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GORE RSA PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello everyone, I take pleasure in submitting my first report as the president of such a great RSA. Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Steve our Manager, and the staff of the RSA for their tireless work in keeping such a well-oiled machine running for the benefit of all of our members. I would like to thank our patrons for their continued support and their commitment to the values of the RSA. The idea of support and camaraderie comes in many forms and can be seen right across the RSA from the sections to the raffles to the famous goon table.

With the resignation of Linda Harvey, we have found a hole within our organisation for a local support advisor. We have been fortunate in conjunction with the Dunedin RSA trust and National RSA to fund a full-time role for Niall Shepherd as our newly formed District Support advisor. This role now gives a central point of contact for support matters not only in our organisation but all RSAs within the Otago Southland region. Niall brings a wealth of support knowledge and is willing to run training courses for anyone who is willing to further themselves as a support advisor locally or at a district level. If you have a desire to learn more about support advisor roles get in contact with Steve or myself for more information.

We have seen the passing of one of our most influential and longest serving members Fred Cooper. I would like to thank the family for their time and all the RSA members involved in the service. The day was a great send off to someone who has dedicated so much to the ideals and establishment of the RSA we have today.

Looking forward to the end of the year we have a busy time ahead. With an ability to plan with more certainty we are seeing more shows and functions occurring along with our traditional events. Armistice day celebrations will continue as usual with the service gaining momentum year on year. Being a Saturday this year we should see a large turn out to remember the guns falling silent and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Coming up we see the first ever services dinner to be held on the 2nd of December. This event is open to all ex and current military service personnel. The day will consist of an RSA brief and support advisor sessions followed by the District RSA AGM and a dinner with guest speakers. Our special quests for the night will be our RSA President Sir Wayne Shelford, RSA CEO Maj Gen Martin Dunne (ret), Lox Kellas district president and support advisor Niall Shepherd. If the event is successful we will look to hold this as a biannual event.

With the RSA back to normal and the Christmas break coming soon I would like to thank everyone for their patronage and ask for patience and understanding over our busy Xmas period. This time of year can be stressful for many and if you know someone who is struggling please reach out and ask for help. The RSA is based on support and we as an RSA community can work together to provide that support.

The new floor area is completed removing the old wooden floor to the front of the stage. The new floor looks smart and allows for multiple uses with easier maintenance and upkeep going forward.



Thanks again look forward to seeing you in the RSA soon.

Bradley Bridgman
President
Gore & District Memorial RSA



OTAGO/SOUTHLAND DISTRICT SUPPORT MANAGER

NIALL SHEPHERD



Attention Service, ex-service, police & families.

- 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 *DSM.Otago@rsa.org.nz* for help



OUTDOOR BOWLS SECTION

Our bowling season has started off well for 2023. We have had two interclub bowls games already and on Sunday 5th of November we held our annual RSA Members Optional Triple Elimination Tournament. We had a full field for this, and the winners were B Wynward, J McKay and R Sanson, second was J King, N Broome, and M Broome, third was K Bishop, G Davis, and D Broome. Photos of the winners below.

We have coming up on Sunday 10th December a Silver Fern Farm Optional Fours tournament and also on Saturday the 13th of January, we have the South Island RSA Chartered Clubs, Sunday 14th of January is our Promotions Optional Fours tournament - anyone interested in playing is most welcome to enter this tournament as we are always looking for non-bowlers on this day. And then on Tuesday 6th of February is the Gloria Fisker Optional Triples. On Saturday and Sunday, the 24th and 25th of February is the RSA Fives - two day optional.

Anybody interested in taking up bowls please call into the RSA Bowling Club, 10A Ardwick Street, Gore, any Saturday, you would be most welcome, or you could contact Steve Popham - Club President 027 4072 830.

Steve Popham - President.



Old Bob was missing Joe, his bowling buddy of over 50 years. He had passed to greens anew just last year, and Bob couldn't help but wonder how he was getting along. So later that day whilst talking with a friend it was suggested that he seek the help of a medium, who agreed to try and make contact with Joe. So, the next evening, after the usual formalities contact was made, and this is how it went.

