



# November Newsletter

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# Chairman's Report

## **Operations**

Well here we are, still frustratingly operating under Covid Level 2 restrictions and conditions. Whilst we are becoming more used to living in such an environment, I know you will all join with me in hoping one day we can return to nearer normal trading. The restrictions and conditions are still impacting adversely on our function and event activity and imposing increased wage costs in meeting the conditions. Whilst we can feel more fortunate than our Waikato and Auckland friends, Covid is certainly not an environment anyone can feel comfortable in.

"Our wonderful staff continue to do their very best and I trust you can all show your appreciation of their efforts whenever you can.

I also applaud you, our wonderful members who are supporting your Club by visiting and patronising as often as you can. When times are a bit tough we really need your support, so get behind us and together we will emerge in better shape than before."



# **Subscriptions**

Thanks to all those members who have paid their subs to date. We are able to produce your new Members Card, immediately on receipt of payment of your sub. There are a large number of Cards held at the Bar for those of you who have paid and not picked up your card. When you are next in please collect your card so you can now start accumulating your loyalty points again.

For those who have not paid, you are now more than one month overdue and no longer eligible to accumulate loyalty points or participate in Membership Draws, when these resume.



If you have not yet paid, please do so without further delay.

Subs can be paid at the office or bar. Internet Banking - TSB Account No. 15-3974-0021575-00.

#### **Financial**

We enjoyed a very satisfactory bottom-line result for the September month, boosted significantly by Subscription Income, Government Wage Subsidy and Resurgence Payment support. Function income is almost zero currently and with revenue from this source likely to remain very modest for some time yet, we are going to experience tough trading conditions for a while yet.

With our new Head Chef, Gareth's introduction to our team, new Menu's, extended Restaurant opening hours to include Wednesday and Sunday evenings with great associated Wednesday and Sunday Specials, we have seen a significant lift in revenue in this sector. Gareth is already proving to be a valuable addition to our team with his expertise and enthusiasm, as a mentor to our other kitchen staff and as a key member of our senior team leaders.

In recent weeks we feel we have turned the corner on the revenue side and are heading in the right direction to overcoming the setbacks we have suffered over the past few months. When we can return to capitalising on function and event enquiries and bookings, we will further build on this encouraging trend. We have had to absorb some one-off staff related and recruitment costs but these are now mostly behind us.











# **Melbourne Cup Day**

Our Melbourne Cup Day, last Tuesday was a very successful and enjoyable event.

Our very grateful thanks to our Racing Adjunct leaders who so ably organised and ran the day. Thanks also to the Club Member volunteers who come in the day before and the day after to set up and break down the room. Thanks also to our Staff who did such a wonderful job with the food and beverage catering. I am sure all who attended will attest to the standard of catering on the day.

If you could not join us this year you missed a great day so we suggest you put the first Tuesday in November next year in your diary now. You won't be disappointed.

## **NEW General Manager**

As of Tuesday 9 November we welcome our new GM, Kim Smith. This appointment will get our team back up to our full Senior Management complement again and we are confident Kim will bring new ideas to the Club, which will drive our revenue further and add further support to our team.

Kim's arrival will also relieve Lorraine of much of the additional responsibility she has had to take on over the past 3 months in dealing with function and event enquiries, cancellations and new bookings. I take this opportunity to publicly thank Lorraine for the great job she has done in this area. We are so fortunate to have her as such a committed, hard working and willing member of our Senior Management team.

## **Staff Carparks**

We ask all Members to **PLEASE REFRAIN** from parking in the designated Staff Carparks. These parks are provided close to the front entrance not only for convenience of our Staff but for security reasons when locking up at night. Please respect their health and safety and entitlement by abiding by this directive.





Kind Regards Lloyd

Can we tempt you? Mains from our new Restaurant Menu!



