

What's coming up?

Saturday 11 December 2021 **Christmas lunch**

It is planned to hold our Christmas lunch on Saturday 11 December 2021. There is a roster at the clubrooms for everyone to add their name to and also add what salad or dessert you would like to bring. Meat and drinks provided.

Our after-play afternoon tea and drinks are cancelled for the remainder of 2021.

Corporate Events

The good news is we are generally covered now for all events except for a new one just received. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with these events.

The extra date is **Saturday 4 December** after club day and would require about 3 or 4 people to stay on with Jeanette for a couple more hours.

A complete list will be prepared and put on the notice board in the clubhouse next week for members to check. Jeanette will also email all groups the week of their commitment.

It would be appreciated if a few volunteers can be on standby for cover for each of the dates in December – the schedule is below for easy checking. Please contact Jeanette Ellison with dates/times you can assist. Mobile: 027 209 7767 or email: jeanettebill@gmail.com

| Date | Time |
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| Thursday 2 December | 1.00 pm 4.00 pm |
| Friday 3 December | 12.30 pm 4.00 pm |
| Tuesday 7 December | 12.30 pm |
| Thursday 9 December | 4.00 pm |
| Friday 10 December | 2.00 pm 3.00 pm |
| Thursday 16 December | 2.00 pm |
| Friday 17 December | 12.00 noon 4.00-6.00 pm |
| Tuesday 21 December | 12.00 noon |
| Wednesday 22 December | 3.00 pm |

General

Donation

Recently one of the corporate groups provided a generous donation to the Club. It is intended to use this to replace our outdoor benches and the Committee is currently looking further into this.

BBQ

The Committee approved the purchase of a new BBQ. Hopefully this will be available before the end of the year as the BBQ is often used by our corporate events.

Our lawns

Many of you will have noticed the wonderful progress on lawns 5 and 6. The lawns have been mown a number of times at progressively lower heights and have now had their final cut and have been marked out. They are now available for play.

All members are extremely grateful for the hard work in the renovation by Tony O'Donnell, Barbara and Steve Parry, Denise and Mike McLoughlin, Jane and Steve Ballinger, Cheryl and Jim Hopley, Bruce McLay, Richard Milburn, Ray Story, Steve Costigan and John Yarrall. THANK YOU 😊

AC players have had the use of just one lawn for the last 6 months but they will be pleased, on occasion to be able to use lawn 2 as well now we are back to 6 lawns. Play for GC was managed during the unavailability of lawns 5 and 6 with an extra draw at 9.30 am. **Now that all lawns are back in use for play there will be one draw at 12.45 pm, starting Saturday 20 November.**

Lawn Mowing

We all like to have nice lawns to play on and this requires regular mowing. **The nominal day for mowing is Thursday**, but this may change if competitions are scheduled. Additional mowing may be required, especially with major competitions.

If mowing is in progress, please check with the person mowing which lawns to use so everyone is inconvenienced the least. Sometimes lawns are cut more than once so please don't assume a lawn is free without checking. On occasion you may be required to move lawns so that all lawns can be mown. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Membership

We have had 3 or 4 new AC members lately. We have had some more GC members as well, mostly from Fendalton Croquet Club.

Success at the Masters Games

A big congratulations to our GC member Carol Pilbrough who was awarded a Bronze Medal in her grade at the recent Masters Games held in Blenheim, 15-24 October 2021. Well done Carol!

The games are held alternately in Blenheim and Timaru, with Timaru being the venue in 2022.

Rosters

We have a number of rosters for duties around the club and these are shown below. As always, the more we have on the rosters the less onerous it is for everyone.

Please have a look and see where you might like to contribute. The co-ordinator details are also below so please **email the coordinator for the task you would like to help with.**

| Task | Coordinator | Description/notes |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| Club house | Judy | Cleaning club house and toilets |
| Lawn surrounds mowing | Bruce | Move ball barriers and mow with rotary mower |
| Lawn surrounds clearing | | Clear grass and weeds that cannot be mown. Weed-eater, spray or manual removal |
| Lawns | Tony | Spraying, top-dressing, over-sowing. Consulting with experts. |
| Lawn mowing | John | Regular mowing of lawns. Once or twice a week and more often with major tournaments. We need to have some members with additional training for adjusting and maintaining mower. |

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| Line Marking | Denise & Mike | Marking lawns as they fade and when lawns are changed. Denise & Mike do this, but we need to have some understudies for when they are not available. |
| Gardens | Pam | Maintain gardens. Weeding etc. Pruning as required. One or more members are assigned a part of the gardens to do in their time of choosing. A nominal split of areas is listed below. Feel free to propose your favourite area. Roster areas End of car park and behind equipment shed Lemon tree garden down to lawn 5 Garden at end of lawn 5 Garden to end of lawn 6 Centre gardens Spraying courtyard and car park-weeds Shelters |
| Maintenance | Ross | As required. It would be good to have a pool to widen expertise and cover larger jobs |
| BBQ cleaning | Heather | Should be cleaned after use with regular thorough cleaning needed occasionally |
| Leaves around fence | Heather/Cheryl | Seasonal |
| Twigs/leaves | Heather/Cheryl | around central tree, especially after strong wind |
| Laying out lawns | John/Tony | Major tournaments can require time constraints, so a larger pool that can be called on is helpful. There are several things to be done - measuring out, driving in hoops, sighting that hoops are straight. |

Coordinators

Please contact the appropriate coordinator to let them know you would like to be on that roster.

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Remember to check the noticeboard for the various tournaments, fun days etc.

Last but not least – keep enjoying croquet 😊

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