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Gore District Memorial RSA (Inc.)

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## **GORE RSA PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hello everyone, I hope everyone has survived the year well with the new year fast approaching. Since the last wire we have seen a lot of activity in the club with another successful ANZAC day with the Lt Commander Chris Bone attending as our quest speaker. Since then, he has been promoted to ships Commander and Captain of the HMNZS Te Mana. It is great to see a local person achieving such a prestigious position. Well-done Chris good luck with your command.

We have seen numerous people achieving long service to the RSA this year with three members of the executive standing down. Thomas Johnson, Brent Horne, and former president Neil Bone all standing down from the executive after 10+ years of service. I would like to thank them for their commitment and support of the RSA. All the free hours put in to maintaining repairing and assisting around the RSA is appreciated and will be missed. We also saw Richard, Alastair, Kevin, and Robbie recognised for over 10 years ongoing service. Thank you for your work and continued support.

In the national space we see large amounts of work being undertaken to adopt the new constitution. I would like to thank Jocelyn Faul and the RSA board for their hard work and effort on the project. This will be voted on next February for us to have our new constitution prior to the next years AGM. Once again anyone seeking to help on the new constitution draft, please make yourself known to Steven or myself. We also see a lot of conflict between different factions in the RZRSA organisation. Going forward we as a national body need to consolidate and move forward as one, something we seem to do well in the south.

As the year grows to a close, I would like to put a massive shout out to the staff of the RSA. You are the face of the organisation and make it the comfortable and enjoyable place it is. On behalf of the executive committee and members of the club I would like to thank you for all you do. Steven has steered the ship well over the year. He works tirelessly throughout the club to ensure the smooth running of the place. We are lucky to have someone of his calibre and thank him for all he does and sacrifices for our RSA.

Unfortunately, we have lost a number of people throughout the year. Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones, and we send our condolences and support.

With the silly season coming up please remember to have patience and humility towards each other. This can be a very stressful time for people in the community so keep calm and enjoy family, friends, and hopefully good weather. If you know anyone that is struggling we may be able to assist, so let us know. If you know an ex or current service member in the community that wants to connect with us get in contact. We have multiple ways of helping and Niall is there for added direction and support as our district support advisor.



Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at the presidents shout later in the year. For those I do not see, have a Merry Xmas and a Happy new year.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY 11.11.2024**

**Bradley Bridgman**  
**President**  
**Gore & District Memorial RSA**



**OTAGO/SOUTHLAND DISTRICT SUPPORT MANAGER**

**NIALL SHEPHERD**



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](mailto:DSM.Otago@rsa.org.nz) for help**





## OUTDOOR BOWLS SECTION

Our bowling season has started for the new 2024-2025 season. The weather has not been very kind so far.



Our patron Marty Bone rolled up the first bowl of the season on Opening Day on 28<sup>th</sup> September, but no other bowls could be played but we had a good get together in the clubrooms as the wet weather continued outside.

Our first interclub game was cancelled as it was too wet to play so we hope for better weather to come.

The club held its annual elimination tournament on 3<sup>rd</sup> November with the winners receiving a trip to the nationals in March next year courtesy of sponsorship from the Gore RSA. Next year's national tournament is being held in Birkenhead, Auckland and we are proud to secure the event back here in 2026.

The winners of the annual RSA Members Optional Triple Elimination Tournament were:



1<sup>st</sup> - Ken Lloyd, Wayne McGregor  
& Phil Sutherland  
(They head to Birkenhead next year)



2<sup>nd</sup> - John King, Norm Broome  
& Maureen Broome



3<sup>rd</sup> - Darren Broome, Gwyn Davis  
& Nigel Murdoch

We have coming up on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December a Silver Fern Farm Optional Fours tournament and also on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. The Gloria Fisker Optional Triples will be played on Thursday 6 February and our popular fives tournament is on the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

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.





## POOL SECTION

The Pool section meets and plays on Sundays from 1pm. We have had a very exciting year. We have about 25 members and recently completed our club championships. There were some very close games with some fantastic pool played by all. The 2024 winners were:



It is great to see how much everyone has improved their games the more they play. We will take a break for the section at the end of November and start again about the middle of February. You can still come along any Sunday and play throughout the year.

