

What's coming up?

Important Dates

16 April 2022 **After play drinks**

Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

30 April 2022 **UCC Closing Day**

Finger food luncheon at 12 noon followed by afternoon play. There is a sheet on the noticeboard. Please indicate if you are attending and whether you will bring a savoury dish or a dessert.

21 May 2022 **UCC Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on **21 May 2022, commencing at 10.30 am.** Luncheon of soup and rolls will be provided along with muffins for morning tea.

Committee positions are:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, Vice-Captain, Committee (four)

Nomination forms are available on the noticeboard. **Please note nominations must be with the Club secretary by Saturday 14 May 2022.**

Delivery options for the nomination forms are:

Post to John Yarrall, 14 Ashgrove Court, Lincoln 7608 (must arrive **before** the due date).

Deliver to United Croquet Club and place in the Club Secretary's tray

Hand to John Yarrall (Club Secretary).

Working Bee

A very successful working bee was held on Saturday 9 April. Our gardens and sheds are looking wonderful. Some gear has been rearranged between the sheds that is hopefully more logical and keeps the equipment shed less cluttered. The list below shows what equipment is in each shed.

Equipment Shed

Day-to-day playing gear (trolleys, GC halfway/AC corner pegs, GC scoring clips).

Lawn setting gear

Small tools

Small gardening tools

Leaf rakes

Ernie's Shed

Lawn supplies, paint, umbrellas

Mower Shed

Spare playing gear (trolleys, hoops, clips, flags, centre pegs)

Tournament equipment (crowd-control stakes and lines, notice holders, squares etc)

Rotary mower, line trimmer, leaf blower, wheelbarrows

Large gardening tools (rakes, shovels, etc).

Please make sure any equipment is returned to the correct shed. Thank you 😊

General

Lawns

There has been a lot of work done on our lawns over the last few months. This includes spraying, verticutting lawns 5 and 6 (carried out by Hagley Golf) and then those two lawns were seeded and fertilised and on 9 April cut with rotary mowers set at the third highest setting. Numerous sprayings were carried out (I just haven't listed them all!) We are lucky enough to have members who devote a large amount of time to the upkeep and maintenance of our lawns and to support those members the Committee agreed to engage Troy Hales as a Lawns Advisor. Troy comes to us with some excellent credentials.

To get the best results we can from the hard work by the members looking after our lawns, the Committee agreed that we should close the lawns for June and July. This is subject to review depending on weather and members will be kept informed by email. Please don't use the lawns during June and July unless an email has been sent stating they are open for play.

It was suggested that during the time the lawns are closed, members meet for coffee at 10.00 am on a Wednesday at the clubrooms. This is a chance to socialise and there's plenty of board games at the clubrooms if anyone would like to play 😊.

Vaccine Passes

It was agreed by the Committee to continue with the requirement for vaccine passes by those attending/visiting United Croquet. This is in line with many of the CNZ and CCA tournament requirements.

Review of UCC Accounts

Zane Colville has been contracted to review our accounts. While Incorporated Societies are not required to have their annual accounts audited, a review by someone such as Zane is in line with best practice.

South Island Masters Games 2022

These games are being held in Timaru 7-16 October 2022.

Golf croquet will be held Monday 10 October – Wednesday 12 October.

Association croquet will be held Thursday 13 October – Friday 14 October.

If you are interested – have a look at the website: <https://simasters.com>

Coin toss

New rules are due out in June this year and there is a small change to the coin toss. If you win the toss, you do not have to choose blue/black BUT blue will still play first. There may be strategic reasons you choose not to start, even if you win the toss!

Remits and Recommendations

The Committee agreed that the following recommendation be submitted to CCA

Golf Croquet scoring clips for the secondary colours game be placed on the hoop uprights.

AC competitions

A number of AC competitions have been held recently with UCC members enjoying great success.

CNZ AC 0+ Invitational held in Dunedin

United members invited to play were Steve Costigan, John Hearnshaw and Bruce McLay

John Hearnshaw and Steve Costigan both won 6 out of 7 games

Winner: Steve Costigan on countback. Runner-up: John Hearnshaw

South Island Association Teams Event held at Waireka

Winners - Canterbury

Peter Parkinson (Rangiora); Steve Costigan (United); Alistair Newey (Rangiora); Betty Hall (United)

CCA Agnes Dick AC Held at Elmwood

Winners Bruce Wright (Edgware) and Gay Jones (Cashmere)

CCA Prizegiving

Geoffrey Naylor Most Improved AC: Betty Hall

UCC AC Handicap Singles. Winner Bruce McLay (on c/b from Betty Hall)

UCC AC Handicap Doubles. Winners Ian Campbell and Betty Hall

Jim Hopley has qualified for an AC Bronze merit award.

GC Competitions

Many of the GC competition results were in the last newsletter. The Atkins Trophy final was played on 26 March at Fendalton. Our congratulations to all the United teams who competed this year, and especially to the two teams who made it through to the Final and the Plate Round.

Atkins Trophy

United 4 (Louis and Betty Inglewood) were in the final and finished runner-up to Hornby 3.

United 1 (Geoff Price & Lee Ferguson) were in the Plate Round losing to Cashmere 2 in the first round.

GC Advantage

A number of us attended an Advantage Golf Croquet day on Monday 28 March, held at Elmwood Croquet Club. This was a great day – and very well organised – thanks to Gaylene Jones and Cheryl Morrall and their knowledge of Advantage. There were some changes from the first time I attended a similar day at Fendalton Croquet Club. There's very likely to be more of these days – take the opportunity to attend if you can – you won't regret it!

Last but not least – keep enjoying croquet 😊

Judy Derby

UCC Committee