"Hi Bob", said Joe.

"What's it like up there?", asked Bob

"Great food, Nice people, Lovely weather, and we get to bowl as much as we like", replied Joe.

"That's good news!", said Bob

"No!" said Joe, " The good news is your skipping FRIDAY'S TRIPLES !!!!!"



POOL SECTION

The Pool section meets and plays on Sundays from 1pm.

We have had a great year with some great new members and always welcoming to anyone new who wants to join in on the fun.

If you are interested then just come along on Sundays and give it a go. I will be there to provide some coaching if needed.

Barry Lemm
President
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2024 Winners



Doubles
Dhana & Barry



Scottish Pairs
Donna B & Barry



Female Singles
Donna Kirk



Male Singles
Gary Dore



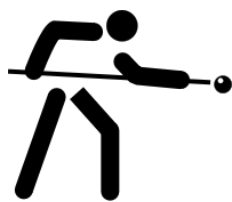
CARD SECTION – Gore RSA Flag 500

Flag 500 is held at the Gore RSA every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

Cards will finish for the year on 6th December and will restart on the 31st of January 2024. We welcome new members to come along and join us on Wednesday evenings.

Phyllis Caughey
Convener (208-7501)

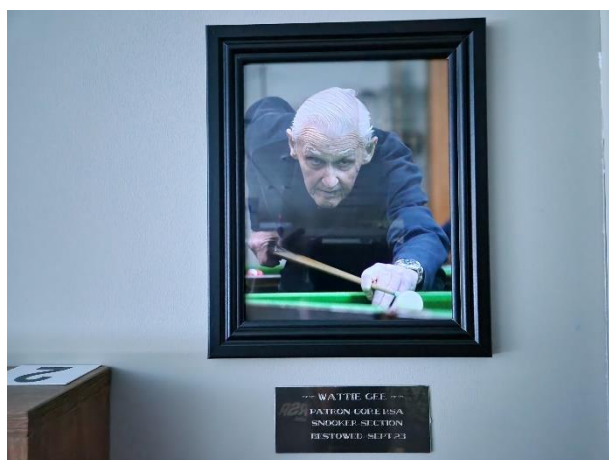




SNOOKER SECTION

Well, 2023 seems to have rolled by very quickly and not long now to the good old plum duff!! Our snooker tables have had a lot of use over the year with an extra busy interclub season due to diminishing facilities elsewhere, very well supported Wednesday arvo gatherings and a number of tournaments organized by Ernie MacManus.

Ernie has done an outstanding job running these events as there is a tremendous amount of work involved in the organisation of them. We are sad to announce that he is now retiring from this role. Our section would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ernie for all he has done for us.



We are also very sad to lose Wattie Gee from our section as Wattie is now residing in a rest home in Dunedin.

Wattie has been a massive part of Gore RSA snooker for well over 50 years, and this was recognised at a recent visit back to us with some of his family, where a ceremony was held and Wattie was bestowed the honour of being our first ever patron of the Gore RSA snooker section.

His photo and a plaque now sit proudly on our snooker room wall.

Looking ahead, next year in August we are very excited to host both the South Island chartered club pairs and the South Island RSA pairs. Two very big events in our annual snooker calendar. Preparations are already well under way for these events.

Congratulations to Craig Bradbury & Kevin Wright for winning the South Island RSA Snooker Pairs this year in Timaru and they will defend their title in 2024 on home soil.



Before I sign off I would like to thank Veronica Swain for all the work she does coordinating our interclub snooker. Veronica spends a lot of time making the draw and collating results as well other secretarial duties!! Her work is very much appreciated!!

I would like to wish you all a very safe and merry Xmas, and a prosperous 2024!!

Evan Fricker
Chairman





INDOOR BOWLS

The 2023 season for Indoor Bowls ended on the 29th of August and the following Club Championship trophies were presented.

