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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2019 has already been a busy one for the Gore RSA. Our patronage continues to show good growth especially with functions and the increase in numbers throughout the club especially on a Thursday and Friday night.

We recently held a large funeral for a serving soldier Gunner Rance, this was the biggest funeral that we have hosted with a large crowd in attendance, our condolences go out to the family for their loss.

A special thanks needs to go out to Steve and all of the staff for all the work that they do day in and day out, this was evident in the days leading up to and the day of the funeral.

As you may have noticed we have replaced all of the chairs in the main bar area and now all the chairs throughout the club have some uniformity. We have also replaced all the lights throughout the club with LED versions to save on maintenance and electricity costs.

ANZAC Day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you at the service, this year the video will be live streamed not only into the clubrooms for our older members but worldwide via Facebook, if you live out of the district or can't make it to the service please feel free to login and watch the service either live or delayed.

I wish you all well for the rest of the year and look forward to seeing you in or around the club.

Jarrad Scott
Gore RSA President
RNZRSA Otago Southland Snr Vice President



Over the past months there have been some changes around the club. The Kitchen is getting Insect screens so staff can work in comfort on our typical southland hot days. The new raffle room is now operational, with a bit of fine tuning still to be done, along with new system for raffle results on TV. In near future there will be reconfiguration of room behind the stage and the storage area above there, we will be in touch with sections who use area for storage. A small shelter has been installed over the Fire Doors that discharge onto Fairfield St Carpark, to keep weather off door way. With the sale of the building on corner of Bowler Ave and Main St, there may be some disruption to carpark access/egress while demolition and construction of new building take place. This will most likely entail loss of the exit on to Bowler Ave and loss of some carparks, for duration of project. We will still have entry and also exit onto Mersey St and the planned date for demolition is April 6th We still have a couple of items on the to do list, removal of old ventilation units from the roof (partially completed at time of writing) enclosure of steel frame to veranda and completion of paint to exterior of the building. I would like to express my appreciation to all who have been involved in working bee/s and ongoing work in and around the club. Maintenance and Repairs are a continuing item for the club.

If you notice anything that you think needs to be brought to our attention, please contact the office or myself Neil Bone – 0276866392 Building Convenor.



Gore RSA SUPPORT OFFICER

NIALL SHEPHARD

SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

This last year has seen one or two complex welfare support cases dealt with, and a steady stream of minor call for service satisfied. Regular monthly visits on the first Monday of the month continue.

At the local level Linda Harvey has been kept busy visiting and maintaining contact with known ex-service people. Linda can deal with minor issues and escalate more complex ones. It is working well for us both and her efforts are much appreciated.

Steve – the face of Gore RSA has provided an ideal conduit to channel communications through and to liaise with the welfare trust. Again, his efforts are appreciated as it makes life easier for everyone.

I have had contact with most RSAs in the area through my role as District Support Advisor and I am not aware of any issues that have not been addressed satisfactorily.

On a national level – RSA Support Services has some interesting times ahead. The Strategic plan for support services is beginning to be implemented and will see some changes to make the job we are doing to support our ex-service family more professional, robust and accountable. The key points without going too deeply are:

- **LSAs** will continue to be RSA based volunteers who will continue to do non complex support tasks such as Non-urgent, non-complex cases, hospital and home visits, bereavement assistance etc. Much like the tasks of the Welfare Officers of past years.
- **District Support Advisor (DSAs)** volunteers – new positions, will be recruited throughout the district, there might be just 2 or 3 for Otago Southland, and these people will undergo training in more complex cases. DSAs will have compulsory training requirements, will be police vetted, and will sign off on the Code of Conduct. DSAs will be appointed, certified, and managed by a District Support Manager (DSM).
- **DSM (previously the DSA)** is a member of the District Executive reporting to the District President but with operational control from the Support Services Manager in Wellington. The DSMs job is District oversight of support activities, management of DSAs and LSAs and control of an Emergency fund.

Emergency fund: It is proposed that RSAs be invited to contribute to a district emergency welfare fund. Disbursement criteria would be the same as welfare / poppy trusts thus minimising bureaucracy. With more urgent calls for assistance for increasingly diverse reasons the difficulty obtaining welfare or poppy funds in an emergency from trusts including the national poppy trust has become problematic. This has, in some cases, lead to RSA not being able to provide that assistance in a timely manner resulting in public criticism none of us can afford. It is hoped that many RSAs will support the fund by voluntarily adding a percentage – perhaps 5 or 10% of their annual ‘poppy take’ to the fund. A District Fund, apart from being a great innovation, represents another opportunity for Otago Southland District RSAs to lead the way in offering meaningful support to our veterans in crisis, and is a valid and constructive use of Poppy funds.

I look forward to another productive year.

