

UNITED'S UNCTUOUS ULULATION!!

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11th July, 1993

Presidential Message!

A cheery ahem to you all to begin what promises to be a great season. Your Committee has been beavering away during the dark days of the winter to ensure that the season begins and continues on a high note. Much of their deliberations will be expanded upon at the August Meeting to which, I trust, all members will do their best to be at. You'll be able to witness the results of a repaint and re-vamp of the clubrooms as well as get the low-down on the season to come. See you there! Regards,

The Management Committee respectfully asks all members to attend the important

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING of the CLUB

SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST at 1.30p.m.

Matters to be discussed:

Club Programme for the year; Inter-Club; Open Tournaments; Aussie Test; Building Progress; Coaching Matters; CCA Events; Social Matters and much more!

THE FIRST WORKING BEE

To help the season get going, we need to do a little "weeding" and "fertilising". We are holding an easy Working Bee prior to the General Meeting on:

SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST
9.30a.m. - 12.00noon

Bring your lunch and any equipment listed below. Please telephone Bruce Newburgh ph385-1725 and let him know you'll be there!

Bring:

- * Weeding, edge trimming implements
- * Wheelbarrow, spade, rake, broom
- * Handbroom, rags, bucket, etc.

SUCCESS AT THE CCA AGM!

Club Members will be pleased to learn that at the CCA AGM in June, all recommendations submitted by the club were passed by large majorities! That means that:

- + The Canterbury Open will now always be played before the Nationals;
- + The Johnson Memorial finals and semi-finals will now be played on full-sized lawns;
- + The CCA will no longer now be involved in setting the price for refreshments at tournaments!!!!

John Prince's nomination for Life Membership of the NZCC was passed to the NZCC with acclamation.

Our thanks to Graham for his excellent and well-modulated representation of the Club at the AGM!

YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Each member of the committee, in addition to any other formal duties, has taken responsibility for an aspect of the club's operations:

Finance: Marie Delahunty
Secretarial: Shirley Bruce
Match Committee: Geoffrey Naylor (Chairman); Graham Beale; Billie Millar; Shirley Bruce (Secretary)

CCA Delegate: Graham Beale
Clubrooms, Club refreshments: Christine Beale
Grounds, Liaison with Greenkeeper: Bruce Newburgh
Land Acquisition; New Shelters, etc.: Peter Weeks
Sportsfest '93: Malcolm Long
International Test Liaison: Geoffrey Naylor

If you have a concern or suggestion, please direct it to the committee member responsible so that it can be followed up as quickly as possible.

HAVE YOUR SAY!!

The Management Committee will meet will on the second Saturday of each month. The agenda will be placed on the noticeboard prior to each meeting. Have a look at what is being discussed and let a Committee Member know if we're are not meeting your requirements or if you have a suggestion that you would like taken up by the committee.

It's YOUR club - have a say! We want to hear it!

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY CLUB OPENING DAY

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER

Details will be provided at the August General Meeting

CLUB PLAY for 1993/1994 SEASON

Your Management Committee has been very conscious that the form of Club play during a season and the ability of the Club to cater for the wishes of all members is the most important task that it must handle. For this reason, both the Match Committee and the full Management Committee have given much thought to the form of play that they believe the Club should undertake this season.

The Management Committee will propose that the following be adopted as the form of play for the 1993/1994 season:

CLUB DAYS: The Club Days shall be Wednesday and Saturday. On Club Days, members may:

- * Enter the open draw by placing their tags on the table prior to the commencement of play; or
- * Play any Club Championships match; or
- * Play a Ladder Challenge match; or
- * Play any other pre-arranged match.

The draw will take account of those members who express a wish to play singles, and pair those members who are not able to remain for the entire play period.

Club Members are most welcome to practise or play arranged games at any time, including Inter-Club days, but not during NZCC, CCA or UCC External events.

CLUB COMPETITIONS: It is proposed to hold the following competitions during the season:

CHAMPIONSHIP: **Open Singles; A Grade Singles; Intermediate Singles;
B Grade Singles; C Grade Singles
Open Doubles**

HANDICAP: **Men's Singles; Women's Singles**

Players will be permitted to enter a Championship event one grade higher than their current grade if they so wish. This is to allow for those players who have a small number in their own grade to qualify for a larger number of matches, as well as to provide for more challenging play if you want it!

