

UNITED CROQUET CLUB Inc
North Hagley Park, Riccarton Avenue
CHRISTCHURCH 1



NEWSLETTER

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Editorial
Bruce 385 1725

Welcome to the wonderful world of 1997 - a world in which Hong Kong confirms its chineseness, a world in which Winston Peters publishes his first budget, and (to move to the more important events) United pulled off the trifecta when Peter Weeks won the Diamond Harbour 'Sea' grade tournament recently.



CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO

- * **Graham Beale** who won the Y event in the NZ Open Championships;
- * **Ian Dumergue** has also done well this season by winning the Southern Senior A Silver Badge, the Men's Championship Singles AND Doubles, and the South Island Open Championship Singles;
- * **Jane McIntyre** who has left the ranks of ordinary croquet player by being promoted to the exalted Senior A with a bisquing of minus one half;
- * **Geoffrey Naylor** who was first in the A Grade Senior Championships;
- * **Bruce Newburgh** who won the Intermediate Silver Badge;
- * **John Prince** who is representing Canterbury at the Arthur Ross play off. John also won the Canterbury Open singles.



TEAM RESULTS

Interclub:	A Grade	6 wins	2 losses
	Intermediate	4 wins	4 losses
	B Grade, Team 1	5 wins	3 losses
	B Grade, Team 2	2 wins	6 losses

Johnson Memorial

James and Bruce have reached the finals (15 Feb) with one loss.



COMING EVENTS

- * **Veterans** (Maud Trainor Trophy over 65s)
If you haven't entered - tough luck, all places full - better luck next year.
- * **Agnes Dick**
Week commencing Monday 3 March. Entries close 22 Feb - see p197 of your Yearbook.
- * **Easter Tournament - United**
Contact John Prince ☎ 358 7150 - p243 of your Yearbook.



DO NOT READ ANY FURTHER if you are the slightest bit squeamish!

Three years ago Ian Coop, Peter Hill and Bruce Newburgh conducted an all-out spraying campaign against the Star Weed and won - but the dreaded weed is back!! We can win again, but we need your help with our . . .

1997 'ADOPT A GREEN' CAMPAIGN

Wanted - six members, each to check their green each week and to pounce when a star weed appears. Volunteers please ☎ Bruce 385 1725. You will need to commit yourself to about 10 minutes per week. A full training will be given.





NEW MEMBERS

Please add to your membership list -

David Wills	(11)	☎ 349 0646, 30a Seymour Street.
Michael Rice	(13)	☎ 355 3784, 43 Leinster Road.
Elva McNeill	(13)	☎ 332 8376, 2/10 Timbertop Lane.

Welcome to the greatest little club in the world.



NEW WORKS

Your committee recently received and considered at length the maintenance/improvements report prepared by Peter Weeks. Over the past few months Peter has discussed our members' wants and wishes with anyone who would listen. Some ideas were small and modest; others large and costly. Some have been deferred indefinitely and still others will be actioned as time permits. The more urgent jobs include :

- * Resiting the 'central' verandah post of the equipment shed.
- * An irrigation system for the gardens.
- * Fence repairs (alongside No 4).
- * An awning above the newly paved area at the No 4 end of the equipment shed.

We would dearly love to enlarge (widen) the club room with glass doors onto a small terrace but the \$11,000 quoted is beyond our meagre resources.



BE WARNED

A job already done is the fitting (at last) of an alarm bell on the club room door. This allows us to leave the door unlocked when we are playing. Open the door and the bell rings - close it and it stops. A switch at the inside edge of the door deactivates the alarm when the door is left open.

When practising or on club days please lock the door or switch on the alarm.



HELP NEEDED

Vicki has done a tremendous job of turning an ordinary garden into a thing of beauty. Now that all the hard work has been done she would like some help to keep it looking good. Volunteers please ☎ Vicki on 355 9269.



GOOD NEWS

If you are a timid player, fear not, for the weak shall inherit the earth. (That is, if the rest of you don't mind.)



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Welcome to another wonderful season of croquet. Sixteen of our members paid a winter sub of \$15 and have played games amongst themselves or just gone for an hour or so of practice. These dedicated souls are those who will win most of their interclub games this season, and whose names will be mentioned more often in the 'Press' sports pages during the 1997/98 year.



