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## **NEWSLETTER MAY 2018**

Dear Members.

Please find enclosed your newsletter for May 2018 containing our usual reports and AGM material. It is fair to say the year has been a most frustrating one in so many ways. It started in August with cuts and service changes from the TAB, the resulting changes & decisions having a dramatic effect on the clubs turnover levels. In October November & December 2017 and again in February 2018 the Committee held several workshops on a number of key issues effecting the club. Apart from the turnover levels needed for sustainability, the Club's land areas, lounge areas and assets were analysed due to the fact so many of them are sitting idle, unused and still producing major costs in Insurance, Rates, Power, R&M and other fees. Other discussions included Bank loans & Interest rates and the Debenture Scheme was again raised and implemented to assist in a number of ways to provide ongoing stability and cash flow to the club.

These discussions will be headlined in the 2018 Annual Report and will no doubt create some discussion at the 2018 AGM under that section of business. Acting President Dave will update you on this. There is no doubt that here and now in 2018 changes & decisions have to be made to condense the Club into a much more simpler and confine operation. The luxury of the 1970's with huge assets, resources and up to 1500 members are well and truly over and the calls need to be made accordingly. The workshops came up with excellent ideas to move forward, but these will take time. The Clubs professional providers were consulted over these discussions, and their input proved to be highly valuable.

Our frustrations have been added to by many forms of ill health over the year. In September President Darko suffered his severe stroke and our thoughts are with Darko, Harriett and the family. Dave Hardisty and Bruce Scott have filled the Acting roles of President and Vice President, but a lot of pressure was put on us all following Darko illness. We are all still hopeful of Darko making continued, good progress so he can at some stage return to see us all at the Club.

On a personal note I have also had to deal with severe family illness issues and in more recent times accidents and ill health to myself personally. Following discussions with Acting President Dave Hardisty, Shelley and Alice have stepped up to assist and learn many of the management roles of the Club. My time has, therefore, been somewhat limited and ongoing will become more so. The reallocation of responsibilities will be completed in the near future, bearing in mind, our responsibilities under the many forms of legislation that we operate under.

In closing can I personally ask all Members to support their Club. It is a long and reputable establishment and still has a big role to play in our Community. This can only continue with your support. On a lighter note thank you all for the wonderful and heartfelt messages of goodwill to both Jan and I. The past year has not been easy one for us and the support you have given us has been a great boost to us and the family. I look forward to seeing you all soon and if you have any queries on any club issues please feel free to talk to Dave, Bruce Scott and the team.

Regards Bruce.



## Hello Member's & 8 Baller's

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Club & our 8 Ball Section. 2017 was a very successful year of 8 Ball & our numbers are still growing. We ran both Mother's Day & Father's Day Competitions, plus Xmas Hams & there is more on the Calender for 2018. Congratulations to both the 4 Corners Team (4 CNRS) & our Round the Mountain Team (RTM) for partaking in these competitions. Our 8 Ball has definitely improved no end with the one-game format!

The current standings are:

4 Corners: Cossie 1<sup>st</sup> with 110; PD'z 2<sup>nd</sup> with 90; Tokaanu 3<sup>rd</sup> with 85 & RSA 4<sup>th</sup> on 75.

Round the Mountain: RSA 1<sup>st</sup> with 115; Raetihi 2<sup>nd</sup> with 95; Ohakune Heartlands 3<sup>rd</sup> with 80 & Cossie 4<sup>th</sup> on 70. Good luck for the next round.

We are in for another busy year. Please check the Events Calender in the rest of this newsletter. We have reinstated Club Championships, of which, you asked to be put in the Calender. Also, new initiatives like the Corporate Sports & Jack & Jill Multisports have added some fun to the mix.

We have had fixtures with Quota Club for the Stan Hetet Memorial Shield, this was a great day with 20 players going up. We had a successful day & a big win 27-13, so Stan is Home with us in the Club. The Derek Stephens Memorial Trophy was also contested with Matiere in April. We had another win 27-10 & a terrific turnout of players.



