



TAT RAZA NEWS



Newsletter of the Te Atatu Memorial RSA (inc)

December 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has the year gone? After an extremely wet autumn and winter let's hope we can all look forward to a long hot summer.

Annual subs are now due and every member has been sent an invoice by email or snail mail. There is an option on the invoice to pay via the internet. We are delighted to see a large percentage of our Membership choosing to pay in this way. All Members paying by 22nd December will be in the draw for a 32" colour television. This draw will be made at 6.15pm on Friday 22nd December.

If your address has changed please inform the office by emailing us at office@teatatura.co.nz or phone 834 3698.

The kitchen will be operating up to and including New Year's Eve on Sunday 31st December. The band for seeing in the new year is Shane and the Shazam Band

The kitchen will then be closed from the 1st to the 16th January 2018. Frozen meals will be available during this period.

I wish to thank all our members involved with making our great club what it is. The Women's Section, all sports club members, the support volunteers, those involved with organising events and functions and all supporters.

Finally on behalf of the Committee and staff I wish all members and their families a very merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year for 2018.

Bob Pettis
President

TE ATATU RSA SUPPORT SERVICES

Hi Everyone

It is the Festive season again! That means parties, celebrations, good times, summer holidays etc. Don't panic!!! The welfare team are taking a well earned break, but I will still be here 24/7. I will be on my own, so please be patient, as I may take a bit of time to get to you, but I will be there.

My contact number is 027 483 2593.

The Welfare team and I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a safe and healthy new year! (stay sober)

Ian Henry
Support Officer

WOMEN'S SECTION

Well only a couple of weeks and it will be Christmas The ladies had a good time out for the Women's section birthday outing. They loved the boat ride to the Riverhead Hotel where they enjoyed their food and the entertainment. Julie Drent did a great job organising the day.

Trafalgar day went without a hitch and the room looked shipshape for the event. Big thanks to you Fred Day for the anchor decorations.

Veterans day was well attended, the ladies put on afternoon tea and gave a small Christmas gift to all who attended.

The ladies organised and took part with a float in the Te Atatu Christmas parade on Saturday 2nd December. This is always fun.

Raffles have been going well and we would like to thank all the members who bought tickets through the year. We could not put on the events throughout the year for our members without your valued support.

I'd also like to thank all the ladies who have volunteered on Fridays to help sell the raffles. The last day of raffles for our ladies will be the 22nd December 2017.

The Te Atatu RSA golf club will run the raffles until the 2nd February 2018.

I would also like to thank all the ladies who have helped with funerals.

On behalf of all the Women's Section and myself we wish you a happy Christmas and good health and happiness for the coming new year.

Deidre Rich
President

THE QUARTERDECK

Season's Greetings from the Jolly Jack Tars of the quarterdeck. 2017 has been reasonable for us.

Our annual Trafalgar Day function was a success. The guest speaker at this year's function was Deputy Chief of Navy Commodore Matt Williams RNZN addressing a gathering of over 60 diners.

Friday nights at our table are always enjoyable with many visitors. We are proud that President Bob Pettis and Vice President Banjo Patterson (both quarterdeck men) are doing such a good job running this RSA.

We Wish you all A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

CHEERS Stokes.

SNOOKER

Our tournament season has ended with a victory for Manaia Babbington over Dave Gourley for the "Top Dog" title. It was a hard fought battle won three frames to two after a very long road to a final.

For the first time in many years the final did not feature Bernie Steward. Bernie has struggled to regain his form after a recent fall seriously damaged his wrist.

Well played to all involved and good luck in 2018. The Ladies Pairs (Margaret Mitchell) was won by Roi Davey and Charlotte Huggett over Joanne Argent and Birthe Hansen. A fine display of perseverance from our elders to show age and experience know no boundaries.

Our Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon tournaments will continue uninterrupted throughout the holiday period, so if you have time on your hands come and join us for a friendly social game of snooker.

Seasons greetings to all.

Bob Wood. (Chairman)

TE ATATU MEMORIAL RSA COMBINED DARTS

Another season of darts has come to an end. It's been a hugely successful year with the addition of two Saturday city of sails teams playing out of the club along with the premier grade Corban cup team on a Tuesday.