## MAINS

Vegetarian Stack w Kumara Rosti, Portobello Mushroom, Roast Tomato & Rocket (GF & V) \$22

Seafood Chowder Main w Crusty Bread \$23

Chicken Parmigiana w Salad & Fries or Mash & Vegetables \$25

Seared Scallops resting over a Fennel Citrus Salad & Kumara Rosti w Balsamic Glaze & Citrus Vinaigrette **\$27** 

Fish of the Day - Pan Fried Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Citrus Rocket Salad & Lemon Butter Sauce \$27

Pork Belly & Mustard Mash w Apple Slaw & Cider Jus (GF) \$28

Harissa Lamb Rump over Greek Salad & Scalloped Potatoes w Tzatziki Sauce & Balsamic Glaze (GF) \$30

250gm Prime Scotch Fillet w Fries, Salad & Sauce or Mash & Vegetables your choice of Garlic Butter, Pepper or Mushroom Sauce **\$30** 



# Services Association

# **Remembrance Sunday**

Although Remembrance Day itself will be commemorated, as it always is at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the time and day that WW2 officially ended, Remembrance Sunday is always commemorated on the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day. This year that is on Sunday 14 Nov 2021 with the service commencing at 11am.

Members of the Association generally try to attend this Service conducted at St George's Chapel on Matapiro Rd in Crownthorpe. The service will be conducted by our very own Father Bill who is officially recognised by the Church as 'The Veteran's Padre'. Father Bill, and his wife Mavis, are of course also very loyal members of the Taradale Club and he does a considerable amount for Club members and veterans.

All Club members are welcome to attend this service which will also mark the 40th anniversary of Father Bill's Ordination. So, for sure we cannot let this day go by without being there to acknowledge and thank Father Bill for all that he does. After the Service we will be returning to the Club for refreshments and to celebrate Father Bill's special occasion. The Club Kitchen will be open with the new Bar Menu available to order from.

# **Remembrance Army**

On Saturday 6 Nov we supported the Remembrance Army team in unveiling the headstone for William Lee at the old Park Island Cemetery. William served in WW1 in the Otago Regt, died in 1938, and is currently lying in an unmarked grave. This ceremony and new headstone will honour William for his service in ensuring our peace and Freedom.



#### **World War 2 Fallen Heroes**

Many will be aware that a couple of years ago those in the Association planted Totaras at the Taradale Soldiers Cemetery, for all the fallen heroes from the Taradale District who made the ultimate sacrifice for our peace and freedom during WW1

We are now working on getting trees planted to recognise our fallen heroes from WW2. NCC have approved our intention to plant 15 each of Kowhai and Pohutukawa in the Taradale Cemetery in the gully below Puketapu Rd to recognise these WW2 fallen who still lay in foreign soil. We are hoping to do this on Arbor Day next year (5 June 2022).

So how is your knowledge of your whakapapa? We are now looking for any whanau of these fallen heroes to assist in the planting of these trees and in honouring their whanau. There will be a cross for every hero and the trees will be maintained with love and humility by members of our Assn until they can manage by themselves.

If you have a fallen hero in your whakapapa who mihi back to the Taradale District then please email Peter on peter\_jackie@xtra.co.nz so that we can include you in the planning for this very important occasion.

#### **FUNNY STORY** from the Taradale Club Service Association

After the Napier Civic Awards Graham, Tig, Frank and Peter went back to the Club for a beer. It was about 7.30pm and the numbers had thinned out and we were done up as per awards dress code. Some of the guys down there were looking at us and kept looking and we were there about an hour I guess.

The guys that had been watching us left just before we did and as they went passed us one stopped and said 'Excuse me gentlemen but we have been discussing and having disagreements about who you are and what you do. We have finally come to the agreement that you are Judges in the Courts. Is that correct?'

Of course we just about fell off our chairs laughing, and Tig said we would more likely to be talking to Judges in a different environment. It was very funny lol.

#### Murals

Visitors to the Taradale Soldiers' Cemetery over the next few months will also notice a very significant change there. The Association has the approval of the NCC to place very appropriate murals on several of the structures there that will recognise and give colour to the area where our Fallen Heroes lie. It is very special that a young lady, named Tamar from Taradale High, will be completing the murals. Having young people doing this is part of us passing the 'baton of remembrance'.

