



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are into winter and the temperatures have certainly dropped over the past few weeks.

Members who use the restaurant will have noticed a feature wall has been painted and all the chairs have been replaced. New carpet will be laid in July. This is all part of our long term policy to maintain our facilities at the highest level possible. The restaurant is now open on Sundays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm with roast meals available for \$16.00 a head. This is for a trial period. Please support your restaurant.

Over the past two weeks three gaming machines have been replaced and an electric darts board has been installed. The dart game gives all players the ability to challenge players around the World. Give it a go and have some great fun.

The Club's AGM is just over two months away. If you would like to be involved with future policy, direction and operation of the Club please consider standing for one of the several positions available on Committee. We need fresh thinking and positive ideas to continue to survive in our ever changing environment.

To all the Sports Section members keep up the great work you are doing with home and away tournaments, visiting teams. In particular Darts certainly increases our bar turnover.

Over the next two months keep an eye open for entertainment dates. We have our regular Karaoke on alternate Sundays along with Larry Morris booked, a female duet and our local Elvis impersonator all performing. See you at the bar. The club needs your regular Support.

In New Zealand Armistice Day / Remembrance Sunday for WW1 is not formally commemorated. Instead we commemorate ANZAC Day and Gallipoli in memory of the lives of New Zealanders and Austalians lost in war.

This year 2018 is the Centenary, the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day when that war, WW1 ended on 11th November 1918. Planning is underway in New Zealand to join with all the other participants in this year's commemoration. This is expected to occur at national, regional and local levels.

Te Atatu Memorial RSA will of course participate. Members will be advised of arrangement details as time approaches.

Bob Pettis
President

WOMEN'S SECTION

We sent 4 ladies to the Food safety course in March, all passed with flying colours and enjoyed the learning. This has ensured that our Women's Section will be able to support RSA funerals which is so important.

We said goodbye to a long time member Margaret Majurey, a life member of the Women's Section. She had always been there for us at the functions held throughout the year and was famous for her sandwiches and some good jokes. She will be sorely missed.

ANZAC day is always lots of fun. We provided over 200 complimentary lunches for our veterans and guests, and refreshments for the children attending our service. I would like to say a big thank you to the ladies who took time from their work to come in and help me do the preparation work prior to Anzac Day - Shirley Hooton and Joanne Houston. Also a big thank you to the ladies who helped on the day. Nita did a fantastic job organizing the children at the bowling club and Maryanne and Moi really enjoyed themselves. Thank you Annie, Jan, Janet, Robyn and Jackie. Sharon Syber did a top job showing these girls what to do. Jan, Janet and Robyn were helping with Anzac day for the first time. The mid-year Children's Christmas party is to be held on the 8th July 2018 at 1.00 pm, children from 0 to 9 years are eligible. We have Walnuts the Clown coming and Santa will be there to ensure all children get a present. Thanks to the fire department getting him to the club.

We have planned a movie outing for our section on the 18th August. We will provide the bus and there will be a beautiful hot lunch. So all ladies please put your name on the notice provided - not sure what the movie will be yet but will keep you posted.

Friday night raffles roster has a few new faces helping us. We appreciate that and their time.

We also provided morning tea for the Auckland District Support Advisers meeting in March.

A couple of ladies joined in the Round the Bays fun run this year. We had a great time.

We continue to attend our Western District meetings, which is a very good way to catch up with what's going on in the district.

I would like to thank the ladies of our committee this year. We may be smaller in number but are large in spirit and commitment.

In keeping with the request from our R.S.A. we now bank all funds into the R.S.A. account. This is to ensure that G.S.T. is declared as required by the I.R.D. Our funds are held in a sub account. This has been a big learning curve for the committee, our Treasurer Sharon Sybers and me. I would like to thank Sharon for the extra work this has involved for her and Tuila, and Cathy in the office who has been very helpful walking us through this new process. Keep warm over the winter.

Deidre Rich
Te Atatu Memorial R.S.A. Womens Section President

TE ATATU RSA SUPPORT SERVICES

Hi Everyone

Again, an urgent reminder to keep your emergency contact details up to date.

It is official, winter is here. And with winter comes the nasty winter bugs.

Stay out of the draughts and keep warm.

Welfare is getting busier again so please where possible, make us your last call for transport.