We recently held the annual prize giving for our in house competitions and the winners were-

Men's singles winner - Russell Packard
Woman's singles winner - Joan Nathan
Men's doubles winners Glen Cantwell/ Jeff Ashby
Woman's doubles winners Joan Nathan/ Annie Lancaster.
Paul Martin 3s Winners Rusty S/ Jeff Ashby/ Carlos McKinley
Sportsman of the Year- Junior Edwards
Champ of champs winner- Rusty S
Darts player of the year- Jeff Ashby.

Something new to the Te Atatu RSA darts section this year is fielding two City of sails teams on a Saturday. Te Atatu won the premier league outright. A number of individual competitions were held also with results as follows-

Premier singles winner- Blair Hutchinson
Premier pairs winners- Blair Hutchinson/ Mike Buttar
Graded singles winner- Blair Hutchinson,
3rd equal Russell Packard.
Graded 3s winner- Russell Packard
A grade pairs r/ up Eamon Mulrennan.

Russell Packard needs special mention for his work captaining the City of Sails teams on their successful campaign.

Frank Riddell has had an outstanding year in the Dart Section managing to win two of the three Auckland Singles Titles this year. APDE Singles Titles Auckland Champ of Champs Title and Runner up in the Northern Area Pairs tournament with fellow RSA team member Blair Hutchinson.
Many thanks to all those who supported the darts section in 2017. Look forward to seeing you all next year.
Rusty S.

'8' BALL NEWS

Well, another year nearly over and in next to no time Christmas will be upon us.

Unfortunately this year we have had sickness amongst the team. Gordon Wright had a major operation, but has recuperated well and is just about back to normal. Roi Davey was very unwell, but is now on the mend apart from a very bad back. Birthe Hansen had numerous spells in hospital but is now doing well. She has decided that because of her health she will not be standing for Captain of the 8 Ball Team next year.

Birthe, you have done a great job as Captain for a lot of years and you will be sorely missed. A nomination form for the various positions in the 8 Ball Club, will be put on the notice board later in the month.

Our trip this year was to Mt Maunganui. It was most enjoyable and the RSA members were most hospitable to us. A lot of our members also spent time at the Cosmopolitan Club which was a great facility.

The following are the results of In House Tournaments we have run since the last newsletter.

Roz Willetts Mixed Drawn Pairs

Winners: Sylvia Marchant & Bruce Cunningham
Runners Up: Susanna O'Callaghan & Les Mullins
Ross Willetts Mixed Drawn Pairs

Winners: Noelene Ross & Dave Willetts
Runners Up: Charlotte Huggett & Joe McLaughlin

Women's Section Singles

Winner: Noelene Ross

Runner Up: Sylvia Marchant

Women's Section Doubles

Winners: Sylvia Marchant & Susanna McLaughlin

Runners Up: Ami Corrigan & Charlotte Huggett

Jack Howarth Mixed Drawn Pairs

Winners: Susanna McLaughlin & Gordon Wright

Runners Up: Sylvia Marchant & Ian Hyde

Allan Wallace Aussie Rules

Winner: Joe McLaughlin

Runner Up: Bob King

Trevor Barker – Irene Stanaway Drawn Pairs

Winners: Joe McLaughlin & Naresh Patel

Runners Up: Sylvia Marchant & Bob King

Dave Harman Memorial Mixed Drawn Pairs

Winners: Jaimee Kinzett & Chas Babbington

Runners Up: Roi Davey & Charles Marsters

Ray Hart Champ of Champs

Winner: Ian Hyde

Runner Up: Roi Davey

Thank you to Joe McLaughlin for running the in house tournaments this year. Thanks also to Sylvia Marchant for running the raffles at our home games and also for selling the lotto tickets when Birthe was unwell , also standing in as Captain. Thanks Birthe Hansen for doing the Lotto tickets.....you do a great job! Lastly, thank you to all the people that support the pool club by buying the Lotto tickets. J

I am sure all the 8 Ball members join with me in wishing you all A Very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. If you are travelling over the Christmas, New Year period take care and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Noelene Ross Secretary