WINTER CROQUET

Lawn six is showing signs of use, especially where the porina beetle has been lunching at the approach to hoop one. Repairs will be needed before opening day so lawn five will be opened as a substitute about mid-August. A note will be placed on the trolley when this is done.



OPENING DAY

Note your diary for : **Saturday 13 September, 9.45 a.m. AND 12.45 p.m.**

The format is still to be planned but will probably be the normal draw in the morning and fun croquet after lunch, with a special afternoon tea at 3 p.m. BRING A PLATE (with something on it!).



COMMITTEE 1997/98

The workers are (not necessarily in order of importance) :

Geoffrey Naylor	President
John Prince	Vice-President and Association delegate
Ian Coop	Secretary
Bruce Newburgh	Treasurer
Nola Neil	Housekeeping and catering
Peggy Norton	Liaison for interclub teams and club trophy play
	End of season handicapping
Peter Weeks	Greens maintenance
Dave Wills	Equipment/gardens

You will remember at the AGM electing a committee which included Vicki. Vicki was not present and did not intend standing - Peter Weeks has graciously agreed to take her place.



HELP WANTED FOR:

- * Vicki, with the garden
- * Peter and Dave, with lawns and equipment
- * Compiling the newsletter and maintaining membership list
- * Keeping the club diary
- * Star weed warrior or warrioress.



INTERCLUB

As we go to print the teams have not been finalised, although it is obvious that we will have one team for each of the grades and perhaps two B grade - you will be contacted if you have agreed to take part. If you have changed your mind or if you are not sure if your name is on the list, call Peggy.





WELCOME

Ursula Hill is moving into the city from distant parts and has rejoined our club. Welcome back Ursula, and many sincere thanks for your much needed donation of garden tools.



TRAVEL COSTS

The following is an annual reminder to our older members and serves to advise our newer members that if you accept a lift to another club you are expected to make a token contribution. The club recommends :

to anywhere in the city	\$2
to Diamond Harbour/Rangiora	\$3
to Akaroa	\$4
to Ashburton	\$5
to Vladivostock	\$3,500
and elsewhere by arrangement.	



MEMBERSHIP

We start the year with 30 playing members, a decrease of four from a year ago. Ian Dumergue is now living in Australia, Roger Murfitt and Marjorie Collins have given up for health reasons; Billie Millar, after many years as a very good croquet player, has had enough excitement and is transferring her affections to bowls. They will all be missed.

A new membership list is enclosed.



THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING

The annual pre-opening meeting is to be held at the club room on **Saturday 16 August**. The Secretary's notice of meeting is enclosed.



TRIBUTE

It is not generally known that after the great fire of '79 our club was saved from oblivion by the outstanding efforts of a small team under the leadership of Roger Murfitt. Although only a young man Roger has been forced to give up croquet. Those present at our AGM proudly elected him to life membership. Thanks, Roger!!



FOR THOSE WITH THE KILLER INSTINCT ONLY

John Prince is running a coaching day for the Association on the

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| 1] Receiving of bisques | 2] Giving bisques |
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to be held at the Cashmere Croquet Club on Sunday 14 September (the day after our opening). Time :

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| Group 1 (receiving) | 10 a.m.-12 noon. |
| Group 2 (giving) | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. |

Cost: \$10 payable on the day.

Numbers are limited to 24 players in each group. Register with Bruce ☎ 385-1725 by 5 p.m. Sunday, 31 August. CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO REGISTER?



TELEPHONE

The telephone has been disconnected for the winter, resulting in a net saving (after reconnection fees) of about one annual sub. When it goes on again at the beginning of the season we intend taking the low fee option and paying 20c per call. A box will be provided for your donation of 20c per private call - resulting in a saving of about \$100 annually.

Our last year number was relinquished on disconnection, and we may not get the same number back - watch this space.



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This is my last newsletter - a replacement is required. Someone with access to a computer (or at least a typewriter). Volunteers to Ian at 351 8084 or Bruce at 385 1725.