

HOOP



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2021/2022 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Leslie Wilkinson
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GC Club Captain:	Clive Taylor

Committee members: Neil Constable, Ray Puckett, Dick Sayer, Rob Wyatt
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President's Report

We have had a wonderful autumn at the club with many members attending club days and everyone enjoying the warm still days.

There has been plenty happening at the club lately as well. Thanks to Peter and some committee members we have bought a new Cub Cadet mower for the outer court areas to replace the Husqvarna. This also has a catcher and will keep the cuttings from being tracked inside. As most of you know we have had serious problems with our court mower causing oil to be spilt on the lawns. We successfully applied to TECT for a grant to help us with the Cub Cadet and The Lion Foundation was approached regarding replacing the old John Deere with a new model. Fortunately, The Lion Foundation grant application was successful as well, and we now have a new John Deere mower in our possession.

Clive Taylor has put in numerous hours researching the mowers, new and used, applying for the grants, and giving good advice on the purchase. Thank you, Clive. We have also had expert advice from Peter Wright.

Competitions have continued to involve a good number of club members and with the nearing of the end of our club year we have three to go. There was the Piercy Doubles Handicap Draw with a random partners format – This was won by Bob Baunton & Chris Sherriff. The Club Championships divided into 3 grades are underway, and the Gentle Dental Level Doubles Tournament scheduled for May 8th.

Subscriptions were due by the 30th April and need to be received. These subscriptions are important for day-to-day management of the club and with the two recent purchases and BOP and CNZ levies due soon we do need members to pay promptly.

Club days will continue through the winter for those souls eager to play.

The AGM is on Thursday June 9th at 9.30 with croquet to follow. Please arrive prior to 9.30 so we can get started on time. Nomination forms are up on the noticeboard. Please consider putting your name in the mix. New faces and more of them are vital for the club.

Leslie Wilkinson



New Mowers

The KATIKATI CROQUET CLUB were able to replace their old Husqvana mower with a new Cub Cadet mower. A grant of \$4050 from TECT was essential to complete the purchase and it is important to note how much they contribute to local BOP community groups. The club is extremely grateful for that support.

Shown here is the club's long serving greenkeeper, Peter Wright, receiving the Cub Cadet from Country Engineering's Jason Knowles.

Peter has been responsible for raising the club's 5 lawns to a very high standard over the past 6 years. He has decided to retire from those duties at the end of May to focus on his family and life in general including playing golf, croquet, hunting and fishing. Peter and his wife Raewyn, have been members of the business house and the Forsight twilight league teams and play a really mean Golf Croquet game. The Club thanks Peter and Raewyn for

their contributions over the years and wish them all the very best for their 'retirement', We look forward to having many years of happy association and many more pleasant games to come.

GRANT ENABLES MOWER PURCHASE



The new mower purchased from AGrowQuip Ltd was delivered on Friday the 22nd April during a lovely weather break that allowed a good close inspection and great discussions by our members and Peter Wright present. Here our patron Steve Piercy examines the mower with greenkeeper, Peter Wright, and James Winterburn from AGrowQuip Ltd. This purchase was made possible with a \$25000 grant from The Lions Foundation, past members fund raising efforts and a \$10000 donation from a member who wishes to remain anonymous. The club is extremely grateful for such a generous gesture. Past Committees have worked hard at building up the funds and have contributed to placing the club into such a strong position for the long term future of the club.



This diesel mower has 3 cutters driven by electric motors and something like 102 fewer



hydraulic points so it is really the lifter only that is hydraulically driven. The cruise control setting should reduce the diesel consumption and it should also operate more quietly. It also has ridged stainless steel rollers as opposed to the wooden ones on the old mower. The costs of these mowers have already risen across the board and the 2500 hydraulic version is much more expensive now. We will be placing the old

mower and the verti-cut attachments for sale in the marketplace soon.

KATIKATI AC AL FRESCO TOURNAMENT

The Katikati Croquet Club held its annual Association Croquet, Legacy Trust sponsored Alfresco Tournament on Wednesday. Numbers were down on previous years, but the competition was as keen as ever. With visitors from Waihi, Whangamata and Mount

Maunganui. Group one winner was Malcolm Cawley (Mount Maunganui) second Ian Falconer (Waihi) third Sharon Sorenson (Katikati), Group two winner was Liz Jackson (Waihi) second Judith Moore (Katikati) third Ross Sutton (Waihi).