Singles: Rueben Taylor
Pairs: Rueben Taylor & Maree Wallace
Triples: Graeme Dawe, Phillipa Holland & Robyn Hellier
Fours: Richard Agnew, David Hewitt, Katrina Heads & Margaret Hughes

Most Improved Player: Maree Wallace

Sue Dawe Memorial Trophy (Highest Finishing Ladies Singles) Judy Whipps

Two Club members had success in the Eastern Championships. Matt Heads won the Eastern singles and Phillipa Holland was part of the winning team for Eastern Fours.

Opening for 2024 Indoor Bowls season will be in March

Bruce Hellier – President **Margaret Hughes – Secretary**



*Why do golfers always carry a spare pair of trousers with them?
 In case they get a hole in one.*



GOLF SECTION

The Golf section is ticking along nicely. We have welcomed some new members which is fantastic. We had a very successful raffle month. In November we are off to Alexandra for our Christmas golf event. We are looking for new organisers so if you wish to do this, please contact Gary Dore.

Gary Dore - Convenor – 0274375700





FISHING SECTION

We have just returned from one of our annual trips to Twizel. We stayed 2 nights in Twizel and paid for by our section. Some very large trout were caught, Ron Thornton catching a 11 1/2 lb rainbow Trout, and David Giles catching a 10lb brown trout, there were several other various trout and salmon caught as well.

Upcoming events

Sunday 26th November

East Gore Takeaways (interclub) cup , hosted by Mataura Fishing Club. You can only fish in the Mataura River and tributaries for this competition. 2 fish bag limit, any legal method, weigh-in 5pm Mataura Gun Club beside Rugby grounds on Waimumu Road.

Friday 1st & Sat 2nd Dec

Trip staying at Lake Hawea, fishing the local area lakes and rivers.

Friday 2nd/3rd March 24

Glenorchy staying at Glenorchy A good chance to fish some new waters with good trout and salmon fishing in this region.



"A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work."

Wayne Neiman Secretary/Treasurer



CORNHOLE SECTION

Join us Sunday mornings at 11am for cornhole games. Either pairs or singles depending on numbers but always a few laughs for about an hour.

We will also be taking our Cornhole boards to the Gore Gardens as part of the annual Christmas Parade Sunday 10 December in the afternoon, so come along and try your luck. Prizes for the kids if they can land on the board or get it in the hole.





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**THE GORE RSA IS AN ANNUAL
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SSAANZ WHICH SUPPORTS SERVING
AND VETERAN DEFENCE FORCE
PERSONNEL WITH ADVENTUROUS
EVENTS THROUGHOUT NZ**

The First Southland Hunting Skills Course

Day 1.

The Team assembled at Athol with the trusty Toyota provided by GWD Toyota Gore. The drive through the snow-covered station towards the hut made for some pretty spectacular views. Once at the hut it was definitely brew time, followed by find a bed space. With a clear sky it made for an awesome night.

Day 2.

After a cold start on Friday, Saturday morning was noticeably warmer, but still a good amount of snow on the hills. We decided to all head up the one track to the top of the hill, where we could disperse into our groups and hunting area.

Team Brad, Ethan, and Wayne took a loop that had us skirting round the top of some native bush. After about 1km we come across a nice fellow hind feeding about 200m below us, easy presentable shot but the ground was horrible, and the recovery would have been massive, so we carried on. As we crested a hill we slowed and scanned the slopes to our front, and we spotted a nice spiker laying in the sun. We got into a firing position and while waiting for it to give us a shot, Brad spotted two hinds feeding about 100m down the hill from the spiker.

All of a sudden, a buck walked into the picture.

We lay in position for about an hour waiting for them to offer a shot.

By this time Ethan's hands were purple, frozen and he couldn't hold the rifle.

The spiker was the first to move, but still took a bit to get broad side, then "boom!" and a solid thump.

With that the buck and hind jumped up, both side on and with a volley of shots both animals were down.

Three nice animals on back of the GWD Toyota Gore Hilux.

Caption: Getting into it with friends and whanau. Here Bradley Bridgman and son Ethan with one of three animals successfully hunted.



