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## GORE RSA PRESIDENTS REPORT

This has certainly been an interesting year, and you would wonder if we are ever going to return to what we once perceived as normal. With the advent of COVID-19 many events have been shuffled around, cancelled, or held with changes to formats. Our own AGM was delayed and finally held in August.

This saw the presentation of Certificates of Merit to Jarrad Scott, our outgoing President, and to Rex Shallard for their service to the RSA, also a Life Membership was awarded to our resident Historian and Padre, Bruce Cavanagh. I wish to thank them for their service in the past and their ongoing interest and investment in the club. We welcomed on board to the Executive Mike Dennis and hope he enjoys his tenure on the committee, we look forward to his input and participation.

We bade farewell from the executive to Frank Lynch and thank him for his contributions over the years.

By the time the Wire is produced we will have commemorated Armistice Day and the 75th anniversary for the end of WWII, I would thank all who helped to commemorate the day.

I would like to thank Steve and all the staff who keep this club running on a day to day basis, the reputation we have is based largely on the work they do and the service they provide.

Remembering that the core value of the RSA is the welfare of all Returned and Service personnel, and their wider families, your continued support of the club helps us to help those who require it, be it for minor or major items. We look forward to your continued support and the growth of the club in the future.

I would like to wish all our membership and the wider community a safe and enjoyable break over the coming festive season.

Neil Bone

President

Gore & District Memorial RSA



*The President Of the United States is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun.*

*A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts "Mickey Mouse!" This startles the would-be assassin, and he is captured.*

*Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, "What in the hell made you shout Mickey Mouse?"*

*Blushing, the agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout "Donald, duck!"*



Gore RSA SUPPORT OFFICER

NIALL SHEPHARD

As another year draws to a close it is once more time to reflect on the activities of the last 12 months. At a local level Linda and the Welfare Committee have been as busy as ever visiting in homes, rest homes and hospitals generally keeping an eye on our service family. There is a lot of work involved in keeping up the momentum of those visits, and their importance cannot be overstated. Often it is a routine welfare visit which highlights other things happening and signals that further assistance may be required.

We have a good system for referrals which means that my monthly visits (usually the first Monday of the month) are mainly concerned with follow up actions for people identified by the team during the previous month. It is not unusual for me to have a list of 4 or 5 people to see during the day. By far the greatest number of issues are easily solved, and many involve simply engaging with Veterans Affairs to set up services provided through its 'Veterans Independence Programme' (VIP).

VIP provides a range of free services including such things as lawn mowing, window and house washing, gutter cleaning, podiatry and medical alarms. VIP services are available to those with NZDF service prior to 1 April 1974 – which of course also includes CMT, National Service, and Territorial service. A short telephone assessment identifies which services are appropriate and gets them started. When a veteran dies, those VIP services already in place remain for 12 months for the surviving spouse.

Occasionally, more complex needs are identified, and I am very grateful to the Welfare Committee which generously supports our service family by making grants available throughout the year to those in need.

If you or anyone you know from our service family is in need of support, please make contact with the RSA.

You can talk to the Gore RSA Manager – Steve, Local Support Advisor – Linda, or call me, Niall, on 0800 664 888.

Finally, as we head into the festive season please remember to look out for each other – it is what we do, and after all it is why RSA was started in the first place.

For a confidential appointment with our Support Advisor phone 0800 664 888, email welfare@dn-rsa.org.nz, or leave a message with staff at the club.



Attention Service, ex-service, police & partners.

- Struggling to adjust back to civilian life?
• Having health or stress issues possibly resulting from your service?
• Is your family life suffering?
• Finding it hard to make financial ends meet?



Our Support Advisor, based in Dunedin is available to help make those BIG problems smaller. Grant funding, referrals to appropriate agencies and services, advocacy and advice are just some of the support services available.

Contact 0800 664 888 or email welfare@dn-rsa.org.nz for help



CARDS – Gore RSA Flag 500

Flag 500 is held at the Gore RSA every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. We would like to thank the bar staff of the Gore RSA for setting up the gear we do appreciate it.

Cards will finish for the year on 9th December and will restart on the 3rd February 2021. We welcome new members to come along and join us on Wednesday evenings. A Merry Christmas to you all.

Phyllis Caughey
Convener (208-7501)



Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.
I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France?
There was nothing left but de Brie.

Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward.
That is just how I roll.



GORE RSA TIN HAT REPORT

We will have our last Tin Hat Tattoo on Sunday 29th November and we plan a great afternoon of entertainment to finish off a year of very pleasant and smooth-running events. These events are arranged for you by our very loyal committee and helpers who all deserve a big thank you for their time and assistance. Especially to our Secretary/Treasurer (Diana O'Neill) and Quartermaster (Rose Graves) who work on the Sunday mornings beforehand to set up the tables and sort out the sandwiches. The also attend to the coffee making and other kitchen duties.

Thanks to Tom McCord and his Tin Hat band who perform so well at the Tattoo's. We are appreciative of having had excellent speakers and entertainment throughout the year and we endeavour to continue this into the future.

We are pleased to have a number of new members join and thank them for making the choice to be part of our successful Tin Hat Club. To be a new member you do not have to be an RSA member to join our club. New members are always welcome to join

On behalf of all our committee and members our best wishes for the continuation and growth of our successful club going forward in the coming years. Next year Tattoo's restart in March 2021.

Ewen Price - Chairman





**GORE OUTDOOR BOWLS**

The new season of Outdoor bowls has begun again.

There have been various Eastern Championships played with the team of R Heads, C Tutty, P Sutherland & B Graves coming 3<sup>rd</sup> = in the Eastern Fours and R Heads & D Kirk 3<sup>rd</sup> = in the Mixed Pairs.

When COVID-19 arrived we never got to finish our club championships from last season.

We recently caught up on last season’s Men’s triples which was won by J McIntyre, K Mamanu & K Roberts. Well done to those three.

We have a lady’s practice afternoon on Mondays and a practice night on Wednesdays.

Welcome to all the new bowlers we have got joining us this year. I hope you enjoy our friendly club.

Good luck to all the players for the season.

Corporate bowls kicks off again on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Both bowlers and non-bowlers are all welcome.

Have a happy Christmas/New Year and stay safe.

Robbie Heads - President.



**GORE RSA POOL SECTION**

This year has been a trying one for the Pool section with the COVID-19 virus meaning a couple of months playing pool was put on hold. The section did manage a trip to Invercargill for ten pin bowling and a meal at the Lone Star. An enjoyable night had by all.

With a new honours board at the RSA the section held Club Championships for the first time with the winners being: Singles – Ronald Oliver, Doubles – Ken Lloyd & Ronald Oliver.

Now that the season is coming to an end around the end of November, we have an end of year function at Croydon Lodge and a games evening at the Dore’s. We look forward to next year and with a few new members joining up this year we hope to carry on forward.

If you have a few hours free on Sundays then come down and join in at 1pm.

Ken Lloyd  
President



*What is the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?  
Attire*



### GORE RSA INDOOR BOWLS

Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Indoor Bowls Season was interrupted for a good part of the season. We had our opening Club night on the 17th March 2020, and we were then put into Lockdown and our next Club night was not held until the 9th June 2020.

However, we did manage to fit in all our Club Championship Matches and we had a good turnout for the Eastern Southland Inter club Competition on Monday nights which was also a shortened season.

Championships: Graeme Dawe won the Eastern Southland Championship Singles 2020

Our Club Champions for 2020: Singles: Graeme Dawe

Pairs: Bruce Hellier & Lloyd Falconer. Triples: Ruth Benson, Owen Collins & Margaret Hughes

Fours: Bruce Hellier, David Hewitt, Lloyd Falconer & Margaret Ferris

Most Improved Player: Pauline Escott

Sue Dawe Memorial Trophy for the highest finishing ladies' singles: Judy Whipps

Indoor Bowls will commence again in March 2021 on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. New Members most welcome.

Bruce Hellier – President Margaret Hughes Secretary



### GORE RSA GOLF SECTION

Reflecting on the year past it has been a tremendous effort from our section this year starting in February with the South Island Chartered Clubs men's Golf tournament by leading the field on the first day by two strokes and on the final day with our Team coming runner up in the tournament having only missed out from winning on the count back!!! An excellent result.

Like everyone else it was pretty tough through lockdown not only because of golf play but our turn at the raffles. We were fortunate to be able to man the first two weeks raffles in October.

