

# PARKVIEW BULLETIN

## THE RICCARTON CLUB

EDITION # 7

### TAB DRAW

As advised in the last Parkview Bulletin the Riccarton Club was picked to host the \$1000 weekly TAB draw.

Many punters placed bets on the day and we saw a few new faces arriving before the 5.30pm shut off time to place their bets.

The entertainment committee provided lots of action with their spinning wheel quick fire spins to keep the punters happy while they awaited the results of the draw. The Club also put on a wine and cocktail tasting and nibbles, which were very much enjoyed by everyone present. All eyes were glued to the teletext screen awaiting the numbers to appear and then we all heard the yell of "I've got that number". The lucky winner was Toni Polkinghorne. The staff had to reconfirm the win with the TAB and needless to say Toni went away a very happy woman. So if you too want the chance to be in to win, keep your eye on the TAB lucky draw and it could be your lucky day too.

CONGRATULATIONS.

### It's a BOY "CONGRATULATIONS"

Nigel and Anna from ProActive Martial Arts are the proud parents of a baby boy.

AXTON BLADE STUPPLES was born at 8am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The birth was fast and natural (according to Nigel). Mum and baby are doing really well and Nigel is slowly getting used to the sleepless nights. The names chosen for the baby are not associated with martial arts but rather are old English names. We look forward to seeing the happy new family pop in to see us all at the Club. It is certainly a lovely change to welcome a new arrival to the Club.



### After the 'quake.....

What has been happening with gaming machine revenue since the earthquakes?

Despite 18 per cent fewer Class 4 venues (that is what RC is), the average weekly gaming machine profit (GMP) for the Christchurch, Waimakariri and Selwyn districts in the last 12 weeks (to mid June 2011) after the February 22 Canterbury earthquake increased 21 per cent compared with the preceding 25 week average.

23 out of 129 Class 4 venues operating before 22 February in Christchurch Central or in the east of the central city were still not operational at the beginning of June. They included 3 Clubs. In addition, 7 venues have not operated since the September 2010 earthquake.

The Internal Affairs Department does not know why GMP increased (I think we all know the answer to that, ...STRESS.....), but likely factors include the temporary closure of the Casino and of many businesses, damage to core infrastructure (they are smart these DIA guys!!!!!!), resulting in venues becoming community hubs (well we know that is true), stress, displacement from other venues and suburbs and the influx of contractors

This article is in part taken from the latest GAMBITS, the DIA monthly bulletin.

I know that we all are happy for the increased revenue from gaming, but at the same time we are also conscious that the stress caused by the quakes and on-going aftershocks has led to some problem gambling, so just be vigilant and offer help if you think someone may be in need of some counselling.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

BBQ SEPTEMBER 4th

### Riccarton Club 2011 Executive Portfolio update.

Who on your executive is responsible for which area of activity?

Marketing, Promotions and Publicity: Norma and Pat Blanchfield

Norma and Pat are constantly looking for new ways to attract more people to the club and to convert them to members. They organise the informative table talkers that you see on the tables each week, flyer drops and any advertising of the club and its events. Should you have a bright idea that will help the club grow then don't hesitate to have a chat with either Norma or Pat.

House and Supply: Dianne Chappell, Norma Blanchfield, Bev Smith

The job of this group is to ensure that the Club is getting the best deals for its supplies and that the cleaning crew are always stocked up with their needs. They also monitor interior cleanliness and the skip (rubbish and cardboard)

Entertainment: Heather Philpott and Dianne Chappell

The job of this group is to put on events that keep members engaged, such as the Tuesday spinning wheel, dancing, parties, Melbourne Cup day, NZ Trotting Cup, St Patricks day and so on. They work very closely with the BBQ section to provide regular BBQ's for the members and their guests.

Membership: Bev Smith

Bev is the Club most days monitoring the traffic of guests and members to make sure they are actually members and that guests have signed in. She is also responsible for encouraging visitors to become members and for random door checks to ensure patrons are current members and that guests sign in.

### PARTY PARTY PARTY

On the 30<sup>th</sup> July there will be a ball for 1200 people being held at the Club. The party goes will be in the Auditorium, the Parkview Lounge and the Main Bar. The guests will start to arrive from 7.30pm and continue through until 1am. We will ask that all members and visitors to the club can please clear these areas by 7.30pm. Should you wish to continue drinking, then you are more than welcome to go up to the Three Elements Chinese restaurant.

This will be a really big night for the Club so we appreciate your cooperation in making this a successful venture for us all.