### **New Pot Black Tables Project & Fundraising:**

The Club Committee has been initiating some very positive ideas for some re-vitalisation projects within the Club. As a result of the workshop meetings mentioned in Bruce's Report, we are looking at reinventing ourselves to move the Club forward and by doing so attract a different clientele & grow our Membership base. We want to get our Member's back enjoying themselves in the Club

Our Sports Convenors have been working together to format a plan to develop a SPORTS HALL area where the 8 Ball tables are currently located. The Dart Boards will be relocated to this area, plus the existing 8 Ball tables are to be upgraded to x4 ex-tournament POT BLACK TOURNAMENT EDITION 7' 8 BALL TABLES. Once a full and complete plan is set for this project, we will seek approval from the



Committee, to get the full go ahead. These tables will be funded solely by the 8 Ball Section, so we will be doing some fundraising activities inside and outside the Club.

Our collection of donated stuffed animals will be relocated to the Sports Hall area, the walls, beams & ceiling will be painted and a feature wall completed in this area. Trophies & other sports memorabilia will also be displayed in this area. We hope it will be the Hub of Club Sports & social activities. The existing Darts area will be transformed into a Café – type area with some new furniture & feature art & memorabilia.

Thus, extending the Restaurant & Dining area. The main Sports TV & surround speakers will be relocated to the wall where the pig heads & deer were displayed and additional smaller TV's located in the Sports Hall area. Dave Hardisty and brother Trevor are managing this project.

We will be seeking donations to gather in the necessary deposit for the new 8 Ball tables. So, if you feel you would like to kick-start our project by making a \$50 donation to help with this, please complete the

attached form and return it with payment to the Bar Staff. This is a voluntary donation & any Member is welcome to support the cause. All donators will have their name displayed on a plaque in the 8 Ball table area. 8 Ball has been the mainstay of Club activities & revenue over the last 2-3 years & we want this to continue. Having x4 Tournament Tables will enable us to host much better tournaments & competitions in the Club.

We have already held a number of working bees to help with the preparation of these projects. Thanks to those of you who have attended these. The main Sports Hall area Working Bee is coming up & we may need a couple of days to get everything done. We will need a lot of hands to make light work of things, so when the call goes out, can we please have as many of you come to help that we can get. Rob Jonathan & Dave Benefield will be the project managers for this, so we will operate under their guidance. Ideally, we need to complete this work before the installation of the new 8 Ball Tables.

**Transport**

Remember, everyone except the drivers are to please pay their share of petrol money for any trips away. A BIG THANKS to all our drivers who get us too & from our various venues safely. ☺ Also to those of you who have helped out while the Club Van has been out of action.

**Lost Cue Stick Owners**

Lost owners. During one of our busy working bees we found a number of old Snooker/8Ball Cues in cases. Here is the list of names & initials that are printed on the cases. If you can please help locate the owners we would be grateful. Some owners sadly have passed on. Family Members, please let us know if you would like to collect these cues for a keepsake. Please contact the Club and arrange a time for collection.

Tony Carroll	T.K.	Ivan Curtis (Norm)
Ron or Richard Cooke	Dave Hadfield	R. Coleman
MJV (Maurice Vodanovich)	A.C. (Arthur Church?)	Chas (Charlie Jones)
Doug (874)	R. John	

That's all for now. We will keep you posted with any updates. Keep your eye on the ball!

Cheers n Beers - Merryn

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**8 BALL SECTION - \$50 FUNDRAISER – FOR NEW POT BLACK TABLES**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to donate the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to the Taumarunui Cosmopolitan Club's 8 Ball Section's purchase of x4 Pot Black Tournament Edition 8 Ball Tables.

My donation has been paid in **CASH, CHEQUE, DIRECT DEBIT, INTERNET BANKING**  
(Please circle method of payment)

**8 Ball Section Bank Account Number for Direct Debit payment:**

**03-0426-0181937-00**

Please use reference 8Ball & your name for reconciliation purposes.