Photos below show Ann Harris (Whangamata) and Judith Moore (Katikati)

Malcolm Crawley (CMM) and David Roberts (Katikati)



Hamilton East Anzac Tournament 24th April 22

The Level Doubles GC tournament was played in very variable weather and with a 2-division field due to late withdrawals. As many will know, these are very challenging lawns with many undulations and long 'half pipe' depressions on the best lawn. They also lay their GC hoops out with the red hoop at hoop 5 as do AC. It does make you appreciate our lawns even more!

Division 1 played 6 games with 7 rounds and a 9.30 start which ended up as a very long day getting back at 7.30pm. The games were very tight with many 13th hoop games and ups & downs but with Greg & Chris (Hamilton East) winning with 5 wins and Clive & Neil 2nd with 4 wins on hoop differential from Gavin & Allan Roberts. Thanks to Neil for stepping in at a late stage.

Kaimai Challenge

Good Friday was a lovely sunny day when The Wildcats played their final game against The Cougars. The leaders in the league were the favourites in this KKCC derby as they are practically assured of winning the overall challenge. The Wildcats (DaveR, Martin, Lennart, Theresa, Robyn & DaveS) were unexpectedly put to the sword by The Cougars (Clive, Neil, Bob, Cherie, Jill & Heather) 16 games to 8 with 9 games going to the 13th hoop, on a day of some good close games in a very enjoyable contest with fellow club members. Dave led his side from the front with 5/6 wins whilst Cherie and Jill both on 5/6 wins led the charge for the Cougars backed up by Bob, Heather & Clive with 4/6. Well done to The Cougars for the bragging rights but congratulations to The Wildcats for their outstanding play over a very disrupted season and only losing this one game.

A number of spectators came and supported the teams, the afternoon tea splendid and the social function afterwards was a very enjoyable get-together. These events are really important to enhancing the social fabric of the club which helps keep the club vibrant and members engaged. Dave announced a few details about the final game and presentation at Te Aroha in June which will be sent out closer to the time.

Te Aroha Winter Series 1st 26th April 22

Approaching Te Aroha in thick mist forbode a cool unpleasant day but once the mist dissipated the day turned out very pleasant with the host providing well for their guests as usual. The players are a very friendly bunch and it is always great fun to meet up. KKCC took a few more players and did very well in the divisions but not in the raffle draws!

The Premiers played 6 games in another 7-round draw with 50-minute timed games. The lawns, whilst greening nicely, are a bit rough still with recent de-thatching very evident. Bouncing and turning balls made games interesting. Clive & Neil won on differential from Seddon & Dave Newton both with 4 wins. Games were again very competitive with a lot going to 13th hoop.

The Intermediate division was won by Martin & Theresa with 4 wins from 5 games but Robert & Bob were pipped for 2nd place on hoop differential with both on 3 wins.

The Primary division was won by a Claudelands pair with 4 wins but Elaine & Jill took 2nd place on hoop differential with 3 wins. Well done ladies on your first foray into The Winter Series.

Piercy Trophy

What a brilliant day we had with 37 members having fun in the sun.

Bob Baunton & Chris Sherriff beat Lennart & Clive to take the Piercy Trophy with very good use of the free shots. Dave's teaching has come to roost! Ha!

Congratulations to Bob and Chris from Steve and Carol!

Thank you

To all those that turned up to soil & seed the lawns who did a sterling job, some even got into weeding! Thanks for those efforts.

New Editors!

Patrons Steve and Carol Piercy have accepted the mantle of Editors of the Hoop from Boyd Jones who has retired from Croquet Administration due to his work commitments.

Whilst our function is to put together the articles sent from the Committee, we will add comments provocative and non-provocative as well as a little history of our long time in the game. Also, if any other members would like to share an event or experience, we are happy to put it in print but remember our president's eye will cast over the missive before publication.

Carol is fast improving, and she will soon be back on the lawns, and I may have to adjust back to GC again, but I am not up with the confusion of new rules!

Steve and Carol

SPONSORSHIP

The Katikati Croquet Club receives support from local businesses and from national funding agencies for club activities e.g. tournaments, equipment, consumables. Lion Foundation SEEKA and TECT have provided funding last year. Legacy Trust and Gentle Dental have sponsored GC and AC club tournaments and Summerset Retirement Village, Property Managers Group and Leveret Mills Reef have also supported the club's tournaments. Elliots

funerals supported the February GC tournament. Accumulus Accountants are sponsors for the road sign and Foresight Optometrists are sponsor for the Twilight competition. Without the support of our sponsors the draw on our finances would be significant. Please recognize the necessary support our club receives from our many sponsors, and we thank them for their ongoing contributions.

