

Tauranga CT CLUB (Inc)



March 2010

Newsletter

Hello Members

2010 is well under way and those attending the Club on Thursday evenings (or anytime for that matter) will have noticed the RSA has begun the refurbishment of the sports lounge we now call home. While this has been a slow process the RSA has committed to upgrading the facility with new carpet, repainting the walls, screening off the poker machine area and the completion of installing the rugby jerseys and other memorabilia around the room. This will assist in making our members feel more at home and we as a Board look forward to seeing more of you at the Club.

Congratulations to the Bowls adjunct for hosting a very successful National tournament early in March. The Bowls committee worked very hard to ensure all visitors enjoyed their weekend and the RSA put on excellent hospitality and food. Tauranga number 1 team won the tournament which was an added bonus and will give us a trophy to put in the trophy cabinet. (once the alterations are completed and we get a trophy cabinet).

The CT Club courtesy van is running regularly on Thursday evenings and you can book by ringing the club office on 07 5789654 or Andy Simmonds on 0272 941591 and our driver, Richard Meads, will collect you and take you home safely. While the service is free there is a voluntary donation box in the van which assists with the costs of running the service.

Our hard working and dedicated club member, Bob Tree, has retained the position of National Sports Convener for another term at the annual National CT conference held last month. Congratulations Bob. The CT movement is and has evolved from the continued efforts of founder members such as you. Again, well done.

Bob Tree and the RSA have been in discussions with Tauranga City Council regarding the installation of a petanque court in the reserve adjacent to the RSA car park. The Council have agreed in principle and we are now finalizing details to have the work completed.

We have also added a darts adjunct to our sports family with in excess of 20 RSA members joining our club to represent us in Clubs New Zealand tournaments around the countryside. Welcome to all of you and we look forward to you adding trophies to the cabinet.

The AGM is fast approaching and we have set the date as 4pm Sunday 27th June 2010.

This is an important date for all members. As with any Club we have a number of members who have some good ideas (and a number who have some bad ideas), and the AGM is a good forum to bring these ideas forward. Your Board is more than happy to consider any practical ideas to improve our position however we

do not feel the mistakes of the past (especially the financial ones) should be repeated, so we probably appear to have a more cautious approach than some would want. This we feel is prudent in the current climate however those that wish to have more involvement in that process are welcome to stand for the Board.

Finally don't forget if your sports adjunct is on the raffle roster put your hand up and help. Bob tree does a fantastic job in this area but he cannot do it on his own and is not onerous to help for an hour now and then.

We look forward to seeing you all in the club soon.

Petanque : Norfolk Trip

A good time was had by all in Norfolk Island. Had a good flight over, 1hr 40min, bar not open for long but those seated down the middle of the plane managed to get an extra one in. Arrival was very low key, not too many rules. Accommodation was very nice and we mainly had the place to ourselves. Had ordered the beers to be there when we arrived as the liquor bond would not be open till Monday - can you imagine the guys without a beer in the fridge! Our host was very helpful and gave us a few tips. Didn't take long to find the RSL - fell out of our rooms into their back yard. First night half the group spent the evening as a convict and got a few laughs and the other half spent it at the RSL having a meal and watching the rugby. Next morning we were all quarantined to high ground because of the tsunami - ended up another fizzer - fortunately - as otherwise the island wouldn't have any more historical tours. The history of the island is amazing and the lifestyle is very relaxed. We watched a ship being unloaded with the island freight - no wharfie stuff there; everything comes off by crane and gets towed back to land on lighters. Fascinating.

We did get a couple of games of Petanque in as one of our contacts in other accommodation had put in a Petanque terrain just for us so we went there and they cooked up a "fish fry" for us - what a lovely evening. Quite handy not having random breath tests there - you only get into trouble if you cause some. Speed limit 50km open road, 40 in town and 30 passing the school.

Had a few nice meals here and there, drinkies, bbq's etc. Had a great night with a local family - all 15 of us and we got fed and entertained! Wonderful fish on the island and very plentiful. We got up to lots of things but I could be here forever and I'd just bore you - you had to be there!

One week later we had to leave - big delay - about six hours. Had use of our accommodation for the day which was good then we checked in bags and went back to the pub to watch NZ lose the cricket. Can't miss the plane as you can hear when it arrive!

Plans are afoot for the next trip!

Back to business - don't forget the Nationals in November and we also have to have a friendly coming up with Rotorua - date to be decided.

Carol Hall - convener

Bowls

The CT 2010 National Bowls Tournament was hosted in Tauranga in the weekend 6th and 7th March. The organising committee comprising Ken Boyle, Peter Currie, Rob Glen, John Hickey, Dennis Pottage, Meredith Pottage, Rex O'Connor and Bob Tree with valuable input from Craig Wilson managed to put on a smoothly run successful tournament held at the Gate Pa Bowling Club. My sincere thanks to this hard working team and our sponsors. 24 teams of 4 attended including an amazing 5 teams from Southland.

Tauranga fielded nearly all its bowlers in 2 teams. Unfortunately the 2 teams faced each other on the final day so the loser faced an uphill battle to get a good placing. Despite this Tauranga 2 - Dennis Pottage, John

Hickey, Kevin Constable and Rex O'Connor still managed to secure 4th place on a count back, well done guys. Tauranga 1 - Bill Brown, Harry Burrgraaf, Ken Boyle and Peter Currie won all their games on the final day and won the Tournament on count back from Southland 3, congratulations.

Next year the Tournament will be held in Rotorua in the first weekend of March.

Ken Boyle - convener

Golf

The 2010 season has started and our first event ("The Club Championship") was the Coruba Cup, played at Omanu 07/02/2010. This saw Murray Warner take out the best nett from Craig Wilson. Murray also won the best gross "Pinto Cup", again from Craig Wilson. The "Bob Tree Mug" (non golfer), was won by Brian Williams.

For the first event for 2010 it was a very disappointing turn out of only 16 people. If we do not have a better turn out for the rest of the year we will be reducing our participation in the Nationals at the end of the year. In this year's calendar you will note that several events are at the Mount Maunganui Golf Club. This has been brought about by the Mount RSA inviting us to join their tournaments. Four weeks before these events I will put a notice up for those wishing to play so they may play together with our members. The cost for play at Mount Maunganui will be \$20.00 and will be collected prior to each event.

Golf Program 2010

07/02/10	Coruba Cup	Omanu Golf Club	9.00am	tee off
28/03/10	Quadrangular	Walton Golf Club	10.00am	tee off
18/04/10		Matamata Golf Club	9.15am	tee off
09/05/10		Te Puke Golf Club	9.00am	tee off
13/06/10		Mt Maunganui Golf Club	12.00pm	tee off
18/07/10		Tauranga Golf Club	9.30am	tee off
15/08/10	Hardy Watson Trophy	Omanu Golf Club	10.30am	tee off
05/09/10		Mt Maunganui Golf Club	12.00pm	tee off
03/10/10		Mt Maunganui Golf Club	12.00pm	tee off
05/12/10	Xmas Hamper	Mt Maunganui Golf Club	12.00pm	tee off

All the above rounds are qualifying for Nationals which will be held in Wanganui at the Belmont Golf Club Sunday 28 November practice round
Monday 29 Nov Tuesday 30 November Tournament
I have booked 7 double rooms at this stage, at the Grand Hotel.

Meantime, good golfing. Bob Tree –convener Ph 5755529

That's about it to date. Should you have something to contribute. Just contact me.
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By the way. Should you have been in the club a few Thursdays ago, you could have been in the draw that **had** to go! Over **\$2500.00**.
Draws every Thursday. Friday and Saturday.

Cheers!