**FEATURE WALL-RESTAURANT AREA** As mentioned, the Club is developing the big wall backing onto the Carpark into a feature wall. Thanks to the Taumarunui Club, Jamie Harland & Dave Benefield who spent an afternoon putting up their old memorabilia that used to be displayed in their old Clubrooms. This looks fantastic, but we still need to source more good quality memorabilia material. Things like black & white framed photos, good condition feature items eg. old tools, saws, (milling, railway, club themed items or local Taumarunui history) that can be displayed on the main wall in the top bar. Please let the Club Committee know if you have items you are willing to lend (we will archive all loan items) or copy to display.



**CORPORATE SPORTS RESULTS & JACK & JILL PAIRS.**



Firstly a huge thankyou & congratulations to all Teams & Businesses who took part in this year's Summer League of Corporate Sports. It has been a fabulous few months for the Club. Even better times with terrific music from DJ Adrian. Here are the winners:

Gold Section - 1st Cossie D.A.R.K; 2nd - Downer EDI 1; 3rd - Cossie Souljahs; 4th - Menshed.  
Silver Section - 1st Kiwirail; 2nd - Mountaineers 1; 3rd - Mountaineers 2; 4th - Mitre 10.

Bronze Section - 1st Downer EDI 2; 2nd - Cossie 4 Corners; 3rd - Evergreens; 4th – Avengers

Don't forget there are still two rounds to go in the Jack & Jill Pairs, so see you all on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you missed out on registering for this competition, make sure you come along for some Music & watch the games. It is great fun!!

**CLUB BUS/TRANSPORT**

The Club Committee would like to update Member's on the situation with the Van. Many of you would have heard about the Van been damaged beyond repair after been driven through something of a flash flood under the railway over bridge next to McDonalds. So, we have unfortunately had the Van off the road for a number of months waiting for our insurance claim to come through. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience to Members with this service been in jeopardy. We are seeking to purchase a replacement Van and have a number of options available, so this is on the agenda for next Committee Meeting and a decision will be made then. Our thanks go out to Pam who has been supporting the Club with the use of her Car for transport, the Club Staff who have been using their vehicles, and any other Club Members who have helped with transport for sports trips away.

**Up & Coming Dates: shells put these in the club calender altogether.**

- 12<sup>th</sup> May Cossie Club Champs – Mens Singles – POSTPONED due to lack of numbers
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 8 Ball home visit Otorohanga Club
- 26<sup>th</sup> May 4 CNRS travel away to Tokaanu
- 27<sup>th</sup> May COSSIE CLUB AGM
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June Cossie Club Champs – Ladies Singles
- 4<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday
- 9<sup>th</sup> June RTM Travel away to Ohakune
- 16<sup>th</sup> June Inter-club. Away trip to Raetihi Cossie
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June KC Singles at Matiere
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 4 CNRS play at Tmn RSA
  
- 7<sup>th</sup> July RTM play at Tmn RSA
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Cossie Club Champs – Mens Singles TBC or Inter-Club with Ohakune Cossie
- 21<sup>st</sup> July Cossie Club Champs – Mens Singles TBC or Inter-Club with Ohakune Cossie
- 28<sup>th</sup> July 4 CNRS play at Home



**INDOOR BOWLS:** The United Indoor Bowls opened on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> March. A discussion on opening day, suggested that our start time be put back to 2 p.m. so that those wishing to stay on for the evening, do not have such a long break before the evening activities begin. This change has proved to be very successful.



On the 16<sup>th</sup> March we had players travel to Otorohanga for the Opening night for the King Country Centre. It was good to see some new players were keen to go through and experience playing in an open tournament and against unknown opponents.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April the K.C Centre triples Championships were held at Otorohanga and we had two teams travel through. The team of Merv Christensen (Skip). Aaron Cox and Kodi Muldrock qualified for post section play but were defeated in the semi-final, by the team from Te Kuiti who went on to win the Championship. "Well done guys".