It was with great sorrow that we had the passing of our Past President Barry Lemm. Barry done a fantastic job getting the section up top so many members and especially getting so many women to play. Thank you Barry R.I.P.

Robbie Heads  
President



## 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 11th December and will restart on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. We welcome new members to come along and join us on Wednesday evenings.

**Phyllis Caughey**  
**Convener (208-7501)**



## SNOOKER SECTION

Well, it has been another busy and successful year for our snooker section. With our facilities being used extensively for a number of events including golden oldies tournaments & Wednesday arvo social snooker the South Island RSA Pairs and of course Thursday night interclub.

The SI RSA pairs title was defended successfully by our local pairing of Kevin Wright and Craig ( aka Splash ) Bradbury. Well done chaps!!



The Golf Club came out triumphant in the interclub competition, and we warmly welcomed a new RSA team, Straight Aim, featuring some new young and talented players!! Great to see them coming through!!

On that note we would like to thank the RSA executive for providing our section with a grant to help tutor these new boy's and also other players who wish to improve their game. We will be organizing this in the early part of 2025.

A big thanks to those in our section who helped with raffle duty in October. You helped raise a good sum of money to assist us in holding events, contributing to worthy causes such as mental health for RSA members and their families, as well as the upkeep of our snooker facilities and equipment.

All in all, a great 2024, and hoping 2025 is equally as fruitful! Remember, anyone keen to give Snooker a go, just contact myself!

Wishing you all a safe and merry Xmas!! (no, it's not that far away!)

**Evan Fricker**  
**Chairman**





## INDOOR BOWLS

The 2024 season for Indoor Bowl ended on the 27th of August and the following Club Championship trophies were presented.

**Singles:** Bruce Hellier  
**Pairs:** Pauline Escott & Margaret Hughes  
**Triples:** Bruce Hellier, Robyn Hellier & Katrina Heads  
**Fours:** Bruce Hellier, Joyce Wilson, Maureen Haywood & Sean Clement

**Most Improved Player:** Robyn Hellier

**Sue Dawe Memorial Trophy** (Highest Finishing Ladies Singles) Maree Wallace

Four Club Members had success in the Eastern Championships:  
Graeme Dawe, Bruce Hellier, Richard Agnew & Maree Wallace winning the Eastern Fours

Opening for the 2025 Indoor Bowls season will be in March



## CORNHOLE SECTION

We are the newest section of the club, thanks to Kevin Fiveash for getting us going. Had a good outing to Riversdale pub and even had some of the locals having a game with us.

We have members aging from 8 to some in their 70's so age is no barrier. Lots of laughs are had along with some serious competition. Some Sundays we have 20 people playing.



If you are looking for something to do on Sunday mornings then come along at 11am for a game and a bit of banter is always guaranteed.

We recently donated a \$1,000 of our section money to the River Valley Lions Skin Cancer van that they are creating and ask for other sections to follow suit as we will need this service in the future.





## MELBOURNE CUP

What a great afternoon Melbourne Cup day brings to the club each year. A large crowd was on hand to watch the race and join in the activities on the day. Thanks to Donna and Tania for organising it all and for the smooth running of the day. We had prizes for Best dressed which went to Barry and Diane Perkins. Emily Milne won a prize for pinning the tail on the horse and a host of others won spot prizes on the day. Hopefully, some people also managed to collect on the big race as well.







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

## The Second Southland Hunting Skills Course Fishing Charter

After weeks of rain and dismal weather in Southland, Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October dawned with warmth and calmness for the SSAANZ Southland Fishing Charter, onboard the MV Kora of Foveaux Charters, skippered by Chris Donald. We arrived at Bluff and the buzz was obvious, everyone was remarking on the weather and day ahead.

There wasn't much time before the boat pulled up to the wharf. We loaded up, got the safety brief from Chris, then we were off, heading to the Northwest tip of Stewart Island and the Rugged Islands.

The "D" was made to have a dive first, while the tide was low and there was a bit of calm on the water. A few of us jumped in and started searching, but nature had other plans and the surge was massive. There were heaps of Kina, but no Paua seen, not that they had been stripped, but they had obviously moved locations. The depth as was about 20m but with a surge you were suspended in about 30m. After an extensive search and fights with the current, we moved back to the boat.