I would like to thank all those who took the reins while I was away for most of June. It was very much appreciated.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Ian Henry

Support Officer

TE ATATU MEMORIAL RSA COMBINED DARTS

Hi Everyone,

City of Sails Darts league, Premier A grade and B grade are all leading their grades. Corban Cup Darts league ranked no 2 and chasing down the number one team Auckland district RSA tournaments 18th Feb Memorial fours runner up and singles winner.

20th May championship fours winners and championship singles winner.

2nd 3rd of June Victory Cup with in excess of 260 players main round 4's 3rd equal and consolation winners, main round pairs winners and consolation runner up. Singles winner and runner up. Special mention to Frank Riddell winner of the Auckland Provincial Darts Executive singles winner and Auckland champ of champs singles.

Russell Packard



It was decided earlier on in the year that we would have another Men's Singles tournament, and it would be called the Les Mullins Men's Single tournament. This will be played on Sunday 22 July. We also have a tray to play for now. This will be played by the people that didn't qualify for the cup in the following tournaments: Roz Willetts, Ross Willetts and Jack Howarth tournaments.

To date with our home and away games, we have had three wins, one draw and four losses. There are so many different rules that clubs are playing, it is quite disconcerting.

The following In House tournaments have been played.

Hugh Henderson Mixed Singles
Winner: Bob Seath
Runner Up: Celia Billington

Tom – John Men's Drawn Pairs
Winners: Bob Seath & Ian Hyde
Runners Up; Junior Edwards & Jeff Ashby

Les Henderson Picked Pairs
Winners: Bob Seath & Jeff Ashby
Runners Up: Joe McLaughlin & Bruce Cunningham

Bill Baskin Drawn Pairs
Winners: Charlotte Huggett & Ian Hyde
Runners Up: Sylvia Marchant & Chas Babbington

Mullins Ladies Singles
Winner: Susanna McLaughlin
Runner Up: Birthe Hansen

Sadly Margaret Majurey, a member of the pool club for many years passed away earlier this year after a long illness. R.I.P. Margaret.

Until next time.
Noelene Ross Secretary

SNOOKER

2018 tournament results to date are the Drawn Pairs won by Paul Van Der Straten and Ian Hyde over Simon Dawson and Bob Seath, plus the Open Pairs won by Simon Dawson and Manaia Babbington over Paul Van Der Straten and Alan Harris.

Of particular note in national tournaments was Ted Gregory's win in the Clubs New Zealand over 60s Handicap Singles. Bernie Steward took out the highest break of the tournament with a 39, reaching the quarter final of the Plate and Ron Rowland reached the quarter final of the Flight. A solid Te Atatu performance all round.

More recently Manaia was the Plate winner in the Barton and McGill Open Singles. Congratulations to all of them.

Our Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon handicap tournaments continue to attract good numbers, including an increasing number of players from other RSAs. As always everyone is welcome as long as they arrive before the start times. Late arrivals can rarely be added to the draw.

Bob Wood (Chairman)

THE QUARTERDECK

Ahoy from the Quarterdeck.

Backtracking this letter to ANZAC Day, when the writer understands TAT RSA had a great day. However he was elsewhere, Young Stokes was in HAWAII. A tour was organized by "OLD SALTS" of NZ for a 7 day ANZAC visit to HONOLULU.

ANZAC DAY dawn service was held at 5am on DIAMOND HEAD from a gun emplacement overlooking a cove similar to Gallipoli . Kiwi, Aussie and American personnel and families gathered for a service, Rum food and aussie 2up. Then to the Punch Bowl Cemetery for a well organized official commemoration. Next we were welcomed aboard USS MISSOURI for light refreshments. The day ended at the Waikiki YACHT CLUB for UP SPIRITS and dinner. A long and wonderful day.

Hawaii will always remain a great place to holiday. The volcano blew as we left - perhaps as a farewell to weary sailors but I'm sure "we will be back." The quarterdeck gathers on Fridays to socialize - drink rum, and enjoy our great club.

CHEERS Stokes.

MENS GROUP

The group has still been meeting at RSA but since the last News Letter have been on two trips.

On 4/4, we drove to Devonport and had coffee at the cafe at the Naval Museum. After that, we went on to the Devonport Museum which is in Vauxhall Road in a converted brick church. We had been there on an earlier trip but found it most interesting and had to get back again.

On 9/5, we went to the Scenic Drive to Aritaki then on to Lopdell House for lunch.

This year Anzac Day was important for two of our group. Bruce Hirtzell marched in the parade and John Renwick had the honour of laying a wreath for the senior citizens. It was a proud moment for the two of them and the rest of us were also proud for them. Most of the group are keeping well, with both Terry and Peter slowly getting over their ailments. I would like to thank the group for carrying on in my absences. Special thanks to Ken and Bruce for planning the outings.