WAITAKERE CADETS

Hi there my lovelies, unfortunately I did not contribute to the last TATRAZA newsletter and for that I apologise. Depending on our editor, I might be lucky to get these small reports in as well. (*Voir c'est croire Annie. Ed*)

The Cadets had a little bit of hiccup this last term as the Te Atatu South Community Centre (where the unit has been deploying from), as they were informed by the Council that they needed to vacate by mid October in order for refurbishments to be carried out. Of course there was a bit of a panic but fortunately, the Commanding Officer had already been negotiating with Henderson High School as an alternative venue for the Cadets. So the silver lining of what could potentially have been a Unit without a home was averted, as Henderson High has accepted the Cadets into their grounds, with the forethought that they are definitely an asset to the School as potential recruitment opportunities for their students. What a great outcome.

As usual, their programme is full of things to be done with fundraising, (Te Atatu Views flyer drop, car park officials at the Garden Show at the stadium) Unit Prize giving at Henderson High, JAJA Camp at Whangaparoa and their last parade.

Just a wee word in your ear, if you know of anyone who would like to help support the Committee they would be most appreciative as the more people they have on board, the more they can accomplish. Please do not hesitate to contact Nicky Caine Unit Support Committee on 0278694909 or nickyg1@xtra.co.nz.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

Well, all attempts to gather youth from within the RSA have been a little disappointing this year. We usually have a contingent of approximately 28-30 youngsters to send on the NSW/Auckland Districts reciprocal tours.

We are only sending 15 this year to spend time in Sydney to attend the ANZAC Parade and build bonds with the RSL Youth Groups. The length of the tour has also been shortened to only 1 week instead of two. So changes are obviously having to be made to compensate for the numbers involved.

Instead of having three weekend camps before departure, we are only running two as the concerts won't be as long due to the lesser number of participants. However the Committee is still hard at work with fundraising events to ensure that the cost of the trip is not such a burden on the RSA's or the parents.

For the first time since I have been a part of the Youth Council we are holding our next meeting here in our very awesome club. Note we will be hosting, Papakura, Howick, Titirangi, Glen Eden, New Lynn, Franklin, Henderson and hopefully Pat Johnson our Auckland Districts President.

As always, any support you all could give to both the above youth driven incentives would be very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very merry and safe silly season,

Annie Lancaster

SENIOR CITIZENS

We celebrated our 50th AGM in August and the Committee elected is; Chrissy Holmes, Paulette Houghton, Dawn Kuraia-Oliver, Bill Stockley, Mike Harris, Brian Craig. Welcome to our new committee member Mike. We are very fortunate to have such an efficient, hard-working Committee to serve our Club.

Our membership numbers have increased and now stand at 64 which is excellent at this stage of the year. Several of our folk have been in the "wars" lately - namely Ivy England who was involved in an accident several months ago and is making steady progress, Bernadette Edmiston who was injured in a fall and is improving gradually and Dick Lanigan who had a heart problem recently and was back at Club the other day and playing bowls.

Our latest bus trip was to Sanfords Fish Mart where we learned about the fish auctions etc. and enjoyed a meal of fish and chips. An excellent trip enjoyed by all.

Hamper Day will be on Tuesday 12th December and final official Club day will be Thursday 14th December, although Richard Houghton and others will host indoor bowls on the Tuesdays during the Christmas break, with Club resuming on Tuesday 6th February.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all R.S.A. Members.
Brian Craig
President ph. 8346595

MENS GROUP

Another Christmas. . . another year. However, we are all still here and basically keeping well (although not without some ups and downs). We keep looking forward to our weekly get togethers and outings.

During this last quarter, have done the following visits:
1. A trip to a private motor museum in Grey Lynn. For those who are interested in automobiles and are mechanically minded, this was certainly a must. Finished the trip off with lunch at Pt Chev Cafe which is located at the far end of Pt Chevalier Road,

2. A revisit to Hobsonville Point to catch up on recent developments there. This was made most interesting in view that our Bruce was a great historian and commentator for the area. His father was in the airforce & he spent time there in younger days, and he himself spent time there since then with recruiting and training cadets, Thank you Bruce for sharing your knowledge. We had lunch and coffee at the Catalina Cafe. (Thanks again also to Ken for his driving skills).

