



ASHBURTON CLUB & MSA
231 Burnett St, Phone 308 7149



December 2011, January & February 2012

President's Message

Dear Members,
It is great to see the E.Q repairs at the Cycle shop now completed, and it will now allow the tenant to get his show room back to normal prior to Christmas. With the recent death of our trustee Jim Benefield past trustee Mike Smith will fill this role until the next election in June 2012. Thanks Mike. The new kitchen in the Bowls Room is almost completed and the increased space will be great for functions and sections to use. Finally on behalf of the executive, management and staff we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To all those who have supported us throughout the year thank you. That's all for now, enjoy your club, see you there. **David Healy, Club President**

Club Committee - 2011/2012

President: David Healy. **Vice President:** Neil Stuthridge. **Trustees:** John Argyle, Mike Smith
Committee: John Edmond, Lindsay Hampton, Dave O'Donnell, Ant McGirr, Clyde Cook, John Withell, Gary McIntyre, John Hollis, Sandi Keeling and John Bennett.

From the sections

SPORTS AND RECREATION

2011 has been an interesting year for our sporting sections. You all did very well in the competitive world of your own fields. Canterbury Chartered Clubs All Sports Award committee received two nominations from the MSA sports sections. I congratulate the card section for nominating Margaret Moore who won the prestige acknowledgement award, well done Margaret. Thank you for saying those nice words of July Weilly, I know it was difficult at the time for you, but well received. I congratulate the other nominated section, well done to the indoor bowls team for coming runner up in the sports section. I thank all those from both teams who travelled to Christchurch to support their sections at the awards evening. Ashburton Club had the biggest representation there, so let's try and make it bigger in 2012. Thanks to those sections that supported the section meetings throughout the year. I thank John Bennett and Sandi Keeling for travelling to Christchurch each month with me, attending the All Sports committee meetings. To all the Sports and Recreational sections have a good festive season and keep safe. On behalf of my committee I extend a hearty Christmas cheer. Merry Christmas to you all. Dave O'Donnell, Chairman Sports and Recreation Committee.

RACING

Trip to Oamaru Trots on Sunday 29th January 2012 is next on our busy programme. Members will also attend the Ashburton Trotting Club's annual Boxing day meeting, although this is not on our planned programme for the year you will find them gathered at the Tea kiosk on that day trying to recover expenses from the previous days festivities. Planned trips for the rest of the trotting season include Methven, Addington and a new venue for the section. Our membership totals 110 and for \$10 for a five year term represents great value. Have you a ticket in the Christmas Stocking raffle on display at the Club, our section will benefit from your support in conjunction with the Outdoor Bowls, tickets only \$2.

INDOOR BOWLS

Bowls has finished after a very successful and enjoyable season with many of our members winning tournaments and championships. We were proud of our team that was runner up in the sports team of the year awards. We finished the season with a meal at the M.S.A. We are in the process of running our Christmas pairs tournament over two nights. Our annual meeting in on 14th February and our opening night 28th February. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the new season and welcome all new members. Gaynor Hurst, President.

WINE

The Wine section are celebrating Christmas at Charming Thai Restaurant on Wednesday 14th December starting at 6.30pm. Check the notice board for more details. Thank you to members who have been helping with the raffles. No wine night in January, but starting again in February 2012, with a champagne breakfast then or in March. Keep your eye on the notice board for upcoming events and wine specials. The bus is available on wine club night, please support it and thanks to Hillary for another sterling job this year. Do join us for a wine or two on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. "Winers" wish you all a Merry Christmas and a great 2012.

CRICKET

the Cricket section after coming out of recess two years ago has fixtures scheduled against Hornby and New Brighton Working Men's Clubs over the summer months. First up is Hornby who travel down on Sunday December 4th for a game on the Tech wicket with a return match after Christmas. New Brighton pay a visit in February. Look out for more information regarding these games on the Cricket Section Noticeboard.

FISHING AND HUNTING

Reminder: Subs now due for 2011/2012 year. Members are asked to supply email address so committee can keep you up to date with club happenings. Up coming events: December 4th Surf fishing South Rakaia, 10am - 2pm for Chidney Shield. December 11th Hakatere Challenge / Clay Bird Shoot / Christmas BBQ. The section executive wish all members a Merry Christmas and a safe and successful fishing / hunting year.