Team Macca, Jasmine, and Nigel also covered a lot of terrain, glassing every inch of it and in areas they expected would be holding animals. They managed to see a big boar up in the snow line before they split with team Laurie. Nigel learnt a lot about the weather and wind, Jasmine learnt a lot about native fauna and feeding locations for animals. Unfortunately, they didn't return with an animal, but did return heavy with new knowledge.



Team Laurie, Sarah, and Shaun covered the most ground and elevation. Sarah managed to spot some hinds and they began to stalk them, but they got into some thick Matagouri, closing the gap but lost them. Then out of the corner of her eye she saw a big buck, on some very tricky ground Sarah rested the rifle to take the shot, the adrenaline was pumping, she had the perfect shot and took it. Laurie and Sarah saw the buck arch and then it bolted. They started looking for it and as they came up over a brow, they spooked a mob of about 11 hinds and in the middle as happy as he could be, was believed to be the buck, heading up the hill. Now that Laurie had marched them nearly to the Remarkables they had to get back before they started losing too much light on the hill. Sarah was still on a high when they were picked up. Shaun loved the tracking side of things explained by Laurie, watching the animals feed and the wind direction indicated by the swirling fog and what native plants you can and can't eat. He also enjoyed learning about using the terrain to move and hide movement and stated, "I was paired up with Barry Crump and Super Women".



\$1.50 from every jar goes to SSAANZ
On Sale at the Gore RSA for \$30



TIN HAT REPORT

A good year with us holding 6 Tattoos.

A good selection of speakers was had with Helen Wilson talking about Korowai Weavers, Adrienne & Chris Rodgers spoke of their visit to the British National War Memorial Arboretum, Dale Matthews spoke of his life plus Windsor Park and Elaine Scott talked about her trip to Ireland. Two other Tattoos were musical afternoons.

I would like to thank the RSA executive and Manager for all their help and support, also our committee and workers, and finally the Tin Hat committee because without all of you helping we would not be able to have Tattoos.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all back in 2024.

Tin Hat Tattoo Dates 2024: AGM Monday 19th February 2024 at 7pm
March 24, May 19, June 23, July 21, September 15 & November 24.

Jenny Lyon - Chairperson



RAFFLES

Thank you to all the members for supporting the raffles on Thursday and Friday night. The sections have appreciated the level of support over the year and have raised some great funds for their activities, something that has proven hard to do in this economic period we are going through.

The Oyster and Whitebait season have been a real hit and miss with product. One week no oysters and then the next week 100 dozen. It was just so difficult to know what you were going to get from one week to the next and the Whitebait season was a disaster with hardly any raffles at all.

From the member nights this year the club has given away \$9,225 from the Members Draw, \$8,919 from the Lucky Wheel, \$2,150 from the 2nd Chance Jackpot Joker Card Draw and \$2,412 from Beat the Bomb, so \$22,700 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 22nd December and restart again on Thursday 11th January 2024.

Our door Xmas 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 16th November until our last night of the year.





WOMEN’S SECTION

We have approximately 19 members in our section, an average of 14 attending monthly meetings. The AGM was held in March. Two of our newest ladies joined our committee which was very pleasing. Dorothy Murray and Helen Forsyth have enjoyed helping put the programme together and making other committee decisions.

Over the year the speakers have been: Glenise Jones – her sporting achievement, Vicki Crawford – teaching career and Dorothy Mullen – receiving the Soroptimist award.

We also had a tour of the new library and a visit to a private home where we viewed a room of doll houses. Our meeting and a lunch were held at Mandeville in October followed by our Xmas lunch on Melbourne Cup day at the RSA .The ladies from West Otago, Balfour, Bluff and Awarua joined us for a lovely buffet meal provided by the kitchen staff, and we enjoyed music from Murray and Sue Bruce. During the afternoon Long Service awards were presented to Verna Stevens, Sylvia Gilder, Glenise Terry, and Anne Welsh. They are all still active members of the Women’s section.