To date we have had very good attendances at club day and have welcomed a number of new players. We can still accommodate many more players, so if

you would like to have a go at indoor bowls, come along and join us – 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

Just a friendly reminder Indoor Bowls dates:

26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 KC NZ Mixed 4's & Pairs, Taumarunui Cossie Club 9:30am

1<sup>st</sup> July Mixed Fours & Pairs Taumarunui Cossie Club

23<sup>rd</sup> August Centre Closing \* Prize giving – Otorohanga 7:30pm (plate)

26<sup>th</sup> August Chart Club Taumarunui Cossie 9.30am

Fay Jones



**GOLF REPORT:** Hi Golfers the golf season got off to a good start on a nice day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with a mixed format which was enjoyed by all who took part. The course has been in great playing order throughout the summer due to the odd bit of rain keeping things in good condition. Our golf course is a pleasure to play on year round. We are hoping to get the Cossie Club Golf Champs going again this year for golfers who are a member of our Cossie Club. We will have rounds on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May best 3 of 4 rounds to count.

Taumarunui Golf Club senior pennants playing in division 4 have two wins, two losses so far with wins against Raglan at Tirau & Morrinsville at Morrinsville. Losses to Walton at Coromandel & Te kowhai at Raglan. Extreme thanks to ken & Freda of King Country Security for their generous sponsorship of our Pennants team. With three rounds to play we are sitting about mid field. We still

have relatively small fields of players on club days so get out there golfers & enjoy yourselves. Remember golf is still a cheap sport to play. Happy hookin slicing & cussin. Do you know why they called it Golf, all the other 4 letter words were taken.

See you out there  
Days Benefield

**2018 KING COUNTRY AREA CHARTERED CLUB MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PAIRS:**

We had a good start for 2018 with the King Country Area men's and women's pair's tournament held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February here at our club. Although our area is small the entry numbers were up from last year. The clubs who participated were;

- Waitomo Club, Taupo Cossie Club, Taumarunui Cossie, Taumarunui RSA

What has been very helpful; is that every year we seek sponsorship from the community to give out for prizes, for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> equal, highest starts, highest finishes most 180s and spot prizes. We are proud to be connected to our community in this way as an adjunct of this club. Our expression of thanks directly to these businesses is always, in the form of a letter delivered personally to the premises. Again our thanks go to: Mitre 10, New World, Partners n Hair Salon, Bowyer Motors, BP Taumarunui, Liquorland, Golden Kiwi Takeaway, And the Taumarunui Cosmopolitan Club

The results are as follows: Men's 1<sup>st</sup> JK and Ivan Waitomo Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dom and Elkanah Tmn Cossie, 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Doug and Shane Waitomo Club, Ringo and Aaron Tmn Cossie. Women's results are 1<sup>st</sup> Jannette and Mable Tmn Cossie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria and Toni Waitomo Club 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Celeste and Chrissy and Ra and Kodi.

## **2018 47<sup>th</sup> NORTH ISLAND CLUBS NEW ZEALAND DARTS TOURNAMENT**



This tournament was played on the 28<sup>th</sup> February to the at the auspicious venue of the Upper Hutt Club under the management cloak of Dean Candy, the Darts convener is Helen Makiha and Charlie Clayton the President. My job as 'Area Executive Manager' alongside the north island managers of the Clubs New Zealand Darts Association is to assist and coordinate this event, as a governing body to insure the successful running of these tournaments. The numbers for this tournament were slightly down this year yet the tournament ran with no major issues. The events to run were; 28<sup>th</sup> February Mixed pairs and plate round, followed by the Area games in the evening, 1<sup>st</sup> March Men's pairs Women's pairs and plate round, followed in the evening with Youth and Junior Tournaments in the evenings, 2<sup>nd</sup> March AGM followed

by the Ladies singles and ladies plate round, 3<sup>rd</sup> March Men's singles and the plate round followed by the presentations. The North Island teams are named at this point as Taffy (Neil Pugh) is the North Islands Manager for the women's team and I am the Men's North Island Manager, Congratulations must go to Jannette Jonathan of the Taumarunui Cossie Club for making the North Island team, a great effort, the Area team who won the Wednesday night Area event goes to Invercargill Nationals in July to play the south Island top area team to play off. All the results are on the website provided in this newsletter.

