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GORE RSA PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome back to a busy and fast moving 2025.

I hope everyone enjoyed their break if you were lucky enough to get one. Unfortunately, the weather did not play the part in many instances but cleared nicely for the Gore races and RSA staff work function.

The executive committee run the raffles for the first month on behalf of the Lions Cancer trust for the free skin screening bus. This combined with donations from cornhole section, pool section and the spud dig raised \$6,793. Well-done to all involved a great effort for a great cause.

This year proves to be a busy one with the adoption of a new constitution to coincide with the adoption of the new RNZRSA model. Much work has been undertaken nationally and within the district and I would like to thank the hard work that has been done so far on the establishment of these documents. This alteration gives us the ability to tidy up our own document and freshen up our rules to meet with a fast-evolving operating landscape.

With the tussock festival gaining more and more traction we have managed to obtain multiple functions for the event as a major sponsor. Feedback from the organisers has been good with Steve getting special mention for his helpfulness and the quality of our venue.

In the national HQ we have had a change of guard with the new CEO Maj Gen (rtd) Evan Williams. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the veteran space. Evan has expressed interest in seeing the success in Gore and he has been confirmed as our quest speaker for ANZAC day 2025. It will be good to show him our southern hospitality and have a catch up with those people with whom he has served.

I would like to thank our staff for their fantastic work throughout the club keeping things ticking along nicely especially on our busy draw nights. Unfortunately, there have been cases of intimidation and unfavourable behaviour towards the staff. I would like to make a timely reminder that any inappropriate behaviour towards the staff or other members will not be tolerated and acted on swiftly by the executive committee. In line with this, complaints or issues need brought to the attention of Steve, the executive or duty manager. A name, date and nature of complaint is required to validate any complaint.

Wayne and I were fortunate to complete the Southern traverse with SSAANZ earlier in the year. The event highlighted the amazing work being completed by veteran run organisations and how much our contributions helps with to run these. With both serving and ex serving members involved in the traverse it brings the comradery, banter, and teamwork out in the individual similar to that in service. I would like to put a big shout out to Dave, Hooky, Jo and John for their hospitality and fabulous work in this space. We are lucky enough to have our own co-ordinator Wayne McClelland running the southern events. If any service or ex service personnel wish to find out about these events or donate go to the website <https://www.ssaanz.co.nz/> or give Wayne a call.

Thanks again for you continued support look out for each other as we come into the cooler months. Remember as a group we are stronger and can provide more support to those in need. If you hear of anyone who needs our help, please get in contact.

Bradley Bridgman
President
Gore & District Memorial RSA



POPPY COLLECTION DAY

This year our annual Poppy Appeal collection Day is Friday 11th April. If you can volunteer for an hour, please call Steve on 208-6218 Ext 0, or pop into the office and register your name.

We have 5 locations around town (New World, Countdown, The Warehouse, Paper Plus and Country Living).

We really appreciate the support on this day so if you can help it is greatly appreciated. The Manager will be calling those that helped in previous years soon to check on their availability.



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





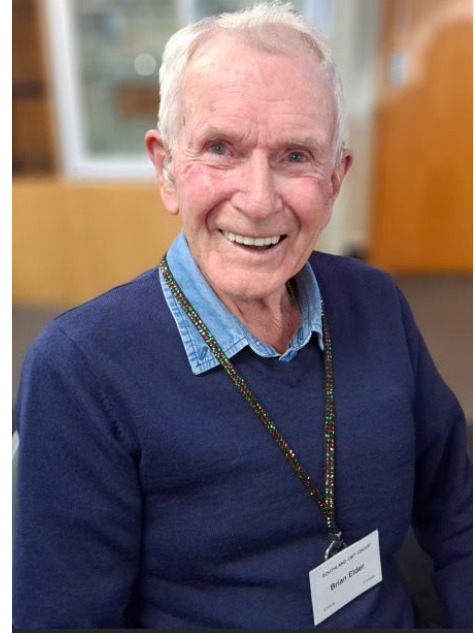
In the Spotlight

MEMBER FEATURE



BRIAN ELDER

Member since 1981.
CMT Service Member
914416
Joined RNZAF 1954.
Taieri and Wigram
Cadet Pilot
Tiger Moth trained



Formerly of Oamaru, Brian moved to Gore in 1956 and joined Austin Bros of Riversdale as an Electrician. Many will know Brian when he worked for Rice's Refrigeration in Gore for a period of 5 years or for the Power Supply as an Electrical Inspector from 1967 – 1994.

