

Pissst.... gossip from the Piste AUTUMN 2010

CLUB DAYS and TIMES

Sunday 1.00_{pm} for a 1.30_{pm} start till around 4.00_{pm}

Tuesday 6.00_{pm} for a 6.30_{pm} start till around 8.00_{pm}

Wednesday 10_{am} till around 12.00_{pm}

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUTUMN

(Note - full calendar is available at club rooms or via email)

March	7	Sun	SRPA Super 6	Milton
	11	Thur	Fruitlands Challenge	Alexandra
	13	Sat	Club Champion Triples	Caversham
	14	Sun	Fun Day Tournament	Club Southland
	21	Sun	Anniversary Doubles	St Kilda
	27 & 28	Sat / Sun	South Island Triples	Christchurch
	28	Sun	Waikouaiti Charity Tournament	Waikouaiti
April	10	Sat	Girls Night Out	Ice Rink
	10 & 11	Sat / Sun	NZ Triples	Rotorua
	11	Sun	Interclub	St. Kilda
	24 & 25	Sat / Sun	Nat Interclub Championship	Levin (TBConf)
	24	Sat	Social Event	Carisbrook
May	2	Sun	Anzac Tournament	Milton
	8 & 9	Sat / Sun	South Canterbury Doubles	TT&CC
	8 & 9	Sat / Sun	Trans Tasman	Auckland
	16	Sun	Interclub	Caversham
	23	Sun	Mixed Doubles	Caversham
	29/30	Sat / Sun	Tri Star Senior Tournament	Wellington

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE HAVING A BIRTHDAY OVER AUTUMN

MARCH

Nicola Downing 8th Branko Cvjetan 17th Neville Goodin 29th

APRIL

Kay Strange 21st Kathleen Wallace 26th

MAY

Neville Frost 3rd Ngaire Todd 8th Andrew Townshend 19th Toni MacLennan 23rd

Have I missed you off the list???? Let me know your birthday on 455 5681

Neville Frost
President
455 5681

Stefany Frost
Secretary
455 5681

Nadine Simpson
Treasurer
476 4437

Phillip Lyall
Club Captain
489 7471

Results from Summer Tournaments....

(Caversham Members Highlighted)

NZ Senior Doubles - The Championship section was won by Bob Bridge & Bill Peachey, with Doug & Helene Hay second. Charles Brock & Alain Coulomb and Louis Mesnage & Paul O'Connor were 3rd equal. South Island players of note were Keith Dixon & Tony Wilkinson 5-8th in championship; Pat & Reed Jamieson 3rd equal in the plate with Andrew Findlay & Malcolm Pfahlert 5-8th in the plate; Colin & Marilyn Bunce 2nd in the bowl section and the bowl consolation was won by **Bev Kendall & Aileen Simpson**, with Diane Findlay & Marjorie Vincent 3rd equal with Lindsay & Sandra Hay

Masters Games Twilight - This competition was ultimately divided into a competitive section with 10 teams and a non-competitive section with 20 teams. Results were competitive section gold won by John Gibson & Mervyn Wilson, silver by **Ngair Todd** & Ron Thompson and Bronze by Gail Woods & Wendy Farlem and **Toni McLennan & Neville Goodin**. The non-competitive championship section gold medal was won by Lyall Lister & Grant Miller, with the silver going to Heather Smith & John Bell and the bronze to Annette & Kaye Moore and Russell McLean & Margaret Newall. The plate section was won by David & **Julie Carrick**, the silver by Paul Turnball & Ian Lambie and the bronze to Graeme & Zeta Burgess and Janelle & John McGarva.

Masters Competitive - In the championship section the gold medal went to John McKay & Tony Wilkinson (Chch), the silver to **Aileen Simpson & Bev Kendall** and the bronze to **Janet & Neville Goodin** & Ken & Joy Field (Australia). The plate gold medal was won by **Branko Cvjetan & Sergio Salis**, the silver medal by **Neville Frost & Phillip Lyall** and the bronze to Phil Thompson & Richie Pubben (Invercargill) and Janet Wilkinson (Timaru) & **Mavis Thompson**. The bowl gold medal went to Sharon Olsen & Sheila Cox (St. Kilda), the silver medal to Susan Brown & Caryl Brake (Waikouaiti) and the bronze to Fiona Dugan McKay (no club) & **Michael Bardrick** and Ross Benn & Gary Plummer (Auckland).

