. First in the High School Grade was Kaiata Kaitao from Tamatea High. Kaiata, who is the middle of the three young ladies in the photo below, also then spoke at our Anzac Day service at the Taradale Club.

The winner of the Intermediate Grade was Jake Smith from Puketapu School and as we normally do Jake spoke at the Schools' 'Spirit of Anzac' Commemoration and did an amazing job. For sure we have some very special and gifted young people in our District. Here is Jake at the Taradale Memorial Clock Tower all ready for the Commemoration.





The winner and runner up in the Primary Grade were Stella Grams 1st place (left) and Olivia Johnson 2nd place (right) both from Reignier Catholic School who both gave extremely well researched and well presented speeches. Stella noted that in WW1 she had a Great Great Grandfather on each side and was particularly glad that they didn't meet in battle as she then might not be here. It is amazing what people find when they search their whakapapa.

Greendale Services Association



The Commemoration on Friday 16 April was also a huge success. The crowd of young people was huge and all of them enjoyed learning more about the ANZACs and their legacy. No adults took any part in the actual commemoration itself and frankly the young people from Tamatea and Taradale High School's running the event, led by Jack Winiana who is Head Boy at Tamatea, did an outstanding job which I am sure they will always remember. The Team Napier Facebook page and the HB Today did a great job in covering the events as well.

The GSA appreciates very much the support and assistance to these Schools' activities by the Taradale Club Committee, management, staff and members and appreciated the attendance of Club Members at these events. We took the opportunity on each occasion to highlight the Taradale Club's input. In particularl we very much appreciated Lloyd laying a wreath with Jack Winiana on behalf of the Taradale Club and the Committee that organised the Commemoration.

Anzac Day itself was also a great success for the GSA and the Taradale Club. A good number enjoyed the plated breakfast after Dawn Parade, then attended our Service which went from 8am – 8.40am. Of course and then toasted our 'Fallen Heroes' with the odd ale and other beverages in the true tradition of the ANZAC's. The service itself was attended by a good number and we will do something similar next year. As the word gets around the numbers of Club Members attending and those from the local community will grow.

Thank you all for your support and involvement in the events. Supporting each of our different special interest groups within the Club is what makes the Taradale Club strong and will help it continue to grow.

Lest We Forget
The Greendale Services' Association

