

Newsletter 18 November 2021

No GC draw this weekend, signup for Have a Go & lots more WMCC news

Kia ora - lots of new information today about what's ahead this weekend and what's coming in the lead-up to Christmas

No GC draws Friday to Monday mornings: the mini-tournament for the Novice Singles is running this weekend from Friday to Monday (19 - 22 Nov), so all lawns are in use Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings. However you can play GC Friday and Monday afternoons if you wish. Thank you to all who've entered the Novice Singles and Open Handicap Doubles - we're expecting exciting competitions with strong turnout. All players in the Novice Singles have their draw for the weekend - you can see the schedule at the Club

Have a Go Season: Summer means Have a Go functions - a very valuable fundraiser for the Club and a chance to show a wide range of people how much fun it is to play croquet. Functions start next Friday 26 November and run throughout December and January - we need your help to make it a great day for our guests. Please check the HaG schedule on the noticeboard and sign up for days/evenings you can help. We'll run 'shifts' for most events so you won't have to be there the whole time (unless you want to). Helping out means giving guests some quick tuition in playing the game, showing them a few key strokes, reminding them which hoop is next, then just being on hand for questions. You're usually invited to share the food and drink and you'll have a surprising amount of fun!

Billets needed mid-December: We're hosting our Centenary Under-21 AC Invitation Tournament on Tuesday & Wednesday 14 & 15 December. So far two attendees have requested billets and more may be needed as further replies come in. If you can host a young player for one to two nights and live nearby the Club or on a bus route to Newtown, please tell Jax or Susan. At this stage both players needing billets are male and one is vegetarian - although the Club provides full catering during the day including evening of the first day's play.

Driveway re-sealing: while dates for re-sealing aren't confirmed, it's safest to park on Alexandra Road for the next week at least - there's no space to turn at the moment on the driveway

December gets busy: our Christmas closing day is **Saturday December 18**, and we expect to have our usual shared lunch, barbeque and drinks - hooray! It looks like we'll be in the new 'traffic light' system by then with more freedom to mix and mingle for all those fully-vaccinated. So mark your diary for a festive shared lunch and a few surprises on Sat 18 December around 12.15, between the GC and AC draws. We're also hosting several tournaments in December and will be calling for member help with catering and set-up, and we plan a working bee after Christmas to tidy and repaint the seats and shelters. Look out for the calls to help later this year.

Membership List: there'll be an updated membership contact list in the folder next week, with all members' phone and email contacts so you can arrange matches. For privacy reasons we cannot send out the list as an e-attachment, but you can make a copy if you need multiple numbers, or just put the contacts you need into your phone/diary. Please let Jax or Susan know if you have any objection to your contact details being published - (all recent membership application forms contain option for agreement to publishing contact details).

Please check [the website](#) regularly for updates and remember to sign up for at least one Have a Go - there's a lot going on over summer and nobody wants FOMO!

Nga Mihi - your Committee