Charity Tournament - Held at Carisbrook car park on Valentines Day. This was won by **Mark Richardson**, Doris Hammond & Ken Allen with **Janet Goodin**, Bill Walls & Sharon Olsen 2nd and Gail Frost, **Ngair Todd** & Kay George 3rd.

Over 60 Doubles - This was held in brilliant conditions in Oamaru on the 21st February. The championship was won by Lesley & John Gibson with **Maureen Brown & Val Allen** coming second and Susan Brown & Ainslie Beatson and Neil Walsh & Lindsay Hay third equal. The Plate was won by **Bev Kendall & Aileen Simpson**. The bowl was won by Barrie Kendall & Kay George. The over 75 section was won by John Shane & Don Rutherford.

SI Women's Triples - 1st in the Championship was **Karen Stephen**, Tina Targett & Chris Taylor, with **Anne Sinclair**, Diane Findlay & Marilyn Bunce 2nd, while 3rd equal went to **Val Allen, Kelsey Bradshaw & Janet Goodin** and Philipa Brown, Barbara Parker & Dot Sandrey. Plate section was won by **Mavis Thompson**, Kirsten Kearns & **Amy Beatson**, with Caryl Brake, Susan Brown & Lorna Collins 2nd. 3rd equal was **Aileen Simpson, Nadine Simpson & Sarah Lyall** and Janet Wilkinson, Fay Haigh & Noeline Newton. First in the Bowl was Suzanne Tonkin, Elizabeth McCone & Thelma Coffey, with Jamie Richardson, Glenna Sutherland & Doris Hammond coming second. 3rd equal went to Daphne Bell, Nola Turnbull & Norma Campbell and Lynne Koppes, Marie Daley & Irene Herron. Consolation was won by Maida Baxter, Nita Forrester & Margaret Puke with Muriel Rutherford, Cheila Boa & Kath McCreanor second.

Our AGM was held in early December with the following members elected to the committee

President	Neville Frost	455 5681	021 229 9809	neville.frost@orfu.co.nz
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Meetings are generally held on the 3rd or 4th Monday of the month, so if you want to bring anything to the committee's attention, please get it to a committee member before then. Next meeting is 22nd March. One of the requests from the AGM was to do a full survey of all members for their views on raking the piste. The committee is in the process of drafting this, so you should receive this very soon.

INTERCLUB RESULTS so far.....2009-2010

	Oct 4 th	Nov 1 st	Dec 6 th	Jan 31 st	Apr 11 th	May 16 th	
Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
St Kilda Black	8	12	4	2			26
St Kilda White	8	6	10	14			38
St Kilda Panda	4	4	2	16			26
City Rise Composite	2	4	6	0			12
Waikouaiti	8	12	6	8			34
Milton	4	0	10	3			17
Caversham Red	12	4	7	8			31
Caversham Green	8	10	14	13			45
Caversham Blue	12	16	9	10			47
Caversham Gold	14	12	12	6			44

SOCIAL OCCASION

for all club members and partners

Thanks to Neville, the club has been offered a Corporate Suite for the Highlanders vs Hurricanes game at Carisbrook at 7.30pm on Saturday 24th April. This is a great opportunity for us to socialise together off the piste and visit the "Old Carisbrook" before it no longer exists.

The cost will be \$20 a head and includes entry to the Corporate Suite, food and drink (normally around \$300).

Tickets may be limited so it will be first in....