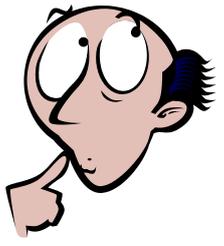
Our training day this year was held at the Riverton Golf Course on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> October with 17 members in attendance. The winner on the day was Golf on dry fairways and greens with both of our new members taking out the challenge on the day with Gary Dore on 39 Stablefords and runner up was Don McConnell on 32 Stablefords. The rest of the players enjoyed the game and the ambiance on the day

Again, I would like to thank the RSA executive and Steve for their support through the year as it is very much appreciated.

During the year we had the following RSA members join our section - Gary & Caroline Dore, Don & Joanne McConnell and Murray & Sandra Speden.

**Note:** If you are a member of the RSA and would like to join the Golf Section please contact one of our members or check with Steve at the RSA.

John Speden - Convenor – 0274327917



THE PADRE PONDERING

Greetings to you all and now another year nearly completed, and what a year it has been for us all. Whilst Anzac Day this year was definitely so very different, it was nonetheless also very special, and it still allowed us all to take that time to remember those who gave their lives for our country. Writing this report in early November I am also mindful that Remembrance Day is drawing ever closer, and of course allows us yet another special time to us all to take time to remember our service personnel and also reflect on the terrible costs of war.

It has been suggested albeit in past years by various ill-informed people that by remembering Anzac and Armistice days we were somehow glorifying war. Fortunately, due to the ongoing work over the years by the R.S.A and kindred organisations and of course education in our schools that this twisted view of the past has hopefully been corrected and thus eradicated for future generations.

Remembrance Day or Armistice Day as it was once known by in order to remember the end of the Great War. Has now become a time when many countries make a special time to remember all of those who fought and died in the line of duty to keep us free from tyranny. In looking at other countries in the way that they remember their war dead I have learned that since 1952 Germany has also been remembering their fallen with Volkstrauertag (people’s day of mourning) during the two Sundays before the first day of Advent. This is a time when they commemorate members of the armed forces of all nations and civilians who died in armed conflicts. **“Lest we forget.”**

We wear a poppy  
On Remembrance Day  
And at eleven  
We stand and pray.  
Wreaths are put  
Upon a grave  
As we remember  
Our soldiers brave.

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



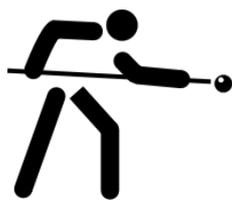
*How do you make holy water?  
You boil the hell out of it.*

*And God said to John, "Come forth and you shall be granted eternal life."  
But John came fifth and won a toaster.*

*I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places.  
He told me to stop going to those places.*

*Will glass coffins be a success?  
Remains to be seen.*





## GORE RSA SNOOKER SECTION

Hi All, Well not so much to report about our snooker season this year except to say there wasn't much of one. We were to hold several major tournaments, but of course good old COVID-19 put a swift halt to them. However, we did manage to get a few interclub nights in later on which we all really enjoyed! And, of course, as soon as allowed the Wednesday afternoon brigade wound into it and had a really good attendance throughout.

Also, our senior stalwart Ernie MacManus ran a very successful golden oldies tournament again this year, with everyone going home with a little something for their support! Well done yet again Ernie!!

The good news is that the tournaments cancelled this year carry over to 2021, so we are really look forward to hosting the SI RSA singles and the SI Chartered club pairs next year!!

Finally, the club champs are now underway, good luck to all participants.

Hope you have a Merry Xmas and that 2021 is a good year for you all!!

Evan Fricker  
Chairman



## GORE RSA WOMEN'S SECTION

Unfortunately, our year has been disrupted with the COVID-19 outbreak.

We held our annual meeting in March. All committee are the same as last year.

Meetings from April to July were cancelled.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August after our normal business, raffles and housie we discussed how we handled the time in lockdown.

September was our usual meeting and then we enjoyed lunch from the Gore RSA bar snacks.

1<sup>st</sup> October we discussed our Xmas lunch to be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> with the company of members from other women's sections.

Our membership is dwindling, and we need more RSA lady members to come along to our meetings on the first Tuesday morning of every month from February to November.

The Women's section membership is only \$5, and your RSA sub is discounted by \$10 just by being a member of our section. More reason to join up with us.

Our meetings in a usual year have a variety of entertainment.

