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**NEWSLETTER**

August – September 2016

**Club News**

The club is open on Thursday evenings from 5.30pm and our chef Greg Adams has a very popular menu ranging from wedges, fries, etc. to main meals of fish, chicken and pork etc.

These meals are available as takeaways also. EFTPOS is now available for the purchasing of meals.

Clubrooms phone 09 422 5716.

A meat raffle with four draws is run each Thursday night. $2.00 per ticket as well as the club **$100** membership draw at 7.30pm.

You must be present to win the club **$100** membership draw.

**VISITORS OR NON MEMBERS** - Visitors or non-members attending on Thursday nights MUST be signed in by members. Book on bar. (Legal requirement).

As you will be aware, a local man died in a car crash a few weeks ago.

As a result of this Sergeant Bede Haughey, Officer in Charge, Warkworth Police visited the club on the 14th July to talk to club members and visitors.

A summary of his talk to those present follows below.

*Grant was well known to many members of the Kaipara Flats Sports Club. He was not only a grandfather, father and brother, he was also a friend to many local people. He died in a car crash not far from the Club after calling in there for a beer. Any culpability around his death is a matter for others to decide but it is timely for us to reflect on our own behaviour.*

*I spoke to his 4 kids after the funeral and they all supported me speaking to the patrons of the club on a Thursday night. They did not want the nature of Grant’s death to define him but at the same time they wanted others to learn from it. Specifically they wanted to reinforce the need for people to arrange a sober driver before they went out for a drink.*

*Often when we stop drivers who have had too much to drink, they come up with similar excuses “I had no other way of getting home”, “There’s no taxis in this area or at this time” and “I know this road like the back of my hand, I’ve driven it a 1000 times”. Obviously none of these stories cut the mustard and anyone caught driving over the limit will be prosecuted. That’s why we are stressing the importance of arranging a sober driver before drinking.*

*For some it’s not the end of the world if they do lose their licence. They find other ways of getting from A to B for 6 months or so. Seems silly that the same people can’t organise a ride from A to B for the night they knew they were going to stop for a few.*

*But it’s not just the fear of being caught that should be upper most in everyone’s mind, it should be the fear of causing the death of a father or brother or friend.  No one wants to carry that burden.*

*Our business is to reduce and prevent road related trauma and I’d like to think we have 100% community support. That means everyone taking responsibility for themselves and also extends to taking the keys off our mates when they’ve had too much.*

*We don’t have many Police Officers in this neck of the woods, so we can’t be watching every road but I can assure you that we will be out and about and taking a zero tolerance to drink driving.*

*Please drive safely.*

*Sergeant Bede Haughey*

*Officer in Charge*

*Warkworth Police*

With regards to the Kaipara Flats Sports Clubs recent problems with drink driving.

The Club has just had its licence renewed.

In renewing our licence we take on the legal requirements that go with it.

The Club has a Policy on its Host Responsibilities. While we endeavour to do this, the last few weeks have tested this policy.

The Club has done nothing wrong but in an attempt to address the situation the following recommendations will be implemented.

John will reinforce the message about drink driving at the 7.30 pm drawing of the raffles slot.

There will be a breathalyser available at the bar if the members are unsure of their intake.

*Note” This will be available next Thursday.*

At the end of the day it is the Club Members responsibility but we must all make every effort to insure we are doing has much as we can for everyone.

**Sporting News**

**Netball**

The season going well.  Seniors have a couple of weeks left to play then semi’s and finals.  A couple of teams in the top end of their grades.

Juniors are really enjoying their season.  Learning lots of new skills and having plenty of fun.   The dress-up tournament a highlight of the season so far.  The year 5&6 team tie-dyed their own t-shirts to wear.

Our annual Trivial Pursuits fundraiser is being held on Saturday 13th August.  We still have some tables available.  $15 per head, table of 8.  BYO nibbles and cash bar.  Raffles and auctions too.

Jeanette Sanderson   Phone 027 6697852.

**Puhoi Axemen**

There is a large heap of mulch at the sports club if anyone wants any for their gardens.

Firewood for sale (poplar) $60 per metre (free delivery in Kaipara Flats).

Contact

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Mike Paddison 021 425 549 or 422 5123

**Tennis**

At the recent Sports Club awards we acknowledged the following successes:-

The Core Steel Kaipara Flats Business House Team consisting of Robbie Blair, Matthew Buchanan, Andrew Boyd, Brent Butler, Carl Jamieson and Benji Tipace who won the Warkworth A grade business house competition.

Philippa Wech was awarded the Shirley Gubb trophy for her work with the Junior Tennis club.

Carl Jamieson won the Men’s Championship.

Robbie Blair and Charlie Holloway won the Men’s Doubles

Katie Mitchell won the Ladies Championship.

This year we are concentrating on Junior Tennis and are in the process of looking for a coach and Junior Tennis co-ordinator.

We are looking at changing the coaching day to a Friday after school as we feel Friday’s will not clash with quite so many other sports that train on a Thursday.

Hopefully this will work well with Junior Cricket who also play on a Friday.

The Tennis Club has been offered the running of the Thursday night raffles, funds raised will be put towards the new lights and court up grades. Any Tennis Club members willing to help with running the raffle please let Karen, Matthew or Katie know.

Applications for grants to fund new lights and possible up grading of courts 2 and 3 are ongoing, and we should know in the next few months if our applications have been successful.

The Tennis AGM is on Thursday 11th August at the Sports Club starting at 7pm.

**Petanque**

Winners of the past season: Women's Singles was Evelyn Gauntlet for 2nd year running and Maury Purdy won the Men’s Singles.

We have decided to trial a new challenge series starting late October (when the weather warms up a bit) within the club where Petanque will be challenging each of the other sports, Netball, Tennis, Cricket, Woodchopping and The Committee! All mixed teams.

We've had positive feedback on this format and will confirm early October so people can get some training in - "professional" lessons available yeah right! Will look to run these on Sunday afternoons through the summer.

If the above sports would put the word out within their group for a heads up, will need a minimum of 8 people from each group.

Will also have a refreshments sponsor on board for prizes!

**Cricket**

The cricket prizegiving for last season was held on Sunday June 26 at 3 pm and prizes represented at the Kaipara Flats Sports Awards Dinner held on Saturday 2nd July.

Awards went to:

Most Improved Raymond Barnes

Dean Taylor Memorial Trophy Adrian Sutton

Fielding Trophy Rory Christopherson

Bowling Trophy Shaun Beamish

Batting Award Rory Christopherson

John Parker Bat Shaun Beamish

Ian Reid Trophy Kevin Forde

**Accommodation for International Players**

The cricket club has two players (ages 19 and 20) from Ireland coming out for this season. The club is looking for accommodation for them, preferably together. They will pay board. If you can help email Steve Dill at [atuanui@gmail.com](mailto:atuanui@gmail.com)



**More people are needed to help on the bar.**

**Anyone willing/wanting to add their name to the bar roster please contact:**

**Jeanette Sanderson**

**027 669 7852 or 422 4971.**

**The official closing time laid down by the club committee is 11pm, and everyone out by 11.30.**

**Bar staff are always on with a qualified Bar Manager who does the locking up at the end of the night.**

To insert information into further issues please contact:

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