There may be options for car parking and/or transport to the grounds

Put your name on the list at the clubrooms or email Stefany by Friday 9th April

PETANQUE NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Petanque Association (Inc) will be held at 6.00pm on Saturday 10th April 2010 in Rotorua. Diane Findlay is standing for re election and to date is the only nomination from the South Island. As Marilyn Bunce is attending this meeting it is proposed that all clubs in the Southern Region give her their proxy votes so she can vote with the whole power of the Southern Region. Caversham have agreed to pass on their votes to Marilyn to vote in what she believes is our best interests. Neville Frost will also be in Rotorua for this meeting. The committee from Caversham Club have put in a remit to ask PNZ to consider a week long national Tournament for all the National Events to minimise costs to those who have to fly to these events. If you travelled to all 3 events you would save about \$600-800 on airfares and spend the same on accommodation and have to take similar time off work. The committee felt it would benefit those in the South Island to be more competitive at a National Level and would also assist us to get grant funding with just one application a year required.

SOUTHERN REGION PETANQUE ASSOCIATION NEWS

SRPA held their AGM on Saturday 13th February with the following people elected: **President** – Marilyn Bunce (Alexandra); **Secretary/Treasurer** – Nadine Simpson (Caversham); **Vice President** – Anne Sinclair (Caversham) **Calendar, Tournaments and Coaching** – Warren McConnell (Caversham); and **Interclub** – Barry Kendall – Interclub. Timaru TT&CC have resigned from SRPA.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMITTEE

Funding of Travel for championship winners - *In the past this has been funded from the proceeds of Corporate Functions. Currently there is \$1549.00 available from Corporate Functions over the last 2 years and it is the treasurer's recommendation that this creates a fund for this purpose. Any members winning a club championship tournament in one year (e.g. 2009) would be eligible for funding for the same SI or National event in the following year (e.g.2010). The member needs to apply in writing to the committee for the funding. Those eligible for 2010 have been notified.*

New Trophy – *As discussed in the last newsletter, we have finalised that this will be named the “Friendship Cup” and will honour a person who is supportive, friendly, helpful and loyal to the club. It will have nothing to do with ability to play petanque, and everything to do with Sportsmanship and their behaviour and attitude as a member of the club. The president will choose the first recipient and thereafter the president in conjunction with the current holder will decide on the new recipient of the trophy. It will be awarded at the AGM each year along with the club trophies.*

Review of Club Championship Format – *The committee recently received a request to review the Club Championship Format back to its original format of a full round robin. After discussion and review of records this request was declined. The current format of a random draw followed by a semi final and final play off was fully supported by the committee and the tournament convenor for the following reasons:*

- 1. The Current system has been in place since 2002 and earlier for the singles*
- 2. Random draws are fairer than seeded draws as they do not rely on human bias and feedback from members indicates they prefer random draws.*
- 3. Full round robins are unrealistic given the number of teams who now enter these competitions.*
- 4. Petanque has evolved a lot over the last 13 years and the calendar is now very full with local, regional, South Island, National and International competitions and does not allow time for each club championship to be held over several weekends.*
- 5. Feedback that the committee has received indicates that most members enjoy playing a semi final and final and/or having the opportunity to watch the top people play off.*
- 6. The current format is the same as that followed by most clubs in New Zealand and is the same format followed by most Southern Region, South Island, National and International tournaments.*
- 7. Playing semi finals and finals provides good experience of the pressure of these events which makes players more comfortable and more competitive at higher level tournaments.*

Umpires Course –*Seven Caversham Members attended this SRPA event. Participants felt it was excellent for understanding the rules and encouraged everyone to attend next time even if they don't want to become umpires*

Fruitlands challenge The Caversham Club has Challenged Alexandra for the Fruitlands Challenge Trophy. This is a fun tournament where the current holders are able to set the rules of play for the day. Due to fullness of the events calendar it has been decided to play this event on a week day with Caversham travelling to Alexandra for the day. We will require 8 members of the club for this challenge, so if you're up for it on Thursday 11th March, let Warren McConnell know asap (453 4746).

NEW MEMBERS

We have welcomed a number of new members to our ranks over recent months.
Please give a warm welcome to:

**Sarah-Jane Copeland; Kevin Brown (Brownie); Gaynor Falloon;
Taylor Richardson and Julie Carrick**

As well Murray & Marilyn Edge are in the process of joining; another 9 people considering membership; and 3 memberships on hold. IF they all joined that would make a total of 65members (currently 49 plus social members)

DID YOU KNOW ????