Entertainment

DECEMBER

Saturday 3rd	Th'Art of Cheese	8.00pm-12.00am
Saturday 10th	MCC Music Nite	8.00pm-12.00am
Saturday 17th	Club Orchestra	7.30pm-11.30pm
Saturday 31st	Th'Art of Cheese	8.00pm-1.00am

JANUARY

Saturday 21st	Club Orchestra	7.30pm-11.30pm
Saturday 28th	Viagra Falls	8.00pm-12.00am

FEBRUARY

Saturday 4th	Kool Change	8.00pm-12.00am
Saturday 18th	Th'Art of Cheese	8.00pm-12.00am
Sunday 19th	Club Picnic	
Friday 24th	Crusaders v Blues	7.30pm ko
Saturday 25th	TBA	

MARCH

Saturday 3rd	Crusaders v Highlanders	7.30pm ko
Friday 9th	Crusaders v Chiefs	7.30pm ko
Saturday 10th	Coyotes	8.00pm-12.00am

Come dancing with the MSA Orchestra

Saturday 17 December, Christmas Dance, from 7.30pm. Saturday 21 January 7.30pm

Bottle Store and Bar Promotion Winners

CONGRATULATIONS

Steinlager Golf Bag: Russell Beardsley
Drinks Factory TV: Brenton Wise
Woodstock Fire Pitt: Kirsty McGregor

Reminder

The days Press and Guardian can be read in the Reading Room (near the front entrance)

Membership Draw

This runs for six week periods and if not struck within that time frame must be won on the 6th Friday night when it will resume for another six weeks, at \$200per week.

Functions

Club facilities are available for hire - for Weddings, Birthdays and reunions. Contact General Secretary - Manager Simon McDonnell for details.

Wheelchair

Members are reminded we have a wheelchair for your convenience situated beside the stairwell.

Club Bus Timetable

Friday from 4.30pm - 11.30pm Saturday from 5.00pm - 12.30am
Phone bottle store for bookings 308 7149
They must be made 30 minutes before your required pick-up time.

Restaurant Hours

HOURS:	Wednesday - Friday	5.00pm - 9.00pm
	Saturday	5.00pm - 9.30pm
	Sunday	12 noon - 2.00pm and 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Come and try something from our new menu. The restaurant is open to members, guests and affiliates - Non members may only dine when accompanied by a member. Members are encouraged to see and enjoy our new revamped restaurant. Phone 03 308 8778.

Library Hours

Tuesday: 12.30 - 4.00pm & Thursday: 1.30 - 4.30pm

Members are advised that Stewart & Holland Ltd, Resene Paints, Harvey Norman and VTNZ offer discounts on certain purchases if your membership card is shown at the time of purchase. If any other members who own businesses wish to offer a discount to our membership of 4,500 please contact Simon McDonnell to discuss the offer.

This is a Club and not a Pub. Offensive language and bad behaviour will not be tolerated. Members are also reminded to return their empty jugs and glasses to the bar.

SECTION CHAIRPERSONS AND SECRETARIES

SECTION	CHAIRPERSON	SECRETARY
Billiards	Neil Stuthridge	Alister Benfell
Basketball	Andrew Sparks	Paddy Strange
Cards	Noel Baker	Margaret Moore
Computer	Les Sinclair	Merrill Dudley
Cricket	Francis Renner	Armand Van Der Eik
Dance	June Read	David Bensemam
Fishing & Hunting	Ali Hanson	John Bennett
Gardening	Daphne Allison	Ian Amos
Golden Oldies Rugby	Bryan Donaldson	Steve Stratford
Golf	Rodney Harris	Trish Cates
Indoor Bowls	Charlie Cleghorn	Gay Lee
Orchestra	Kevin Crean	Alison Shearer
Outdoor Bowls	Maureen Flatman	John Argyle
Pool	Greg Wills	Steve Kyle
Quoits	Ross Edmond	Marj Binnie
Racing	Willie Lake	Mike Crequer
Tai Chi	Marion Harrison	Ayleen Beatty
Travel	Michael Crequer	Marion Harrison
Wine Club	Robert Moffitt	Greer Rickets

New members wishing to join a sports section, please contact names above