



## KAPITI CLUB INC

Ph 04 298 4031 Fax 04 298 9756

Email: [info@kapitclub.co.nz](mailto:info@kapitclub.co.nz) Web: [www.kapitclub.co.nz](http://www.kapitclub.co.nz)  
Cnr Marine Pde & Maclean St, PO Box 1495, Paraparaumu Beach

### NEWSLETTER – August 2007



**Our general manager with Sue and Gina.**

Spring is nearly here heralding a time for new beginnings and that is what life here at the Club is all about at the moment. With the renovations well and truly completed we are now entering another phase in the Club's history. Our membership is increasing with everyone wanting to come and enjoy our new-look Club. It is good to see younger members joining such as those in their 30's and 40's as these people are part of our future.

Now the settling in period begins and I hope to see our old and new members make way for each other as each will have their own expectations of what the Club means to them. We have come a long way from the days when women were only allowed in the Club some Saturday nights and were certainly not

granted membership! Now the women are just as much a part of us as the men, and as the natural cycle of life flows, the children follow. To accommodate the young families that are important to us we have set a night aside for them, that being our Thursday family night. This is a night when members may bring their children for dinner, watch a movie and relax in the knowledge that this is a special time for them.

We are first and foremost a Club for the members and that is a place for persons over the age of 18 to drink and enjoy themselves in a safe and welcoming environment. We respect that some of our members may wish to bring their children along on our busy Friday and Saturday nights but please remember that it is an adult environment on these nights and our request for stringent supervision of children is not an unreasonable request. I hope those of you who have felt annoyed at the rule changes will realise that it is not always possible to please everyone and there is always someone who will be upset. Everything new always has a settling- in period and I am excited about the future of the Club and look forward to seeing it become the social venue of choice.

Regards

**Shar** (General Manager)

## President's Report

Firstly I would like to thank all those who attended the AGM in July. It was great not to have to worry about having a quorum for a change.

The open days during Queens Birthday has had a tremendous effect on club membership with more than 200 new members being processed since. Obviously this has had a huge effect on the numbers attending the club. After years of pretty average attendances we now are regularly having full or near full houses. I think it is great. The club has all of a sudden come alive. The club is going forward. Remember if we are not going forward we are going backwards. Some of us may need to become a bit more tolerant.

Many members have asked if we are getting a TAB terminal as requested two AGMs ago. The answer is a definite maybe. The committee have agreed and we now have our name on a waiting list and are in the hands of the New Zealand Racing Board. We are expecting a long delay however.



The management committee recognized that Saturday nights were becoming a bit unmanageable with the large jackpot. On top of this it seems we were operating outside our gaming licence. We have decided to limit the amount to \$500 each week which must be struck.

This may only be a temporary measure while we investigate an alternative gaming licence which may allow higher jackpots. We wish to promote the club on other nights and would welcome any ideas from members. Please email any suggestions etc to me at [dougpalmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dougpalmer@xtra.co.nz).

Another contentious issue is children in the club. After much deliberation and following numerous complaints from members the management committee have now endorsed a previous rule that NO CHILDREN under 16 may go into the snooker area at any time. There are no exceptions. We apologise for this and we know some members may feel hard done by but we believe it has become an OSH issue. If a child gets struck by a cue while a snooker player is playing a shot then I believe we would be in deep trouble! We also don't believe this area is suitable for children. Children in the club must sit with their parents and not be free to run around. Again with people carrying drinks and food etc it could become a danger for not only the child but to our members who may trip. We encourage families to use the club on Thursday nights and will endeavour to provide entertainment for them. One day when we can afford to expand we will develop a children's area but in the meantime with the higher usage being experienced we must insist on parental supervision. I welcome your feedback. Please feel free to email me.