His love of planes never left him after leaving the Airforce and he was invited on a tiger moth flight at Mandeville and when he turned up with all his flight data from his training records the pilot was most impressed and I think he may have got a go on his own, but we cannot confirm that for sure but ask Brian about it one day.

Brian was an avid golfer reaching a handicap of 18 and only quit the game a few years ago. Incredibly Brian achieved a hole in one November 2017 at the ripe old age of 83 which is quite an achievement.



There seems to be no slowing down for Brian as he is an active member of the RSA. He attends the raffles on Thursday and Friday most weeks and on Monday mornings you can see him strut his stuff on the dancefloor along with all the other line dancers. It is this practice that sees him at most club entertainments nights along with his friends belting out a few routines on the floor.



Recently Brian won a competition with the prize being 5 nights on Waiheke Island for two all expenses paid. Most 91-year-olds would have lapped this up by visiting the local wineries and putting their feet up. But not Brian, he went ziplining with his good mate Muriel and now has a record of the oldest person to have completed such a feat.

Good on you Brian. A lesson to us all in growing old gracefully!



Had your licence for decades but never refreshed your Road Code knowledge?



Feeling unsettled because you have a medical coming up to renew your licence?

Curious about what all these changes to road layout and signs mean?

*Monday 31 March 2025 - 10am start
Gore RSA - 12 Bowler Avenue*

***Come to our FREE classroom -based driving refresher.
\$5 donation for lunch***

Enrolments essential: Please call either Heather - 03 2186351 or email heather@acinv.org.nz



GORE RSA OUTDOOR BOWLS

The bowling season is all but over other than a few Eastern Southland club tournaments. All our club main fixtures have been completed.

On Sunday 8th December the Silver Fern Farms sponsored turkey tournament was taken out by the team of Noel Ryan, Mark Kubala, Steve Brinsdon and Max Bradbury.



On Sunday 12th January we held a successful Promotions tournament sponsored by Craig Investments and the MLT. The winners were Danny Phillips, Sam Creighton, Shane and Dallas Phillips.





Our annual Gloria Fisken Memorial tournament was held on 6th February and was won by Mark Kubala, Ken Lloyd, and David Taylor. We thank the Fisken family for their continued support in memory of a great club stalwart in Gloria.

The weekend of 22nd and 23rd February we held our annual 2-day fives tournament sponsored by the Gore RSA. Sixteen teams competed over the weekend with the winners repeating their effort of the previous year.



Congratulations to the team of Terry Lynch, Tony Cockerill, Thomas Cockerill, Jamie Lynch, and Darren Broome. Second was the Edendale team skipped by David Thwaites with third going to Noel Ryans team and Reg Dawsons team finishing fourth.



The bowling club recently hosted the South Island Hospitality tournament over three days and teams from Collingwood, Tasman to Invercargill were competing. A very successful tournament with good feedback about the bowling club and the Gore area.



Well done to Emma Hanley for winning the Southland Champion of Champions women’s singles in Invercargill. It has been eight years since we won a Southland title.

Anyone interested in playing bowls at our Ardwick Street green call President - Steve Popham (0274072830) or Secretary - Ken White (02102567311).

Steve Popham
President



RAFFLES

Oyster season has arrived, and our weekly orders are coming in so expect a lot of raffles to be sold next couple of months. The money raffles have been terrific as far as the lure of the \$50 first prize has been a popular drawcard. We continue to run meat raffles as well.

All the sections appreciate club member support as they host their turn so please support them as this can be there only sort of fundraising during the year.

Remember raffles run from 4:30pm Thursday and Friday until around 6:30pm.

All members with losing tickets will go into a draw for 1 lucky winner to have a chance to spin the Wheel and win \$500.

The executive has taken the opportunity to fundraise this year where a month has 5 weeks of raffles. There are a lot of great causes out there so on the last week of May, July and October all the proceeds will go to a worthy recipient. Your support of the raffles during these periods will be greatly appreciated.



Three dinosaurs come across a magic lamp. They rub the lamp and out pops a genie who grants them three wishes. The first dinosaur asks for a big hunk of meat. The second dinosaur, looking to one-up the first, asks for a shower of meat. Not to be outdone, the third dinosaur asks for a meatier shower



GORE RSA INDOOR BOWLS

The opening night for the 2025 season for Indoor Bowls will be held on Tuesday 18th March.

The Eastern Competition will begin on Monday 7th April. New Members most welcome.

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 or 0274335205

Margaret Hughes - Secretary
0272087253



SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

Our annual Spud in a Bucket competition concluded on Sunday 2nd February with the all-important weigh in. It was really good to see so many buckets brought in and a good crowd was in attendance.