Errol Schirnack - Convenor Ph 818 9990

SENIOR CITIZENS

Our Club continues to provide a relaxed place where people can enjoy friendship, indoor bowls, cards, bus trips etc.

Club days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12.15pm to approx.2.30pm here at Te Atatu R.S.A.

Our latest trip was to the Dalmatian Cultural Society clubrooms in Kingsland for a lovely morning tea, then a tour of their extensive museum hosted by Dianna Letica. Very interesting exhibits including the fishing industry, grape growers and orchardists, gum-digging up north, traditional musical instruments and folklore costumes. Then on to Orakei R.S.A. for fish, chips and salad, finishing with Coralie's special home made fruit shortcake and cream. A very enjoyable day !!!

Brian Craig
President / Secretary. Ph. 8346595

THE BACK PAGE (or one before)

Wow ! I'm guessing that I am feeling a bit like our daily newspapers when their reporters find there is no news and there's a big space to fill.

The Fishing Club has folded. The Razza Ramblers have disappeared. And what has happened to our Golf section?

Well—there was an item in the paper only last week. One of the affects of climate change—melting ice in Antarctica and rising temperatures in the tropics have had a confusing impact not only on water temperatures but also on the ocean currents. Nemo has gone into a total state of confusion and has completely lost his sense of direction.

Now surely if this has affected Nemo in this way these changing circumstances must have had a similar impact on every other fish in the sea.

It's no wonder then the fish have lost their ability to search and find the hooks any more. There you go then. No fish finding the hooks—no point in going to all that trouble of tying on the hooks with fancy knots and then hiding them inside chunks of bait.

As time passes our fishermen have lost their way to the sea. Nothing to write about. Eh?

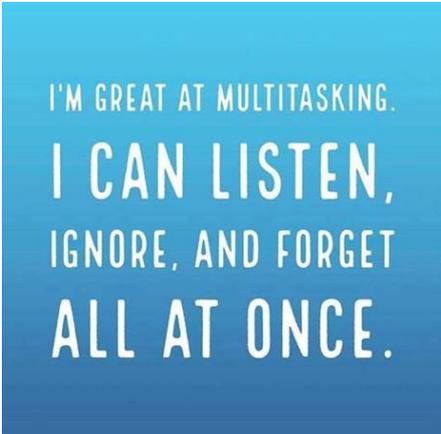
The trouble with the RAZZA Ramblers is easier to explain. They've all become housebound. They've all had to get jobs and save up to pay the rising cost of petrol. Some are even stranded in Poverty Bay as fruit picking is not paying enough to buy enough petrol to get home.

As for the golfers. Well they're all too busy trying to copy Tiger Woods. I'm not sure whether or not that applies to on or off the golf course!

Otherwise they've had to throw their typewriters out of their golf bags to make way for umbrellas, raincoats and flippers.

What's happened to the cadets ? I dunno! All CB; or lost on a "route march".

Dave Gillam
Editor



I'M GREAT AT MULTITASKING.
I CAN LISTEN,
IGNORE, AND FORGET
ALL AT ONCE.

This is me folks !!

Generally speaking I'm a fairly broad minded reader. However recently I've been drawn into a few books about WW1. One in particular was very interesting and set out information much of which I had never heard of before.

Last Hope Island by Lynne Olson. Anybody interested in modern history—have a go. I recommend it. Ask Bob Rooke of the Quarterdeck. He'll tell you.

The story below has nothing to do with this book! Nevertheless it is quite similar. How it got onto my screen I can't remember. Even to this day in 2018 there are still new stories coming out about the 20th century wars containing new information that has only recently been released from classified status. The statistics about P.O.W. numbers are mind boggling.

So here I am taking advantage of a few blank spaces. Enjoy. Read on.

DBG

Subject: FW: Fascinating story from WW2.

Starting in 1940, an increasing number of British & Canadian Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape...how obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter. Paper maps had some drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever. At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort. By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into ' CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war. Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany, Italy , France or where ever Allied POW camps were located.

When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece. As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass
2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together
3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!

British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set ? by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWS who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail' Free' card! Many of you are (probably) too young to have any personal connection to WWII (Sep. '39 to Aug. '45), but this is still an interesting bit of history for everyone to know.

(I'm still not sure if I believe this ! **35,000 Monopoly sets ? Zieg heil ! Ed.**)