Sometimes I find it hard going to the club just to relax because some one usually corners me and wishes to make a complaint or a suggestion. I know that often it is necessary to draw my attention to something but if it can wait I really would appreciate an email to [dougpalmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dougpalmer@xtra.co.nz). I promise to act as soon as is practically possible. Thanks. I know my partner Jan would also appreciate it. Regards

*Doug Palmer* (President)

## Mid-winter Christmas Dinner

Members enjoyed the club's mid-winter



Christmas dinner at the end of July. Good food, good music and good company. What more could one want!! The Entertainment adjunct were well represented.

## Fishing Adjunct



Winter is a quiet time for actual fishing activities but the committee has been active in enquiring what members would like to do in the coming season. To this end, a survey has been circulated to some 40 fishing aspirants of the adjunct giving the choice of one day trips or 3 longer overnight options.

From this survey a full programme will be selected although 3 trips have been pencilled in as early bookings need to be made to ensure we get the best charters. We look

forward to a great season and "TAUGHT LINES".

PS. Members are asked to return the survey promptly so the committee can confirm the season's bookings.

## Cue Sports

The Cue Sports adjunct have continued to hold their club nights on the last Monday of the month, and these have been well attended. Our membership now stands at 43.

Remember, our Sports night is open to all members of the Kapiti Club, so come along for a fun night. Play gets underway at 7.00pm.

The No 3 Snooker Table has recently been recovered, much to the delight of the snooker players, who enjoy first class playing conditions.

The Club Champs are progressing well with a number of very close matches. To the players' credit, the games have all been played in good spirit and are enjoyable to watch.

Twenty members of the adjunct recently travelled to Taradale to play pool against the local Cossie Club. We left the Kapiti Club around 9.00am on the Saturday, after a great breakfast at Jan's Café, nextdoor to the Club. After a few stops on the way, we arrived at Taradale about 2.30pm and play started at 3.00pm. We had a great afternoon, narrowly coming second on the day. We were well looked after by the locals.

On Sunday morning we visited the Hawkes Bay Independent Brewery in Meanee, for a lovely breakfast and a tour of the premises followed up of-course, with a few samples of the local brew. Then it was on the road to the Levin Cossie for lunch, and then back to the Kapiti Club.

We will be organising another outing later in the year so watch the adjunct notice board.

If there are any new members who would like to join the Cue adjunct, please contact Jeff Pilcher or Clive Ball (Bar Manager). For a small fee of \$10-00 you can enjoy all the activities and meet other members of the Club. Cheers

*Clive*

## **Golf Adjunct**

We are now into the second half of the year and our monthly games have coped with the weather except in Upper Hutt. Last month we had a brilliant day in Levin. This month we struck Upper Hutt and torrential rain. 22 players started 13 finished. Frank McCarthy was our top with yours truly 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 13 who finished deserved medals for madness.

On the 15th September, we will be at Otaki for a South African Stableford - great fun. In October we have our mystery trip to Poi Poi Aranui where you never know what may happen.

We look forward to rising temperatures and beautiful skies. Good luck.

*Gordon*

## **Entertainment Adjunct**

We have had another busy 2 months, with many members going to shows such as Puppetry of the Penis, The Woman in Black, High School Musical, with the unfortunate cancellation of Giselle. Many a good meal has been eaten before the shows.

We are getting good at finding restaurants in Wellington, (keep it up guys) plus keeping the local shuttle and bus services busy. Locally we have members going to Operatunities on a monthly basis. The Kapiti Club Dinner was a great night. For some, there were sore legs on Sunday! (We won't talk about the sore heads).

We had a successful AGM, with many members attending. Welcome to Bidy and Diana, who have joined Evelyn, Yvonne and Erin on the organizing committee. Looking forward to another fun year. Thanks to members who have paid their subs.

We have a busy August with Circus Oz, Monarchy The Musical and Ten Tenors. September is shaping up nicely. With thanks going to the members organising shows and transport.

*Erin*

## **Hurricanes Supporters Adjunct**

Obviously with a disappointing Super 14 season all over, the Hurricanes Supporters have not too much to report. Maybe it is a good time to draw new members' attention to this hardy band of individuals who have from the inception of professional rugby supported the Hurricanes. We are a very social group who organise tickets, buses and outings in order to support our beloved team.