- Barbara Whittington (National Umpire) has confirmed that the rule for throwing the coche has now changed back to the old rule. The coche must now be 1 metre in from the dead ball line.
- Sarah Lyall, Amy Beatson & Sarah Jane Copeland flew to Wellington a couple of weeks ago to participate in a coaching and selection weekend, for possible selection in the NZ Youth Squad to play Australia in the trans Tasman Challenge to be held in Auckland in early May. The selected team will comprise four players as the Australians are sending a team of 4 all under 18 years. Good luck to all of you and hope you all get the chance to play for NZ again. We'll keep you posted when we know.
- **GIRLS NIGHT OUT** – Bev Kendall is organising a girls night out on **Saturday 10th April 2010**. At the Ice Stadium in Victoria Road, St. Clair. **Cost \$20**
5.00pm Happy Hour BYO drink
6.00pm Curling
8.00pm Dinner BYO “finger food pot luck”
Everyone welcome, it’s a good way to get to know members of the club. Put your name on the notice board list or **RSPV to Bev on 476 4057**

UNIFORMS PLEASE NOTE

All uniforms should be purchased through EmbroidMe (162 Princes St)
Contact person is Kathryn Cullen 477 7057

Simply go into EmbroidMe and order what you want, they will sort it all out including the screen printing. You may have to wait till there are a few uniforms to purchase and print, so it may not happen immediately.

The Club does have a few polo shirts available for immediate sale (call Stefany 455 5681)

FROM THE PRESIDENT..... Neville Frost

Charity Tournament – *The Hospice Charity event was well attended (72 entries) and played at the novel venue of the Carisbrook Car Park. It was designed as a fun, social tournament and people were allocated into triples teams with at least one novice player in every triple. We were lucky the rain cleared and it was generally a lovely day. **Most importantly \$1022.40 was raised for Hospice.** Well done to Maureen Brown who initiated this tournament; to Warren for directing the tournament; and to the St. Kilda people who helped run the event. Thanks also to the many members of both Caversham and St. Kilda who helped to support this event in a variety of ways. Well done everyone!!!*

Masters Games Petanque – *What a stunning week we had for the Masters Games.....Although numbers for the games overall were down, Petanque was one of the few sports to increase numbers, so that was encouraging. Many thanks to Nadine, Aileen, Warren, Val, Janet, Bob and to **ALL** the other club members who contributed to the success of these events over the 4 day period and prior to the event. This is one of our major fund raising and promotional events so it's great to see*

everyone on board helping out. We raised \$1430 for the petanque club and the bar raised about \$800 for the Sports Club. I was proud to be part of such an efficient, well organised club.

COACHING

With all the new and relatively new players around it seems an opportune time to provide some coaching for new players. This will be done by Neville Frost in conjunction with the regional coach and other selected members of the club. Sessions will focus on Rules, Techniques for pointing and shooting and strategy of the game. The sessions will be

Tuesday - 9th March; 13th April; 11th May at 6.30pm

Sunday - 14th March; 18th April at 1.30pm

A little story

Grandma is 88 and still drives her own car. She writes:

*Dear Grand-daughter,
The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker... I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.*

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It's a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found that lots of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of God! Go! Go! Go! JESUS CHRIST, GO!" What an exuberant cheer leader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared. So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon, Love Grandma

BOCCE AT CAVERSHAM AGAIN

Some of you may have noticed the Bocce training happening on Saturday 13th February the club. This is not the first time the club has hosted and/or helped train people in Bocce, but it hasn't happened for a few years. The impetus now is the Special Olympics are being held in Dunedin in 2013 and Bocce is a big sport in the Special Olympics. Jan Aitken has written the following article and if anyone is interested in helping to train

athletes, or just help out we would love to hear from you. Neville and Stefany are interested in helping in this venture and we also enjoyed playing it as a sport. It is a real cross between bowls and petanque.



