

WAIMARIE HUTT VALLEY CROQUET CLUB PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020

Summary

Well this was meant to be the annual report that would discuss the challenges of getting our first year of operation at the Walter Nash park grounds. Challenges such as settling in, getting on with the neighbours, finance, playing some winning croquet, recruiting, lawn readiness. The usual things. And then came COVID 19 and messed up the year end. But the financial and playing years were almost over, so that's no reason to do other than look back at the croquet year and look forward to the next year while looking around COVID-19.

See attachment 1 for the COVID-19 advice to members.

Planning Workshop

Your committee held a series of planning workshops early in the year. The key result was the aim of the club as presented at the Players Meeting:

“The Aim of the Waimarie Croquet Club to 2023

The Waimarie Croquet Club aims to become a vibrant, growing, competitive croquet club recognised throughout the New Zealand Croquet Community.

We

Have FUN
WELCOME visitors
Are COMPETITIVE in our play
CELEBRATE success
VALUE members
Are RESPECTFUL to all”

We have made a good start achieving our aim, but a lot of work remains to be done. Effort is needed not just by the committee but with the commitment of members both longstanding and new, who can assist with particular tasks, as other members step back for various reasons.

First Season at Walter Nash Park

The results of the huge amount of effort by members at the end of the 2019 season meant that this year has been focussed on settling in and playing in our new home. Teething issues were expected and most have been fixed, some remain.

Ten new members have come from a wide area, but no locals have shown anything beyond casual interest. They may improve, but the reduction in membership fees in anticipation of that was not proven.

Two issues remain, the location of the club for some members and the quality of the lawns.

Playing Croquet

The club captain's report summarises and recognises the efforts by you all. Congratulation to those who have succeeded and thanks to all who helped move each week along.

Finance

I am happy to support the financial results to you. The intent was to use some of our reserves if needed and to recognise the efforts of members over the years in fund raising and staying with club through those times.

While we still have some unknowns which we must make provision for and the significant changes in the economy in 2020/21 have everyone guessing I believe we are well placed for the foreseeable future.

Walter Nash Park Relationships

The Walter Nash Park Club House Committee incorporating Hutt Valley Darts and our club representatives has got through the year. The essential working relationship are established, lease of the land entered into, purchase of the clubrooms, cost sharing agreed, and valuation and insurance arrangements are in place.

The coordination of use of the clubrooms has been a rocky road, but it is improving.

Club Rules Rewrite

It was my intention to rewrite the 2018 amended rules of the club into a more contemporary style including what to do if there can be no AGM, some clubs do have such provisions, but the law under which we are established, the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 (as amended) is going through a major rewrite and there will be a template for club constitutions. So, we should wait for that.

Patron

As a result of the local body elections there was change in mayor of Hutt City. As the election of Patron requires an AGM approval, while Ray Wallace, the losing candidate, was a very active supporter of the club, he is no longer mayor. The club owes Ray a great deal for that support and contribution over the years of change.

Thanks

A special thanks to all the members of the committee for their efforts during the year. Some have roles they carry out in other organisations but I have been delighted when they have put up their hands and said "I'll do that".

Thanks to Trevor Ballantyne. The club captain has an essential and sometimes demanding role and Trevor has kept at it.

Outside the committee special thanks to Maida Bishop; session leader on Tuesday, and still training new members, and to Sue Hare, for gardening and helping in the kitchen and cleaning the club rooms.

You have been well served.



Terry McBeth

President

Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club



27 April 2020

Attachment 1

COVID-19 Advice to Members

This advice was sent to members on 24 Mar 20.

“The Government has directed that the country move to COVID-19 Level 3 and be ready to move to Level 4 for four weeks at least.

Fortunately it has happened late in our playing season.

Sadly that means the 2019/2020 playing season is now over.

The club rooms and lawns are now closed.

All events planned for this playing season are cancelled.

Administrative cycle activities are all postponed, including Closing Day, Prize Presentations, AGM and assume also the Players Meeting.

We all hope that at the very least, the lawns can continue to be looked after. There is no certainty about this and the good news is that it late in the growing season.

Our Club Constitution does not cover at this time what to do when such an unimaginable event happens.

So until we can stop looking out the window, and we have clarity about what we can do and when, all members of your committee have agreed to carry on.

The committee will complete the statutory year end processes that we can, for your later final approval.

I'm sure you understand that as and when we know what we can practically do with our postponed activities, we will advise you.

At best we must hope to have a full new 20/21 season starting later in the year.”