Those visiting the cemetery will have already noticed that the scruffy old water tank at the top of the hill by the road has been water-blasted ready for painting. Included here is a very rough draft of what has been agreed which is aimed at honouring and acknowledging out Fallen Heroes from WW1. Frankly there is no doubt that this is quite spectacular and moving for those who have served and honours those lying in foreign soils.

Of course, this comes at a cost which the artist has kept very low. If you would like to contribute to this work with a donation then see Muzza. If you, or your business, would like to sponsor the painting of the water tank let us know and we will recognise your sponsorship on the completed painting.

Lest We Forget.





# Racing

# Feedback - Melbourne Cup Day

To all the Team at the Taradale Club

I would like to congratulate you all and to thank you for putting on a first class day last Tuesday, Melbourne Cup Day. The organising by the ladies in the lounge was excellent, the food to die for and if that is a sample of what our new Chef produces I applaud him most sincerely, the girls behind the bar did a stirling job too.

Well done Taradale Club, I'm proud to be a Member.

- Ross Moynihan









# **Melbourne Cup Day Prizes**

Best Dressed Man Ron Atkin

Best Headware Meghan Gallen

Best Dressed Lady Kylie Forkin

Matching Couple Louise & Lloyd Fitness





# Fishing

#### **Meat Pack Raffle**

We started our Meat Pack Raffle on Friday 29 October and this will be every Friday night at the club going forward until further notice.

#### **Christmas Ham Raffle**

We will also be doing a weekly Christmas Ham Raffle until the week before Christmas, with collection the week of Christmas. Dates will be advised upon purchase of ticket and when you win a ham.





# Outdoor Bowls

#### **New Cunneen Green**

The latest info we have received from Tiger Turf is that they are unable to recommence work on the new Green until after Christmas, our thinking is probably realistically after New Year. This is entirely due to their personnel still being unable to leave the Auckland.

# **Open Tournaments**

Friday 12th November 12.30pm 2 Bowl 4's - 3 games of 8 ends Friday 19th November 12.30pm 2 Bowl 4's - 3 games of 8 ends Friday 26th November 12.30pm 2 Bowl 4's - 3 games of 8 ends

## **Championships**

Women's Championship 4's
Entries Close - Wed 3 Nov by 12 noon | Qualifying - Sat 6 Nov at 8.30am
Post Section & Final - to be advised

Bowls Hawke's Bay Mixed Pairs

1 x Section - Sat 13 Nov - All day | NB: Pak'n Save Green will be closed to members

Don Neilson Trophy Mixed Pairs Championship
Entries Close - Wed 17 Nov by 12 noon | Qualifying 20, 21 & 22 Nov at 8.30am
Post Section & Final - Wed 1st Dec 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





# 18-Hole Golf

Our Club Day and Annual Stroke play Championships were held at Maraenui Golf Club on Sunday 17 October.

Winners and grinners on the day were...

- Senior Mens Ed Geenty, Perry Morgan, Doug Perry
- Junior Mens Charlie Christie, Laurie Hansen, lan Gray
- Women Di Dixon, Gill Geenty, and Maureen Hansen

**The Golden Putter** was won by Ian Gray with 31 puts - his name already appears on the trophy from previous years. **Stick Man** - best net - went to Ed Geenty (of course).

# **Club Day**

Our next Club Day is **11am Sunday 21st November at Napier Golf Club**, when it is our annual challenge between Maraenui and Napier Golf Clubs for a place on the Shield and bragging rights...

#### **Current Committee**

Current Committee is Denys Carpenter, Gerald McCarthy, Walter Blatchford, Clint Hansen, Ian Toynbee and Charlie Christie . Please contact Denys if you feel that you could assist on the Committee.

#### **Contact**

Please contact Denys if you wish to receive the 18-Hole Golf Newsletter and updates - denwise@xtra.co.nz

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