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Bocce – what is Bocce?

Bocce originated in Italy and is played on a 60 ft court where one team competes to get as many of their Bocce Balls closer to the Pallina than the opposing team's balls. This may be achieved by rolling, tossing or by playing a 'Bank Shot' (where the ball is played towards or off the wall or backboard). Bocce can be played on almost any surface and is played in singles, pairs or teams.

Last Saturday a group of 9 from the Lower South Island Region gathered at the Caversham Petanque Club with Mike Ryan, Special Olympics New Zealand's National Sports and Coaching Director. We were guided through the Level One coaching course on Best Practice for delivering coaching skills to our athletes.

The course was designed to give us some practical coaching tips alongside skill building techniques and the opportunity to 'Have a Go', which we all did, with some fierce competition!

Special Olympics Lower South region have a number of athletes who compete in Bocce and have recently successfully brought home a raft of medals from the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Palmerston North, however as we are an organisation who operate on a volunteer basis to coach and train our athletes we are always looking for new, keen coaches to come on board.

If you would like to learn more about this sport or Special Olympics contact Jan Aitken, Special Olympics Lower South Island Regional Sports Coordinator on **Phone:** 03 474 6344, **Mobile:** 027 567 9495 or **Email:** jana@specialolympics.org.nz.

Or talk with Stefany attended the course.



and Neville Frost who

SOUTHERN REGION PETANQUE CALENDAR 2010
Second Half of the year

June				
July	18	Sun	Bastille Tournament	St Kilda
	18	Sun	Bastille Tournament	Christchurch
August	21/22	Sat/Sun	Mark Choveaux Triples	Caversham
	28	Sat	Ron Frith Memorial Trophy	Caversham
	29	Sun	La Mademoiselle Coup	Caversham
September	4 & 5	Sat / Sun	3 Boule Triples	Oamaru
	11	Sat	Club Champion Singles	Caversham
	18 & 19	Sat / Sun	Waikouaiti Social Doubles	Waikouaiti
	25 & 26	Sat / Sun	NZ Women's Triples	Wellington
	26	Sun	Interclub	St. Kilda
October	2 & 3	Sat / Sun	South Island Singles	Caversham
	9 & 10	Sat / Sun	NZ Singles	Wellington
	9/10 & 11	Sat/Sun/Mon	SI Chartered Clubs Tournament	Alexandra
	16 & 17	TBC	SI Masters	TT&CC TBA
	23 & 24	Sat / Sun	South Island Doubles	Caversham
	25	Mon	S.I. Club Challenge	Caversham
	30	Sat	Club Champion Doubles	Caversham
November	6 & 7	Sat / Sun	NZ Doubles	Herne Bay Auck
	7	Sun	Interclub	Caversham
	13 & 14	Sat / Sun	South Island Senior Doubles	Alexandra
	27 & 28	Sat / Sun	Tri Star Open Inter Region Tourn.	Caversham
December	4 & 5	Sat / Sun	Nat Senior Doubles	Christchurch
	11 & 12	Sat / Sun	Nat Provincial Tourn. Nth vs Sth	Wellington TBA
	12	Sun	Interclub	St Kilda
	19	Sun	Christmas Party	Caversham

Red = Played at Caversham Green = Played at St. Kilda Black = Played in Sth. Is. Blue = Played in Nth Is.

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Whats the difference between Basil Brush and a Terrorist with a rucksack? The Terrorist with a rucksack only goes "Boom" once.

A biker goes to the doctor with hearing problems. "Can you describe the symptoms to me?" asked the doctor. "Yes. Homer is a fat, yellow, lazy bugger and Marge is a skinny bird with big blue hair."

Paddy was in the delivery room when the midwife handed him a black baby. "Is this yours?" she asked. "Probably." said Paddy "She burns everything else!"

An elderly couple is attending Mass. About halfway through, the wife leans over and says to her husband, 'I just let out a silent fart. What do you think I should do?' He replies, 'Put a new battery in your hearing aid.'