Niall Shephard





Gore Outdoor Bowls

With the 2018/19 season finished, apart from a couple of catch up games, the club has once again had a good year, while not the success of last year. Both Saturday Interclub Blue and Gold teams finishing in the top half of the competition, with the Gold team almost taking out the pennants. Thanks to the selectors, Noel Ryan and Robbie Heads for their work organizing teams.

In the Wednesday Interclub competition, RSA 2 made Division 1, but ended up at the bottom. RSA 1, in Division 2 also struggled in a tough competition. Thanks to Judy Whipps and Joyce Wilson who took over from Gloria Fisken in selecting the teams.

It was a sad time in the club this year with the passing of Gloria Fisken, who put an immense amount of work into the club, in running, umpiring, playing and organizing, she was always there to help, we will all miss her. Congratulations to Brad Allan, men's development and Emma Hanley, women's development, representing Southland.

Congratulations to all who represented Eastern, and congratulations to Rose Graves on gaining her Eastern badge this season.

Corporate Bowls finished on the 15th of March with a St Patricks' theme; it was well supported this year with 10 teams each Friday night, thanks to all those who helped.

Our Gore RSA Fives tournament was a great success again this year. Thank you to all our sponsors, especially our main sponsor Gore & Districts Memorial RSA, without their help we would not be able to hold a tournament of this size. Thanks to Jarrod, Steve and the RSA team, Barry Harvey our tournament convener and his team for organizing and running the event and to Shona Klimeck and the all the ladies for organizing all the catering.

Results of the Gore RSA Fives:

Top 4 Placings:

1st Steve Saunders, Te Rangi

2nd Terry Lynch, Lumsden

3rd Robbie Heads, Donna Kirk, Emma Hanley, B.J Carrol, Bruce Hellier, Gore RSA

4th Noel Ryan, Richard Creighton, Kerry Lynch, Tony Cooney, Brad Allan, Gore RSA

Well done to all the other prize winners also.

Next year Gore & Districts Memorial RSA will be hosting the 73rd RNZRSA National Outdoor Bowling Optional Triples Tournament, which will be a major event for the area, with bowlers from all over New Zealand competing.

Thank you to greenkeeper Sam, for all his efforts looking after the green and getting it into shape each week, well done.

Our Champion results and other club results next report.

Mark Kubala
President





GORE RSA POOL SECTION

The pool section commenced back playing in February. We have had steady but small numbers attending on a Sunday at 1p.m. We are looking for new members to come join us so if you have a couple of hours on a Sunday from 1-3 and fancy a game of pool come along. We are on raffles in June so that will be our major fundraising for the year, and we look forward to trying out the new Raffle area. Hope to see you on a Sunday afternoon.

Ken Lloyd
President



GORE RSA TRAVEL CLUB

We have some new member's, but we could do with some more. Had some great trips over the last few months visiting some interesting places. Had lovely meals at clubs and hotels. Anyone interested in joining our section please ring me on (03) 2084719 for more information

Allan Bennett
President



POPPY COLLECTION DAY

This year our annual Poppy Appeal collection Day is Friday 12th April. If you can volunteer for an hour, please call Steve on 208-6218 Ext 0 and let him know that you can assist. He will be calling those that helped last year soon to check on availability.





CARDS – Gore RSA Flag 500

With Winter coming on why not come and join with us for a game of cards. They are held at the Gore RSA on a Wednesday night. We play from 7:30 – 9:30pm.

Phyllis Caughey
Convener (208-7501)



This man was lonely, so he posted an ad on a popular website. The ad said, simply: "Wife wanted."

He was surprised the next morning to find he had over a hundred replies in his inbox. Unfortunately, they all said the same thing: "You can have mine."



GORE RSA WOMEN'S SECTION

Since the Xmas break there is little to report since the last newsletter.

After the business was dealt with at our February meeting, Sylvia Gilder read jokes and stories she has recorded over the years and this was enjoyed by all.

March was our AGM and the office bearers and committee stayed the same as last year, but we are still needing a Vice President. On 20th March 9 of our members joined together with the other Southland members to celebrate Friendship Day. It was held at the Gore RSA and was hosted by Balfour RSA Women's Section. The lovely lunch, entertainment and speaker was enjoyed by all.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month February till November mostly at 10:30am. We would welcome new members.

Dates to remember for the next calendar year are:

- May 7th 2019 - 11.30am - 77th Birthday Party
July 2nd 2019 - 11.30am - Winter Lunch
September 3rd 2019 - 10.30am - Market Table
November 5th 2019 - 10.30am - Xmas Lunch / Melbourne Cup Day
February 4th 2020 - 10.30am - Speaker: to be arranged
June 4th 2019 - 10:30am - Speaker: to be arranged
August 6th 2019 - 1:30pm - Outing to be Arranged
October 1st 2019 - 10.30am - Mystery Trip
March 3rd 2020 - 10.30am - AGM

Eileen Wicks
President



THE PADRE PONDERING

Here we are, March 2019 and another Anzac Day looming ever closer and that very special time where we come together to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country. Since my last ponderings and the events of Remembrance Day in November last year it would perhaps be fitting to consider some events since then.