James Barclay went back-to-back in winning the trophy for the heaviest crop (2.395kg). Totty Glozier won the heaviest spud trophy for her mammoth 500g specimen.

Once again we found some anomalies in the buckets like wrong coloured spud, packets of chips and even some frozen chips. Amazing what lengths some will go to, to try and win.

The top 10 in each category is included below along with the winning photos on the day.

Thanks to Alan and Sheena from Gore Mitre 10 for being our sponsors and also coming along to present the awards. \$810 was raised for the free skin cancer Van that the Lions Cancer Trust are creating. Thanks to all who entered and we look forward to next year's event which will get underway in October just after Labour weekend.





SPUD IN A BUCKET Entry Form			
	Bucket No.	Name	Crop Wgt
1	22	JAMES BARCLAY	2.395
2	112	LEANNE HALLAM	2.321
3	15	KEVIN FIVEASH	1.867
4	27	BARRY STEVENSON	1.753
5	72	MARTIN HEANUE	1.677
6	2	STEVE BRINSDON	1.628
7	23	IGGY	1.568
8	34	BILL DOWDEN	1.441
9	33	PAM FIVEASH	1.440
10	36	TOTTY GLOZIER	1.429

SPUD IN A BUCKET Entry Form				
	Bucket No.	Name	Crop Wgt	Spud Wgt
1	36	TOTTY GLOZIER	1.429	0.500
2	15	KEVIN FIVEASH	1.867	0.469
3	22	JAMES BARCLAY	2.395	0.342
4	62	EMILY MILNE	0.755	0.335
5	33	PAM FIVEASH	1.440	0.282
6	72	MARTIN HEANUE	1.677	0.272
7	27	BARRY STEVENSON	1.753	0.257
8	37	SHELLS CRAIB	0.898	0.249
9	90	YVONNE COUPER	0.683	0.236
10	111	RICH CHRISTIE	1.046	0.232

A police officer pulls over a semi-truck. He gets the usual license and registration, but hears strange noises coming from the trailer, so he decides to investigate. Inside, he finds 50 penguins.

“Sir, why do you have 50 penguins in your truck?” The officer asks the driver

“Well, they’re my friends, and we like to go on journeys together in my truck” the man replies

“I’m sorry sir, but you can’t just own 50 penguins. I’m afraid you’re going to have to take them to the zoo”

The man agrees and drives off. The next day the same cop pulls the truck over again, and once again hears strange noises in the trailer. He goes to check and finds the same 50 penguins.

“I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday!” The cop angrily tells the driver

“I did take them to the zoo! They loved it! Today we’re going to the beach”



FISHING SECTION

This competition was hosted by the Wyndham Angling Club and competed for by 4 clubs. Each fisherman was dropped off on section of river at 9.00am and picked up at about 4.00pm. This was a fly fishing only competition with 2 fish the bag limit.

Wyndham Angling Club, Mataura Angling Club, RSA Gore & Districts Angling Club & Otago Angling Club. Each club was allowed a maximum of 4 fishers.

Otago	1st	4 fishermen	8 fish	7.575 kg
RSA Gore	2nd	3 fishermen	6 fish	7.525 kg
Wyndham	3rd	4 fishermen	8 fish	7.100 kg
Mataura	4th	3 fishermen	4 fish	4.375 kg



The heaviest bag joint winners with 2 fish each weighing 2.600 kg - David Linklater Gore & Mark Rule Wyndham

Wayne Neiman
Secretary/Treasurer



A piece of string walks into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender tells him "Sorry, we don't serve strings here. Get out."

The string walks out and unravels one end of himself and ties himself up a few times and walks back in and orders a drink. The bartender says, "Aren't you the same string that was just in here?"

The string replies, I'm a Frayed Knot



FROM THE OFFICE

2025 has kicked off slowly and I am not sure whether it is because people have less money to spend after the Christmas holiday period or the economy is biting hard in all our wallets and purses. Still, we continue as if nothing has changed, and hope things pick up like they normally do.

We face continual pressure on our prices from breweries, suppliers, delivery costs, you name it and sadly everything gets passed down the line until the consumer has to pick up the tab. Whilst I hate having to increase prices soon-or-later you just can't leave them where they are. Some of our beer prices (mostly tap prices) have started to climb and have been adjusted accordingly. The rest of the products are a wait and see but as soon as the government whacks their excise tax on its likely everything will go up.