This year we’ve started a roll call each meeting which is enjoyed by all. We also run \$1 raffles and free housie. Our meetings are held at 10:30am 1st Tuesday of each month (February to November).

We welcome RSA lady members to join us

Eileen Wicks – President



FROM THE OFFICE

Yet another year has flown by, and I can’t say for sure where it actually went just a blur of raffle nights, furniture moving and button pushing. But all-in-all we survived another year.

Business has bounced back nicely since the pandemic despite the increased costs across all spectrums of the club. Staffing has been a real headache at times as we struggle to find people wanting to work nights and weekends as well as finding the skills that we need in the vacant positions. It’s a real credit to the staff we have who have proven loyal to the RSA and stuck to the task rather than giving up when the pressure hits. One member once told me it was a pleasure just being served by our staff which was very pleasing to hear.

Our raffle nights on Thursday and Friday are still well supported by a good core of members who take turnabout in picking up a spin on the wheel for cash and prizes and on the odd occasion the big members draw cash prize. On the members draw there will be a slight change in the length of the draw for 2024. Instead of the maximum 12 week cycle we will be shortening this to just 6 weeks but still with the same amount of money on offer by doubling the weekly increment. This is hopefully going to go to more loyal members throughout the year.



Our Xmas Promotion has started with a couple of great prizes on offer. These will be drawn on Friday 22nd December 6pm. Winners will be notified after this date, and you do not need to be here to win. Good luck to all our members.

The first prize is a custom-made Bar leaner. To enter this draw, purchase any alcohol over the bar scanning your

membership card in the process. The 2nd prize is our standard Christmas Hamper set of 3 Chilly Bins filled with beer & wine, Xmas Ham, and plenty of Xmas groceries. Any \$5 or more purchase qualifies.

And after quite a lengthy wait we finally have our new Heineken tap installed. Same cost as the bottle variety but that is where the similarities end. Sure to be a favourite among the Heineken drinkers I am sure.

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 local flavour on offer for 8th and 9th December (see poster at end of newsletter) followed by Contraband to welcome in the new year 31st December.



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 2024.

Steve Brinson Secretary/Manager

PS. If you have ever seen the 10 guitars show then we have the man behind it coming to our venue 18 February with his new show "The Kiwi Shed Party" Sure to be a popular event so keep an eye out on our Facebook page or in the club for ticketing information

Entertainment:**Saturday 25th November (Scottish Night)**

\$35 Buffet Special from 5:30pm

Shindig**7 - 11pm****Thursday 31st December (New Year's Eve)**

\$35 Buffet Special from 6:00pm

Contraband**7:30pm – 12:30am****Theatre Restaurant Shows:****Friday 8th December (Celtic Christmas) 6pm – Late****Saturday 9th December (Celtic Christmas) 6pm – Late**

Tickets (\$65) available at the Gore RSA bar only

Ticket Shows for 2024:**Saturday 17th February 2024 – The Kiwi Shed Party****7:00 - 10:00pm**

\$65 Buffet Dinner and Show from 6:00pm. \$30 Show Only

Features Guitarist Renata Cougan (10 Guitars and the Pink Floyd Tribute)

More Details to come – check out our Facebook Page for updates

Saturday 11th May 2024 – Elton John / Billy Joel Tribute**7:30 - 10:30pm**

\$65 Buffet Dinner and Show from 6:00pm. \$30 Show Only

More Details to come – check out our Facebook Page for updates

**Hours over the Christmas Period:**Club closed on Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) and Wednesday 27th December 2023.Restaurant Closed 25th - 27th December 2023, Monday 1st January and
Tuesday Saturday 2nd January 2024**The Executive and Staff of the Gore RSA would like to thank everyone for their patronage this year
and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.**



Proudly presents

A Celtic Christmas Theatre Restaurant

Featuring the Sunbeam Swingers and Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band



TWO SHOWS ONLY

Fri 8th & Sat 9th December

Doors Open 6pm

**Open
to
Public**

TICKETS \$65pp

Show includes 2 course buffet meal

On sale from Gore RSA bar ONLY