

UNITED'S UNCTUOUS ULULATION!!

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5th January, 1994

Presidential Message!

Greetings and good hoop-making for the New Year to all members! The second half of the season promises to be a busy and exciting one - may you achieve all that you wish in it! The Test is almost on us - I trust that you have purchased a ticket and told Vicky of the days that you can help to sell the daily raffle. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to raise money now that Sportsfest is unlikely to come back to Christchurch for a while!

Regards,

AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND TEST

Please note that our lawns will be reserved for the Test Match from the evening of **FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY** until the morning of **TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY**.

The CCA has stated that our members will be welcome to play at other clubs during this period. If you find any difficulty making arrangements, please let Geoffrey know. Members will have to pay for entry to the Test: Tickets are available from Bruce Newburgh or from the gate on the day. If you have yet to volunteer for a task during the Test, please talk with Geoffrey who will be only too delighted to find something for you to do.

BARBECUE - Sunday, 30th January, 6.30p.m.

At the conclusion of the Test, the United Croquet Club is staging a barbecue for all players, officials, invited guests and United Croquet Club players. There is a small charge of \$10.00 but that will include food and drinks. We hope that all members will take advantage of this opportunity to meet the Test players. Please put your name on the list in the clubrooms if you intend to attend.



SUSAN WIGGINS

The passing away of Susan has meant the loss of a valued and popular member of the United Club. Her status as a member of the New Zealand Women's Team and a leading player at national level both here and in Great Britain brought kudos to our club and many of us have profited in the past from guidance and encouragement from her. She will be much missed.

RESULTS

Congratulations to:

Graham Beale on winning the Canterbury Open

Peter Couch on winning the Canterbury play-off for the Arthur Ross.

INTER-CLUB RESULTS

	Played	Won	Won on Points	Lost on Points	Lost	Points Earned
A1	8	6	2	-	-	15
A2	7	-	-	3	4	1½
Int	8	7	1	-	-	15½
B	5	2	-	-	3	4
C	7	5	1	-	1	11½

Among the achievements of the players have been:

A1: Breaks of 11 and 8 by Geoffrey

Int: Marie has won all her games; Breaks of 9, 9 & 8, and 8 by Geoffrey

B: Break of 7 by Una.

C: Ian has won all his games; Break of 6 by Bruce

None of our teams made it to the play-offs for the Johnson Memorial Competition. Better luck in 1994/95.

Please remember the cleaning roster!

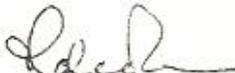
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27th July, 1994

Presidential Message!

Greetings and good hoop-making for the new season to all members and to new members in particular! May all your misses be unimportant ones! The winter is passing with remarkable swiftness, and a remarkable quantity of water - I hope it has soaked away before we need to tread the greens. The gnomes who work unseen during the long dark winter have been busy with a hundred and one little tasks to improve the Club! I hope you will all be able to give them a hand at the working bee - Bruce and Geoffrey really deserve a big turn out. See you then and at the August meeting - they're perhaps the two most important gatherings of the year!

Regards, 

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

ALL CLUB MEMBERS are requested to attend the August meeting of members to be held at THE CLUBROOMS on

SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST at 1.30p.m.

The major item on the agenda will be the programme of Play for the Season.

BRUCE'S CORNER

Well - it's that time of year again! Soon, the sun will be singing and the birds shining and we will be cutting our lawns again. Opening Day on 10th September is only six weeks away - where has the winter gone?

Time has not stood still for some of us:

- *Lawns 1 & 2 which looked such a mess when we topdressed them in May now look great - the regrowth is very healthy and will soon be getting its first cut.
- *The boundary boards lost in the fire are at present being remade; they'll be Australian-proof!
- *Perimeter boards have been built along the full boundary that we share with the Bowling Club
- *Geoffrey's tree house is finished and ready for painting.
- *Two gardens have been created, one each end of the new shelter.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST

We must now ask for your help at our annual "spit-and-polish-before-Opening-Day" WORKING BEE.

The following are the jobs that we will need to do and the equipment you could bring (if you have it!)

CLEANING CLUB ROOMS (two people) - bring a bucket a cloth or two.

WINDOW CLEANING - Inside and Outside (two people) - bring a bucket, cloths, squeegee.

SHIFTING SOIL (two people) - bring a wheelbarrow and shovel

GARDENING (four people) bring trowel, handfork, kneeler

PAINTING (six people) - bring brush (2" to 3"), gloves, cloth, a little turps (optional).

CLEANING THE EQUIPMENT SHED (two people) - bring a yardbroom, hearth type brush, bucket, cloth.

WORK ON STORAGE SHED (two people) - bring hammer, yardbrush.

We will be STARTING AT 9.00a.m. and we will probably be finished within 3 or 4 hours. BRING YOUR LUNCH and do some socialising!!

IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR A PARTICULAR JOB, CALL ME and book in - other wise turn up on the day!

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR LABOUR AND TIME!!
Bruce Newburgh - ph 385-1725

OPENING DAY

Saturday, 10th Sept.

1.00p.m.

Progressive croquet. Bring a plate for Afternoon Tea.

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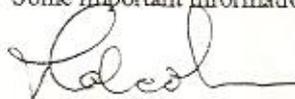
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8th October, 1994

Presidential Message!

Greetings! We start the season on a high note - several new members, a new International Player and a Club first! Congratulations to Jane McIntyre on her selection to help thrash the Aussies in Wellington in November. I shall plead on behalf of you all that she is gentle with us on the lawns as she builds up to the Women's Test! The Club first was the sight of 18 players on Saturday afternoon, 8th October - 7 women and 11 men - surely a rare event for the gentlemen to outnumber the ladies. Thanks to Peter Couch for the simply magnificent Bisque markers and holders - surely the best in NZ. Thanks also to Peter Hill for the classy name tags! Some important information below so please digest it thoroughly - the information that is, not the sheet!

Regards,



Where were you during the last Working Bee? A lot of work fell on only a few shoulders. There are still quite a number of tasks waiting to be completed before the season gets too much further. So, we are calling a

WORKING BEE

on

SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER at 1.00p.m.

It's deliberately on a Club Day so that we can all be there. Once the work is finished, there will be time for games, and there will be a BBQ (weather permitting) for those who wish to stay on - bring your own everything (the BBQ will be there however!)

WHAT TO BRING!

- * Rake or yard broom, wheelbarrow, shovel for some light topdressing of lawn 3 and finishing the mounding of soil under the fences to stop the balls leaving the property.
- * Paintbrush for a little more painting around the place.
- * Hammer for a few tasks that need one!
- * Hand brush, buckets, cloths for cleaning out the Equipment Shed and the Shelters.

SEE YOU THERE!!

CAR PARKING

We have a long-standing agreement with the Bowling Club as to the number of car park spaces which we are allocated.

Our allocation is THREE SPACES at all times.

To be fair to all, these spaces are allocated to Officers of your Club - PRESIDENT, CLUB CAPTAIN, SECRETARY.

If you are not one of these three Officers, please DO NOT park in the car park ON ANY DAY! If you want a space next to the Club House, get your nomination in for one of the places above!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Yes! It's that time of the year again, and we need to start the raffle nice and early so that we raise a good amount, particularly from visitors to the Club.

So, we ask all members to contribute a few items of groceries or other Christmas fare for the hamper to be raffled.

**Cake, Tinned Food,
Wine, Chocolates, Nuts, etc**

All contributions gratefully accepted. Please place your Christmas items in the box in the Club Rooms.