## FAREWELL TO MARIST ALBION.

After nearly seven years based at the Riccarton Club, Marist Rugby Club (MARC) have hit the road and moved to other premises. MARC will play its senior games at South Hagley Park. They are looking at options for their other games and it may be that they rely on the City Council grounds at Middleton Park and that the Club takes these over. Mainland is looking at having their base at the Riccarton Club in conjunction with NZIS. This will bring a nice change to the players around the Club at all this winter. We wish MARC all the very best at their new venue.

## The Power of Electronic Monitoring

As you may be aware we have an Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) that is directly linked from our gaming machines to the DIA and it is from this that all the revenue tracked and the payouts are monitored. A little bit like big brother watching you. We are continuously explaining to the staff and to anyone who has the monitoring system pick up any anomalies and also the human or element that occurs at times. The following is a little article that highlights exactly how that system works to the players but also the organisation.

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Electronic records from gaming machine takings helped show that a manager had been siphoning off money from the machines. Auditors were called in and discovered a shortfall of more than \$30,000. The manager pleaded guilty to a charge of theft by a person in a special relationship. The investigation was helped by records produced through monitoring (EMS) of all Class 4 gaming machines, which became fully operational in March 2007.

EMS enables the department to track and monitor gaming machines operations in public places, ensuring the integrity of games and the accurate accounting of money, thus providing opportunities for dishonesty.

## FUNCTIONS

We are taking a lot of function bookings as more and more venues become unavailable post-quake and aftershocks. We are encouraging all of these function attendees to become members of the groups they belong to. We have a structured corporate membership deal with the University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA). So you will see a lot more students on the premises enjoying a drink, chat and a game. This covers our licensing requirements and their guests only drinking on the premises.

The Club has been hosting Site Safe and all of the contracting teams associated with the various companies who are working on EQC sites in the Central City. They meet every morning at the Club from 8am-9:30am for the latest safe briefings. We have also had the City Council and Wormald meeting here for similar updates.

John (Swampy), who is not one of our members, is working for the EOC in CH.CH. He hails from Tauranga and his Golf Club, hotel, Palmerston North Child Care Centre donated a large amount of gifts, toys and books which were distributed to other clubs, golf clubs and early learning centres that had been damaged from the quakes.

## RIP

It is very sad that we would advise you all that the writing of our last issue or the Parkview Bulletin 6 of our regular members have passed away. Sympathies are extended to them and their families. May they rest in eternal peace.

Bruce Grainger 88, Ivy Chambers 81, Bruce Peak 68, Kit Grainger 85, (Life Member) Clarry Anderson 81 and Colin White (Member). Bruce was a member for 50 yrs. Ivy 23 yrs., Clarry 38 yrs., Bruce McP. 17 yrs. and Colin 17 yrs.

Bruce Grainger was a returned serviceman who worked for Wethers and supported the club for many years especially TAB. He and Kit delivered many newsletters over the years.

Ivy was a keen golfer and a member of the Golf section of the club.

Bruce McP. worked for the Public Trust and enjoyed the company of the members also the Pokies. He was an expert in snooker and undertook 2 for the club.

Kit was a very loyal and hardworking member, doing gardening, visiting sick members, attending to bills on behalf of the club. She was very proud of her Membership which she richly deserved.

Clarry, together with his brothers Dick and Gordon were regulars and formed a close knit group at the club.

Colin was our resident gardener after Kit and you would see him somewhere around the Club as early as 5am every day during summer. He kept the grounds immaculate for years. He retired twice but came back to work. He was one of our patrons.

5 of these members had all or part of their funerals at the club and all of them showed the high regard which they were held. May they rest in peace.

## What's happening at the Club?

A number of members have been asking what is happening with the shift to Parkview, long term status quo, business as usual. When we know more, we will tell you immediately. We are looking at how we will continue to do so.

BBBRRRR. The cold winter months have certainly taken hold. We understand that at times it is very cold and monitoring the diesel usage and the boiler is so temperamental that it goes through great cycles of knots. The BBQ section, recently very generously, paid for 500 litres but this was all gone within 5 days. The cost was \$500.00. You can see that to have the main bar alone heated with the boiler running would be well over \$4500 per month, it is not viable. Therefore we are supplementing the heating with gas fires and will also purchase a diesel heater that will take the chill off the air quickly.

The Club donated 8 boxes of food (which had been donated to the Club) to the Mission. There is a lovely letter from Michael O Gorman the City Missioner thanking the Club for its generosity and also recalling with great affection the time he was based at the Club.

**SUBS**

Membership will be checked and cards must be produced at doorchecks. Membership works out at only 68 cents a