<http://www.dartplayers.co.nz/pages/cnzda-results/>

There will be an attendance from our clubs to go the 51<sup>st</sup> Nationals in Invercargill July this year. We will be looking forward to attending this tournament.

## **2018 BOWATER REGION TEAMS GAMES**

This team's tournament was played in the lower lounge of the Taumarunui Cossie Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Unlike the chartered club pairs tournament this tournament is run under the banner of the New Zealand Darts Council Association. In our region we have 6 associations, Hamilton, Ohaupo, Rose town (Te Awamutu) Tokoroa, Taupo and our association Taumarunui Darts Association. On this day the regions games controller Gary Strong organizes the regions teams into 6 players per team with plenty of extras to rotate. The next venue will be held in late April at the Ohaupo Community Hall. The results were 1<sup>st</sup> Tokoroa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohaupo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Taupo 4<sup>th</sup> Taumarunui, 5<sup>th</sup> Rose town and 6<sup>th</sup> Hamilton. It was noted that all the associations brought new players to this tournament which made this day extra special. Well done to the teams.

Happy Darting



**WELFARE WOES:** Now winter has arrived with a vengeance, make sure you rug up warmly. Sincere thanks to the ladies who go to the hospital on a weekly roster. This service is appreciated by those in need of a spell in hospital.

Sometimes those that need hospital care are in hospital for a short time or taken to Waikato hospital. So sorry if we missed you and hope you are recovering well. Please ring the club or perhaps one of your family do so and we will make a trip to see you.

Deepest sympathy to those who have suffered a loss during the year 'may your memories soften your grief.

"Sometimes memories sneak out of our eyes and roll down our cheeks"



The club does have a code of ethics especially a dress code after six pm. Singlets really are not a good evening look, so if you come straight from work and get way laid later on just pop a top on.

One main rule is that bare feet are not allowed at any time. Thank you to the guys who need to wear gumboots for their work. I note that you always removed them at the foyer and come into the club in your socks this is acceptable. Some type of foot wear must be worn at all times and this includes children.



**HOUSIE HOPES:** The housie on Thursday afternoon + also the last Sunday in the month are going really well with consistent dividends. Thanks must go to the regular helpers each week Lorraine & Christine, Bruce on the computer and Isabel for giving out the winning divvies. Also to Corina who has helped on the calling machine. Fundraising for the Westpac Chopper Appeal is being held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. We never know being so isolated when anyone of us may require this service. A trading table will be held so if you have anything surplus to your needs or do some baking to boost the takings. Thank you to all members who bring a plate for afternoon tea each Thursday.

Remember 'No plate make a donation' this money goes into the housie fund. No plate no donation no afternoon tea or coffee. "Jonah said to the whale "You only get harpooned when you are spouting.

Remember you are all on club premises during this time and club rules apply to all. As you are aware no private trading or raffles are to be sold in the club without permission from the Committee in writing. Receiving complaints this has been observed. No one is exempt from this rule with no proceeds going into the housie account.

Verna Warner



**TAUMARUNUI [original] UKULELE CLUB**  
Every Tuesday at 4.30pm till 6.00pm approx.  
\$4.00 per session and books separate cost.  
0272040356 - Michelle



**The Chess Club**  
Every second and third Sunday at the Cosmopolitan Club upstairs unless notified different.  
2:00pm \$4.00 pp and special rate for families. 0272040356 Michelle or Martin 895-3344



**The Taumarunui Writers' Group**  
Cosmopolitan Club 10:30am upstairs unless notified different.  
Bring pen and paper. There is an annual subscription.  
Call Helen Reynolds or Martin 895-3344



All voting is in house and is for the election of the Committee only. Voting closes at 6:00pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Please read your voting instructions and act with urgency. Hours & days of voting are displayed in the Clubrooms. Copies of the Balance Sheet and Annual Reports are available at the Clubrooms.

***Come into the  
club and put your votes in***

**THANKS  
FOR VOTING!**