Eileen Wicks – President





**RAFFLES**

Thank you to all the members for supporting the raffles on Thursday and Friday night. All raffles are now conducted on the 50-ticket draw and all still \$2 per ticket. With the ever-increasing costs of prizes, the move to the 50 sheets was to help counteract that. We may sell less raffles overall, but the sections still profit about the same. At the same time, we decided to change the prizes within the money raffle. Instead of 3 winners of \$20 each it is now split as \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$10 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. This has proved to be a popular adjustment based on the number of Money raffles sold each week.

Despite the club closure and restrictions through lockdown, the club has still given away \$3,300 from the Members Draw, \$3,855 from the Lucky Wheel and \$500 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Jackpot Joker Card Draw, so over \$7,500 in cash prizes. This only goes to those who are in the club on raffle nights so what better excuse to make this your regular weekly visit. Raffles and Member draws conclude Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and restart again on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Our door Ham raffles are underway again this year. 3 draws of a Half Ham (4.5kg) and our smaller easy carve hams are being raffled on Thursday and Friday night from 19<sup>th</sup> November until our last night of the year.



**FROM THE OFFICE**

I normally start of this report asking...Where has this year gone!!! Well, we all know the answer to that – down the gurgler! I definitely have a few more grey hairs after the tumultuous COVID-19 lockdowns followed by restrictions which made me wonder was it worthwhile even being open at times. Like everyone else we had cancellation after cancellation as people sort to play it safe at home and I do not blame them.

Business is slowly starting to return to normal although will be well down on previous years, but the club is in a very healthy financial position. Clearing the loan debt early in the year coupled with assistance from the government has aided the club in weathering the storm well.

When the green light was given to venture out from your hidey holes we saw good numbers return to the club for their regular weekly fix of raffles, food and drink which was good to see.

We have continued to hold our regular annual fixtures like the Punters Challenge (which finishes up mid-December), the Annual Spud in a Bucket Competition which got under way at Labour weekend as well as the Members Kid’s Christmas Party which is to be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Our annual DB Promotion has started with another great set of prizes on offer. First Prize is a 50” Panasonic Smart TV. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a Christmas Hamper consisting of a Chilly Bin filled with beer & wine, Xmas Ham and plenty of Xmas groceries. These 2 prizes can only be won by purchasing any of our DB products using your membership card.

A full list of qualifying drinks can be found by the display in the foyer.

And finally, the 3rd prize is just for the kid's this year. The prize includes both a boy's and girl's bike along with 3 large toy hampers. Entries for this prize are either at the bar or bistro whenever a Gore RSA membership card is scanned. Kid's... get your parents and grandparents to take you out for tea!

All prizes will be drawn on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Winners will be notified after this date and you do not need to be here to win. Good luck to all our members.

As always, we have some great entertainment coming up to finish off the year in style. Our Theatre restaurant shows are back with a new Faulty Towers show 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December followed by a great band for New Year's Eve. Please support these great acts as they too have had a hard year and we want them to come back next year.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and hope you all have a good Xmas and we look forward to seeing you back in 2021.

Steve Brinsdon – Secretary/Manager

**PS.** We have secured a great tribute show from one of the UK's leading Rod Stewart impersonators. Rud Stewart will be here 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021 as part of his world-wide tour. Do not miss out on this opportunity since the real Rod had to cancel his trip and who knows if he will be back. All the details can be found on our website, Facebook page or at [www.iticket.co.nz/events/2021/feb/rod-stewart-tribute](http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2021/feb/rod-stewart-tribute). Strictly limited seating so get in quick before we sell out!



**Entertainment:**

**Saturday 28th November (Scottish Night) Shindig 7 - 11pm**  
Feat. Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band and \$30 Buffet Special from 5:30pm

**Thursday 31st December (New Year's Eve) Midnight Cruise 7:30pm – 12:30am**  
\$30 Buffet Special from 6:00pm

**Theatre Restaurant Shows:**

**Friday 11th December (DKCM – Faulty Towers – Pandemic Edition) 6pm – Late**

**Saturday 12th December (DKCM – Faulty Towers – Pandemic Edition) 6pm – Late**  
Tickets (\$75) available at: [tickets.dkcm.co.nz](http://tickets.dkcm.co.nz)

**Ticket Shows:**

**Saturday 20th February 2021 – Rod Stewart Tribute Show 7:00 - 10:00pm**  
\$60 Buffet Dinner and Show Special from 6:00pm. \$30 Show Only





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