On the next page you will see a lot of entertainment coming up. Some are free events and others are ticketed shows. The tussock festival will draw in a lot of outsiders to Gore so if you are sticking around it will pay to get tickets to these shows early on as tickets have been on sale for a while. It will also be wise to book in on the free event nights to secure a seat if you plan to dine.

There promises to be some great acts during this festival with a lot of talented people playing their part during the 10-day period. If you are staying around it may pay to plan what you want to see and book yourself a spot otherwise as soon as the visitors arrival it may be too late.

If you want to know what happens in the club on a weekly basis grab the little one-page foldout in the foyer and pass on to your family, friends or anyone you think may benefit from the events we hold.

Membership continues to grow with numbers sitting around 2700 and we regularly see new people signing up every month.

Thursday and Friday club nights are still our most popular nights with good crowds in attendance especially when the membership draw gets high. Having oysters to raffle also brings in the crowds.

We have seen a few popular locals claim the member cash draw over the last year and a Hall of Fame can be seen of those winners on the TV screens. By the time the financial year concludes for us at the end of this month we would have given away nearly \$40,000 to members on these 2 nights so it really does pay to come to the club on these two nights. Add in all the points you can earn from purchases and redeem along the way shows why utilising the club often allows for more benefits back to you.

I will finish by thanking all my staff. They work hard facing many challenges along the way. New regulations forced upon them has increased their workloads and this can lead to uncomfortable interactions with members and guests but don't take it personally, it's just something we have to do now. Be grateful we have wonderful staff here in the club and it has proven difficult to find anyone wanting to work in hospitality these days.

Steve Brinsdon – Secretary/Manager



UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT (free events)

Tuesday 25 th April (Anzac Day)	Cheryl Anderson	9am - 1pm & 7 - 9pm
Sunday 11 th May (Mother's Day)	Bill Acklin Buffet Lunch and Dinner - 12pm and 5:30pm - \$35	12 - 2pm & 7 - 9pm
Saturday 22 nd November (Scottish Night)	Shindig Buffet Dinner from 6pm - \$35	7 - 11pm
Wednesday 31 st December (new Years Eve)	The Company Buffet Dinner from 6pm - \$35	7:30pm - 12:30am



Tussock Festival Entertainment: 23 rd May – 1 st June 2025			
Sunday 25th May	Gore Country Music Queen Gala (Function Room) (Run by GCMC - \$25)	6:30pm	Ticketed event
Monday 26th May	Golden Oldies (Function Room) (Run by GCMC - \$10)	1:30pm	Ticketed event
Monday 26th May	Walk-up Concert (Main Stage Room)	7:30pm	Free event
Tuesday 27th May	Jingo – Country Music Theme (Function Room)	7pm	\$20 Entry
Wednesday 28th May	Jammin at the Razza (Main Club)	1 - 3pm	Free event
Wednesday 28th May	TF - Rising Stars of Country Music \$65 Dinner & Show from 6pm or \$30 Show Only	7:30 – 10pm	Ticketed event
Thursday 29th May	Jammin at the Razza (Main Club)	1 - 3pm	Free event
Friday 30th May	Tussock Festival Auditions (Function Room)	8am start	Ticketed event
Friday 30th May	Craig Adams & the Rustlers Band (Main Club)	7:30 – 10pm	Free event
Saturday 31st May	Tussock Festival Auditions (Function Room)	8am start	Ticketed event
Saturday 31st May	TF - The Dolly Parton Experience \$65 Dinner & Show from 6pm or \$30 Show Only	7:30 – 10pm	Ticketed event

How many dance instructors does it take to change a lightbulb? Five ... six ... seven ... eight!

I used to be addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but then I turned myself around.



Dinner and a toe-tapping show at the Gore RSA with New Zealand's **Rising Stars of Country** featuring Molly Harrison, Josh Keating, Alyssa Landrebe and Maddison Connor, backed by a five-piece youth band.

From timeless classics to fresh originals, this show will have something for everyone.

Tickets available at www.iticket.co.nz



Enjoy a casual evening of entertainment with some of the region's best musicians on stage.

Artists include: Craig Adams, Bevan Gardiner, Andy Gilmour, Brendon Burgess, and James Davy.

Free entry. Bookings a must if dining.



A tribute show with NZ's very own Dolly Parton!

Karen Davy has been paying tribute to one of the world's most beloved country singers for over 25 years now and is considered NZ's premier Dolly Parton performer.

All the songs you know and love, big hair, fantastic costumes, loads of fun and audience participation guaranteed!

Tickets available at www.iticket.co.nz



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