On 20th January I had the privilege of conducting a service at the old Gore cemetery where members of the Barber and Telfer families gathered there to remember Pte. William (Bill) George Barber, who was killed at Messines on 2 August 1917, and his cousin Pte. David Telfer, who died at Passchendaele on 4 October 1917. As part of this service a memorial cross for Bill Barber inscribed with his name, rank and number was duly laid at the grave of his parents. This cross was one of the many thousands that were made to remember every NZ servicemen that had died in WW1. All these crosses were then displayed in a Field of Remembrance by the Auckland War Museum in order to commemorate Armistice Day in November last year. Similar crosses were created for Otago and Southland servicemen and displayed by the Dunedin war memorial. We have managed to collect a number of these for some of the names of men that are inscribed on the Gore Memorial and hope to have these placed by our memorial for Anzac Day this year.

With the horrendous and extremely sad events at Christchurch on Friday 15 March still very fresh in our minds, it is perhaps timely for all of us to take a good hard look at ourselves, and our attitude to anyone that may be different to us. At an inter-denominational prayer service held at St Andrew’s Church our National Anthem was sung and looking at the words, especially in verses 2 and 4, we as New Zealanders were all poignantly reminded about what we should all be standing for with regard to our fellow human beings who have the privilege of inhabiting this country of ours.

Men of every creed and race,
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our free land.
From dissension, envy, hate,
And corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for Thee increase,
Give us plenty, give us peace,
May Thy blessings never cease
God defend our free land.
From dishonour and from shame,
Guard our country's spotless name,
Crown her with immortal fame,
God defend New Zealand.

Most of you will be aware that we have ‘The Ode’ at the R.S.A. every Thursday at 6p.m. and a number of years ago also on Friday nights, as well as times of ‘late night entertainment’ and other special occasions. Over the last couple of years, we have noticed many more people coming to the R.S.A. on Friday nights and quite a number of these people have only experienced The Ode on Anzac Days. At our last executive meeting it was decided to re-introduce The Ode again on Friday at 6 p.m. The format will be different from Thursday as we are not using the recorded version with Last Post and Reveille, but simply getting people to stand after the sound of ‘a gong’ and The Ode will be spoken. The gong is actually a brass artillery shell that was originally made in 1901 and last used in 1917 and thus perhaps a rather fitting symbol of our past being used to remember those that gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

Peace be upon you and wishing you all every blessing for the future. *Padre Bruce*



A panda walks into a bar and gobbles some beer nuts. Then he pulls out a gun, fires it in the air, and heads for the door. “Hey!” shouts the bartender, but the panda yells back, “I’m a panda. Google me!” Sure enough, panda: “A tree-climbing mammal with distinct black-and-white colouring. Eats shoots and leaves.”



GORE RSA INDOOR BOWLS

The opening night for the 2019 season for Indoor Bowls was held on the 19th March. A total of 11 members attended two of these being new members. The Eastern Competition will begin on Monday 8th April. New members most welcome so, if you would like to come along and have a try at Indoor Bowls do so on a Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Bruce Hellier – President
(03) 2087537

Margaret Hughes – Secretary
(03) 2087053



GORE RSA GOLF SECTION

It has been a very busy start to the year. Our Section had a team in the South Island Men's Chartered Club Golf Tournament at Alexandra. The team comprised Brian Elder, Ivan Butel, Trevor Horrell and Clint Wright and ended up middle of the field but had a very enjoyable experience. On 1st and 2nd February 2020 we are combining with the Town & Country Club to organise the South Island Men's Chartered Club Tournament at the Gore Golf Club. The Friday will be practice day, and on the Saturday night there will be a Dinner and Entertainment at the Gore RSA for the players and partners. The prizegiving will be at the Town & Country on the Sunday. Again, our Section take the opportunity to thank the Executive and Steve, for their ongoing Raffle allocation.

John Speden - Co-ordinator Golf Section



SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

The annual Spud in the Bucket competition was relaunched last year at Labour Weekend with 52 entries received. 40 managed to have a product ready for judging on Sunday 3rd February 2019. There was a great variety in sizes and weights from the largest (approx. 1/3 kg) to the smallest (didn't register on the scales). Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience, and all want it to take place again later this year. Congratulations to Judy Dolamore for the heaviest Spud weighing in at 318 grams comfortably beating off the rest of the pack. Doc Samson came in with the smallest spud. The heaviest crop went to Ernie Petersen with his bucket registering 1.491 kg in a tightly fought contest. Thanks to Gore Mitre 10 for being our major sponsor and for Grace Engineering for supplying the weighing scales. \$510 was raised from the event which went to Gore RSA Welfare.