Those of us who did swim were relieved to be on the boat, as we had a common thought: We felt pretty safe when we could see the rocks below us but as we got closer to the boat the shelf dropped away to the deep blue abyss and the thought of Great White's immediately came to mind. With the internal propulsion system engaged and the squid ink on standby, it was good to be on the boat.

A quick tally up of the catch was 12 Kina and 2 Paua sniped by Georgie and then we moved to our next location for a fish. By now there was slight Easterly to South Easterly wind picking up and the currents were strong, although the surface remained reasonably calm. We were hitting the cod in what seemed to be bands then we were off, we would motor back to the start and drift again.



It was not long before  
Boyd landed the first fish  
for the team.

Also joining us were a  
couple of massive  
Mollymawks, who were  
watching the lines as  
eagerly as we were to  
snatch a free feed.







Luckily, the onboard Jack Russell's were there to keep them at bay.

Brydee managed to haul in a double hook up of two good sized cod and also managed to get the bragging rights over her sisters at home, that she not only caught the most fish out them but the biggest as well.



And the biggest fish of the day, well there was no denying who got that, Geordie again coming to the table with an absolute beast of a fish, a very deep and healthy cod that must have dominated the bottom for some time, at the low end, it would have been at least a 7kg fish.

Everyone enjoyed the day, Jody managing to tick off a couple of goals as well, by fishing and diving around Stewart Island. We did not quite hit our full haul, but that is fishing, and it is more about the people you share that time with. Everyone went home with a catch of cod and a day well had.



Sgt Wayne McClelland, RNZMP  
ARes Recruiting Coordinator, NZ Army



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



## 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.

The Oyster season was once again fairly average and for a lot of weeks we had none to raffle and let us just forget there was even a Whitebait season as never got anything to raffle this year.

From the member nights this year the club has given away \$13,700 from the Members Draw, \$9,129 from the Lucky Wheel, \$1,000 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Jackpot Joker Card Draw and \$1,938 from Beat the Bomb, so \$25,767 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 20<sup>th</sup> December and restart again on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The executive will be doing the raffles in January 2025 and all proceeds are going to the River Valley Lions Skin Cancer van so let's get behind this worthy project.

Our door Xmas Ham raffles are underway again this year. 2 draws of a Half Ham (4.5kg) and our smaller easy carve hams are being raffled on Thursday and Friday nights right up until the last raffle night.



## GORE RSA TIN HAT REPORT

A good year with 6 tattoos and good numbers attending.

A good variety of speakers and entertainment was had over the year and was well received by everyone.

We would like to see more people coming to our events to ensure we keep the Tin Hat going (the last one left in the country) and we need some fresh faces on our committee.

I would like to thank the RSA executive and Manager for all their help and support over the year.

A big thanks you to our committee and workers for all their help, without you we would not be able to have tattoos.

Tattoo dates for 2025 are March 23, May 18, June 22, July 20, September 14 & November 23.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm in the Gore RSA.

Jenny Lyon – Chairperson







## FISHING SECTION

We have just returned from our first weekend away trip, this was to Lake Mavora staying in the Southland Deerstalkers hut (RED STAG HUT) - 3 nights.



Great wee hut to stay in, a very secluded location at the turn off to the South Mavora Lake.

We fished the Von River and caught a few rainbow trout; this is a fly-fishing river only.

The rest of our trip was spent fishing the edge of the South Mavora Lake.

A few rainbows were caught there as well, a great trip to start the season off.

Sunday 24th Nov we have the East Gore Takeaways (interclub) Cup, hosted by the Mataura Fishing Club. Fishing the Mataura River and tributaries. 2 fish bag, any legal method, weigh-in Mataura Gun Club rooms 5pm.

Saturday 15th Feb we have the Senior Quadrangular Shield (interclub) competition hosted by the Wyndham Angling Club.

Friday 21st /22nd March we have another stayaway trip this time to Lake Manapouri, where we will be competing for 4 of our club trophies.

Sunday 25th May we have a sea fishing trip out of Bluff on the Lorado hopefully to catch a few Blue Cod. Our last trip of the year will be our winter trip to Twizel on the 24th/25th and 26th of July.