3. Wednesday 6/12 is officially the last day of meeting for the year and are celebrating with a luncheon together with wives at our RSA. We will be getting together here again around 17/1 and 24/1/18.
The group wish everyone the peace and joy of the Christmas/New Year period.
Errol Schirnack
Convenor Ph818 9990

THE FISHING CLUB

The fishing is really great at the moment with gannets performing their spectacular dives. So great ! They will dive as close to the boat as 1 meter. The fish are underneath the work ups. Need to get your line down below the work up as quick as possible to where the big ones are so your bait is not pinched by smaller fish. Kingfish, snapper and plenty of bait fish. Get out there and enjoy while it lasts.

As a reminder of our precious resource just think about the following while out and about on the seas over the next few months.

Its about what we don't bring home such as plastic bags, cans, bottles etc. The cans will still be there, as overseas studies indicate tin cans take 50 years to break down in sea water, which is more corrosive than the lake water. But aluminium cans last twice as long underwater, up to 100 years, while paper will disappear in two to four weeks. Cardboard lasts up to five months while fruit peel can drift around for as long as two years. Waxed cardboard milk cartons bob around for five years and cotton rags will last from one to five years.

But of all the material which is deposited in the sea, plastic is the real villain. Plastic bags can last up to 20 years in the water and plastic cartons up to 80 years. The plastic ring which holds a six-pack of cans together takes 450 years to break down in the sea, and they can easily become entangled around the bodies of diving birds or fish, causing a slow death.

Some creatures like turtles mistake plastic bags for their favourite food, jellyfish, and eat them.

Squid occur in vast numbers and provide a large part of the diet of many fish and animals like dolphins and whales. It is easy to imagine how a plastic bag drifting on the ocean currents can resemble a squid when located by the sonar of hunting mammals.

Huge quantities of such detritus is washed up on ocean-facing beaches all around the country, and when people get together for organised clean-up operations they collect tonnes of material, mainly containers and other forms of plastic products. Bags which contained bait are often blown off the back of a boat and are difficult to recover, but can be easily secured with a little foresight.

So think twice before consigning anything to the water, whether it be fresh or salt. If fish shouldn't eat it, don't drop it.

Have a great Christmas and new year.

Regards,

Graham Lange

GOLF REPORT

Well what a busy month the golf section has had in this month of November. We have had more in this month than we have ever had. The month started in very wet conditions. In October. Our club tournament was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Our club sent a team down to Tauranga for the national RSA tournament. The team consisted of Bob Pettis, Patrick Thomas, Graeme Shaw, Ian Wilson, Jack McCurdy, Peter and John Newberry, Willie Ashe and Andrew Pollock .

Graeme Shaw won the best gross, Patrick Thomas won the best net, Jack McCurdy and Allan Thompson won the championship pairs and Bob Pettis and Ian Wilson were runners up in championship pairs.

The club also held its own RSA tournament. 8 players took part in this. The weather was fine and beauty. Graeme Shaw won the best gross, Ross Rooney won the best net, and Ron Tiplady won the best stableford.

New Lyn RSA will be hosting a tournament at Whenuapai Golf Course on the 18 December. Entry fee is \$20 per player, reporting time is 8.30am for a 9.30 tee off.

If you are interested in playing in the tournament, please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

Good golfing everyone. Peter Mason



The Tauranga Team

Not a putter in sight.

No greens—just carpet. All glassware well hidden.

THE BACK PAGE

I had to get a couple of lines in somewhere. Albeit at the bottom of the page.

Everybody has said Happy Christmas etc etc . So take it as said by me!

Make sure all your kids, and mokopuna can swim and keep out of trouble. Watch them all the time. Wear your seat belts and life jackets - not at the same time. Slap on the suntan lotion- generously!. Pick up all your rubbish. Especially the plastic bags. Drive carefully - as my Dad used to say- treat every other driver as if they're mad. They are. Don't drink East Coast water. Don't eat raw chicken meat. Keep out of hospital and the Undertakers.

Stay vertical. Watch Ian Henry get bored. ENJOY! dbg