Kevin Fiveash - Organiser

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*A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.
 "I have an interesting case here," he says.
 "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."
 "Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant.
 "No, not yet. The floor's still wet."*



FROM THE OFFICE

We've got a full line of entertainment for the rest of the year and there should be something for everyone.

On Anzac Day we have a free concert from Vicki Lee who will be singing songs from Vera Lynn and World War II. This gets under way at 9:30am on the day and will finish around 11:30am. Jenny Mitchell will also entertain us from 12-2pm on Anzac Day as well as 2 sessions on Mother's Day (Sunday 12th May).

The Gore Gold Guitars is shaping as a big event for the club. With the closure of the Junction Café at H&J Smiths we have been approached to hold the "Jamming" part of the awards for the Wednesday & Thursday afternoons leading up to the main events. A wide variety of artists will perform during these sessions. No charge for this so come along for an afternoon of free musical entertainment.

On the Friday night of the Gold Guitars we will have some of Southland's finest country singers performing in the club from 7:00-9:00pm. Artists include; Stephen Hayes, Simon Thompson, Chris Chilton, Bonnie Turner, Bryan Townley, Ron and Jenny Mitchell and Brendon Burgess. This music will form part of the town wide celebrations on the night with people packing out venues all over Gore. Tickets to this concert cost \$40 which includes a 2-course buffet and a prime spot in front of the band. Promises to be a big night for the town so don't miss out when tickets go on sale as they won't last. The restaurant will be closed to the general public and members on this night.

On 20th July we have a Pink Floyd tribute show performing. Tickets for the show are \$50 giving you priority seating closer to the action along with a 2 course buffet dinner. We expect tickets to go on sale for this show in May although you can get in early by reserving a seat with the bar staff prior to the tickets going on sale.

Margaret Bates is back again in Winter for her afternoon Sunday sessions. See all her dates below. Our regular Daffodil Day concert is set down for Friday 30th August and is always a popular event. Midnight Cruise will perform 24th August, Shindig are back for Scottish Night on Saturday 30th November and Tranzition see the year out on Tuesday 31st December.

Once again, we have booked in 2 theatre restaurant shows during December for all those end of year work dos. This year's show - Mrs Browns Boys should be a real hoot. Tickets cost \$75.00 and we will let you know when these are available to be purchased. Tickets are limited so we will also be collecting names and numbers if you want to be rung when the tickets go on sale.

In all cases keep watching our Facebook page and website for updates and ticket information.

We have recently installed a new in-house TV channel to help with advertising and raffle draws. If any section wants to put up an advert on this channel, please let me know. No charge.

Steve Brinsdon – Secretary/Manager



RAFFLES

Oyster season has kicked off with our orders slowly trickling in – like they normally do at this time of the year. Let's hope we can get plenty soon as they are great fundraiser for the sections as they sell so quick. There's still meat and money raffles and the odd \$1 chook raffle when oyster stocks are low.

Just being here at the time of the raffles can prove to be financially beneficial. After the raffles are finished all losing tickets go in the 2nd chance draw for a spin on the wheel with the chance to collect the top prize of \$500. When that's finished the 2 member draws get under way and you need to be here at this time to have a chance. The first draw is for the cash jackpot (Gore RSA financial members only qualify). It runs for a maximum of 12 weeks before the cash prize must be given away. This is followed by the 2nd chance Joker draw (which is randomly drawn from all those who purchased something with their membership card on the night) which gives the winner a chance to win \$500 by finding the Joker card or a \$50 bar voucher for finding 1 of the 4 Aces. These 2 draws take place around 6:30pm Thursday & Friday nights only.



UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day)

Vera Lynn Show 9:30-11:30am &
Jenny Mitchell 12-2pm

Sunday 12th May (Mother's Day)

Jenny Mitchell 12-2pm & 6-9pm

Wednesday 29th May (Gold Guitars)

Jamming at the Razza 1:30-4pm

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Sunday 28 July

Melodies with Margaret 3-6pm

Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th August

Melodies with Margaret 3-6pm

Sunday 1st September (Father's Day)

Melodies with Margaret 3-7pm

Saturday 24th August (Snooker Tournament)

Midnight Cruise 7-11pm

Friday 30th August (Daffodil Day Fundraiser)

Various Artists 7-11pm

Saturday 30th November (Scottish Night)

Shindig 7-11pm

Tuesday 31st December (New Year's Eve)

featuring Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band
Tranzition 7:30pm – 12:30am

Ticket Shows:

Friday 31st May (QB/Gold Guitars)

Ladies & Gentleman of Country Music 7:00-9:00pm

Tickets cost \$40 which includes 2 course buffet and reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased from www.iticket.co.nz or at the bar.