New members are welcome to join our section.

Email me at: [gorersaangling@gmail.com](mailto:gorersaangling@gmail.com) or on my mobile 027 353 6863 for more information.

**Wayne Neiman**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**





## KID's PARTY

Our annual Kid's Party was held on Sunday 17 November. Plenty of fun was had. Thanks to all the volunteers for making the day so successful and we look forward to next year where a few changes are planned. Here are some photos from the day.







## FROM THE OFFICE

2024 has flown by, and soon the silly season will be upon us. The club continues to thrive despite the doom and gloom around the country, although I believe that is only in the North Island as we seem to be more immune to the financial woes that others face.

Membership is holding steady, and we continue to see new members joining each month which is encouraging as we must be doing something right.

It has not been without it's challenges this year as we see product prices rising in every area and we have lost some staff over the last twelve months. It is difficult to find people wanting to work nights and weekends as well as finding the skills that we need to fill the vacant positions.

It is a real credit to the staff who continue to put in long hours to keep the place ticking over. I regularly get compliments on our staff which is pleasing to hear because it's not all sunshine and rainbows at times, but our staff give their all to make sure everyone is catered for.

Our functions have really taken off lately and that is all down to the extra mile our staff take to organise the event and prepare our fantastic buffets for any occasion. Because of this we have made some changes to the Bar staff. Donna has moved away for managing the bar to start a new role as Events and Function Manager. Shauneen has taken over the reins in the bar. This has been planned for years but only now has the timing been right to implement it. They have both hit the ground running and already some pressure has been taken off my role.



The change to the member draw jackpotting increments this year has culminated in some big wins in 2024 as the draw jumps up quickly. Congratulations to those who have been successful in picking up some cash from these draws. The Spin & Win wheel underwent some changes last month as we replaced some of the segments.

Only cash and Points can be won on the wheel now and you must be a member to have a spin.

Our Xmas Promotion has started with a couple of great prizes on offer. These will be drawn on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December around 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 furniture package. To enter this draw, purchase any alcohol over the bar scanning your membership card in the process.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize *Alcohol Purchases Only*

### Furniture Package



**Includes 5pc Dining Table, Limbo Chair & Ottoman and a Lamp Table (Value = \$2,300)**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

*Alcohol Purchases Only*

### 85L Fridge & \$150 Booze



The second prize is an 85 litre fridge filled with beer & wine to the value of \$150.

Seems everyone wants to win this!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

*All Products (Food & Drink)*

### Christmas Hamper & 1/2 Ham



The third prize is a Christmas Hamper made up of all the stuff you will need to get through the silly season. We have thrown in a half ham as well. Any \$5 or more purchase qualifies.

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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December (see poster at end of newsletter) followed by El Scratcho to welcome in the new year 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2025.

**Steve Brinsdon Secretary/Manager**





**Entertainment: (Free Events)**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Scottish Night)**

**Shindig 7 - 11pm**

Featuring Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band. \$35 Buffet Special from 6:00pm

**Tuesday 31st December (New Year's Eve)**

**El Scratcho 7:30pm – 12:30am**

\$35 Buffet Special from 6:00pm

**Theatre Restaurant Shows:**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Back to the Future – Bandit Reunion Story) 6:30pm – 11pm**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December (Back to the Future – Bandit Reunion Story) 6:30pm – 11pm**

Tickets (\$70) available at the Gore RSA bar only



**Hours over the Christmas Period:**

Club closed on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Restaurant Closed 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024,  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

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.



**Port/Shot Glasses for Sale:**

**Set of 4**

**\$25.00**

**Single**

**\$7.00**

The Gore RSA and Brendon Burgess Presents

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*"The Bandit Reunion Revival"*

CHERYL ANDERSON   CRAIG ALLOTT   BELINDA ANDERSON   BRENDON BURGESS   LEON McELHINNEY



Book your table at the Gore RSA, Buffet Meal and Show \$70.00pp  
"Prizes for best dressed, Travelling in time 60s, 70s and 80s theme." Doors open at 6.30pm

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> & Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**On sale from Gore RSA bar ONLY**