Entries will be taken up to and including the last Club day in September. All these competitions will be played off from the beginning of October. **If, by the closing date for entries, there are fewer than four entries for any particular event, it will not be played this season.**

In previous seasons, it has been left to the Club Captain to take responsibility for the completion of all games, and last season, the Club Captain even arranged matches. To reduce this workload and to spread the responsibility throughout the Club Members, the committee will be asking one player in each grade, or a player entered in a particular competition, to take responsibility for keeping play in that particular level or competition ticking over.

CLUB LADDER: As a means of creating further opportunities for competitive play, we are responding to several suggestions and intend operating a ladder for those who wish to participate. Specific rules will be announced but the intention is to make its operation blindingly simple. Play will be Championship, not Handicap.

CLUB BARBECUE: On the second Saturday of each month beginning October, we shall be holding a Club Barbecue tea at the Lawns from about 4.30p.m. - 5.00p.m. with play to follow. Club members will be asked to bring a salad to share. Both social and competition games may be played on these evenings.

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16th August, 1993

Presidential Message!

A second ahem for the new season! Thanks to all those who turned out for the Working-Bee last Saturday; the clubhouse, equipment shed and grounds are looking particularly spruce. There is still a little painting of shelters to be done so if you've a few hours to use up and would like to assist, please give Bruce Newburgh a ring (ph 385-1725). The Club Programme for the year was outlined by Geoffrey Naylor at the August Meeting and looks great. If you have any comments to make, please do speak to him about them...he is very willing to listen. I'm out of Christchurch from August 22nd until September 10th, so Geoffrey or Shirley will handle any questions you may have.

Regards



The Management Committee proudly announces the programme for

CLUB OPENING DAY

 for the 1993/1994 SEASON

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER

Something for everyone!

9.00a.m. ONE-BALL MINI-TOURNAMENT

- Entries taken at 8.45a.m..
- Section play if necessary.
- Allowances for bisque differences.
- Prizes awarded.
- Play concludes at 12.00. Bring lunch.

1.00p.m. OFFICIAL OPENING of the SEASON

followed by

PROGRESSIVE CROQUET

- 30 minute games.
- One player of each team must play their ball from A Baulk to run Hoop 1 on that player's first turn.
- Maximum 3-hoop breaks.

3.30p.m. AFTERNOON TEA

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A PLATE

Members may play if they wish following Afternoon Tea.

LAWNS CLOSED

Despite the lovely weather and the inviting nature of the lawns in this unexpectedly early spring, the Club Lawns are CLOSED until Opening Day to permit the maximum recovery and growth over last season's hoop areas. Members are asked to respect this.

AFTERNOON for the DISABLED

Put a circle around the afternoon of
SUNDAY, 17th OCTOBER

That is the afternoon that we have agreed to help our groundsman, Bill Mallock, by hosting the Christian Disabled Association at an afternoon of Croquet and Afternoon Tea. Details to follow.

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7th October, 1993

Presidential Message!

Well, the season has begun and although the weather has not been exactly conducive to play, there appears to be a great deal of enthusiasm on and off the court! Geoffrey and the Match Committee have organised the competitive season off to a smooth start...I trust everyone has their entries in for the events that have been opened!

The Special General Meetings have given approval for the borrowing of sufficient funds at low interest rates to get the new shelter erected and the old one demolished with suitable dignity, regret and praise for its lengthy and gracious service! We should expect to see the new shelter up and in use by November.

Many thanks to those who helped with Sportfest. As usual, it was quite a lot of fun, even if we did wish for a larger contingent from Japan! The word is that next year will be a bigger affair...but then that has been the word since it first started.

I hope that all Club Members will be on deck to help with our afternoon for the disabled next Sunday!

Regards

As unanimously agreed at the Annual General Meeting

the Management Committee requests your assistance with

AFTERNOON for the DISABLED SUNDAY, 17th OCTOBER

1.30p.m. to 4.00p.m.

This is an event that we are staging in response to a request from our groundsman, Bill Mallock. Most of the people attending will need assistance to play and we will be providing afternoon tea.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A PLATE OF SUITABLE FOOD

Please telephone Christine Beale (352-7128) who is co-ordinating the food so that she knows what is being provided.

PLEASE ALSO BRING AS MANY MALLETS AS YOU CAN!!!

BARBECUE

Did you miss the Club Barbecue on the 9th October!

Mark the next one in your diary now - the second Saturday of every month! Bring your own meat and a salad to share!!!!

Next one:

SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER

WE LIKE PLAYING TOO!

Many thanks to all Club Members who have made suggestions to the Management Committee about the affairs of the Club!

One small request, though. Please, leave it until after we finished play before you let us know your thoughts! It is hard to concentrate on and enjoy play when your fielding a strongly held view!