AGM of the Hurricanes Supporters Adjunct will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 pm at the Kapiti Club. Current members will get more details sent to them but any Kapiti Club member who wishes to be part of this adjunct is urged to attend as well.

Now our attention is focussed on the World Cup and I hope and pray that this is the year.

Regards

*Doug Palmer*

## **Outdoor Bowls Adjunct.**

Since last newsletter there has been little activity. We had contemplated organising a winter gala on an artificial green but many

bowlers were away and we have decided to wait until the season starts and Bowling Club programmes are firmed up. The Treasurer and I will venture to the Hutt Valley with the principal aim of arranging a trip to Upper Hutt by way of a return challenge. Members may recall that their visit to us ended in a draw.

Membership is now 59 and subscriptions for 2007/08 are due. Most members have paid but for those who have not paid (if you are unsure ask the Treasurer), payment of \$10 can be given to the Treasurer, Rhys Young.

Three teams have entered the Women's annual Chartered Clubs tournament to be held in Tauranga in November. We will be assisting with expenses and the Kapiti Club has kindly met the entry fees.

The Men's Chartered Clubs tournament is scheduled for the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and will be held in New Plymouth. Entries close on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007. We expect 4 teams will attend but any Bowlers who may be interested can contact the treasurer or myself. Entries need to be submitted through the Kapiti Club Inc. Entrants are required to be members of both the Club and the Adjunct.

*Nelson Cressy.*

For the Committee./Bowling Adjunct

PS. For all members who would like to try lawn bowls, the Bowls Adjunct invites you to come to the Paraparaumu Beach Bowling Club at 2.00 pm Saturday or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October. Give it a go - a great sport.

### **Band Dates – What's coming up**

31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 7.30 – 11.30 pm – ARIKI

22<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 7.30 – 11.30 pm – RUSTY DOGS

27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7.30 – 11.30 pm – BLACK EYED  
SUSIE

24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30 – 11.30 pm – **80's Night**

with RAW SILK  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 7 – 11 pm – KGB

31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 7.30 – 12.15 pm – DON WILSON

### **New staff**



Welcome to new staff member, Mary McLaughlin, shown above, who is working in reception and in the bar area.

Welcome back to Sarah Peko who worked with us for a short time previously is also working part-time in the bar. (Sorry, no picture of Sarah, yet)

### **Office Holders**

Shar Atkin                      General Manager  
Doug Palmer                  President

### **Management Committee**

Richard Chilton, Chairperson.  
Dave Muirhead, Bob Taylor, Elizabeth Boyd,  
Ian Simpson.

Dave Thomson, Caterer  
Clive Ball, Bar Manager

## Welcome to new members

A **big** welcome to new members. We hope you enjoy your time at the Kapiti Club.

The Club offers members the following weekly activities:

**Monday** Poker evening registrations at 6.30 pm. No Charge.

**Tuesday** Evening roast dinner commencing 6.00 pm.  
\$1 ticket Meat pack raffles  
\$2 ticket Sweepstake raffle  
Members draw \$50 and \$200 prizes all drawn at 6.00 pm.

**Wednesday** Quiz night commencing at 7.30 pm including \$25 bar tab draw.

**Thursday** Family night with evening meals commencing at 6.00 pm with 12 year and under children's meals half-price. Children's entertainment also provided.

**Friday** Evening meals commence at 6.00 pm with adjunct \$1 raffles available.

**Saturday** Evening meals commence 6.00 pm. Adjunct \$1 raffles available, \$50 bar tab draw between 6.00 and 7.00 pm [you need to register at the bar]. Sponsors \$500 draw requires \$2 registration at the bar and is drawn between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. Live entertainment at regular intervals, times and dates as indicated on Club notice boards.

**Sunday** Lunch between 12.00 and 2.30 pm. On the last Sunday of each month there is live jazz entertainment commencing at 2.00 pm.

