

APRIL 2026

KAIAPOI *Club*

CLUB NEWSLETTER



IN THE COMMUNITY



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SHOP KAIAPOI

Stop, Shop & Enter to Win!

MARCH 16TH - APRIL 30TH

**Support Kaiapoi's local businesses &
be in to win great prizes!**

WIN PRIZES FROM BUYING AT KAIAPOI CLUB

Shop Kaiapoi is Back – and Kaiapoi Club is In!

Shop Kaiapoi promotion is on until 30 April 2026, bringing with it a fun and rewarding way to support our local businesses. This time, Kaiapoi Club is proud to be part of it!

For those who haven't taken part before, Shop Kaiapoi is a community promotion that rewards you for shopping local. Every time you make a purchase at a participating Kaiapoi business, including here at the Club, you can enter to win fantastic weekly prizes, with all entries also going into the major prize draw.

Getting involved is easy:

- Spend at a participating business
- Scan the code in-store or visit the Kaiapoi Promotions website
- You're in to WIN!

So next time you're enjoying the Club, whether it's a meal, a catch-up with friends, or some entertainment, you're also supporting local and giving yourself the chance to win.

Participating businesses include:

- Blackwells Department Store
- The Great Kiwi Bookshop
- PhoneZone Kaiapoi
- Red Eight
- CBK Kaiapoi
- Urban Revival
- **Kaiapoi Club**
- The Platform Brew Bar
- Indian Food Court
- Ice Cream Charlie
- Ma Fuller SA Pantry
- Skin Show Tattoo
- Kaiapoi ISite
- Rivertown Automotive
- Techmedics
- Deans Auto Electric
- Mortgage Express
- Snap Fitness Kaiapoi
- Studio 97
- Total Health Physio

Don't miss out! Shop local, support your community, and you could be our next winner!



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to all members. It is again my privilege to write for the Club newsletter.



The newsletter is a wonderful way to share news from our community and Club. Anyone from the Club is able to contribute. For example, section members are encouraged to share photos and writing about their events, outings and things of interest to others.

I am very proud of our Club, and believe it is a privilege to be a member here. Our staff at the bar, bistro, and office work hard for the benefit of our members, which is why I was disheartened to hear that staff have been experiencing very poor treatment. The Club has zero tolerance for any kind of abuse towards staff. This is enforced by our committee and office management. Please approach me if you have any concerns.

The Club's community spirit that I am so proud of has been recently embodied by all volunteers who have put their names forwards within their sections to manage section events and coordination. I strongly encourage you to get involved with a section if you are not already. These volunteers and the sections are here for your benefit. Well done and thank you to all section volunteers.

I am pleased to say that the Club is looking much brighter thanks to the efforts of our painter, Shane. It has been wonderful to hear all of the compliments from members and guests. Well done, Shane. Congratulations is also due to Bekah (Bar Staff) and Shane, who have recently gotten married. Also congratulations to Namitha (Club Committee) and Dean who recently welcomed the arrival of a wee baby girl.

The Club entertainment committee is working on something new for Wednesday afternoons. Please keep an eye out for updates in this area.

The Club will also host a breakfast following the ANZAC Dawn Service on Wednesday 25 March. There will be no door sales. Tickets will be available in early April.

Thank you for your ongoing support and attendance at the Club.

Brian Smart



FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Greetings members,

Here we are at the start of another month. Easter is almost here and so is the end of day light saving. There is definitely an autumn feel in the air, but it is warm and welcoming in the Club.

April is another busy month in the Club. Our weekly favourites are still going, be sure to come along and enjoy the fun.

Watch out for a new promo on Wednesdays starting mid-April, there could be a chance to help with those increasing petrol costs.

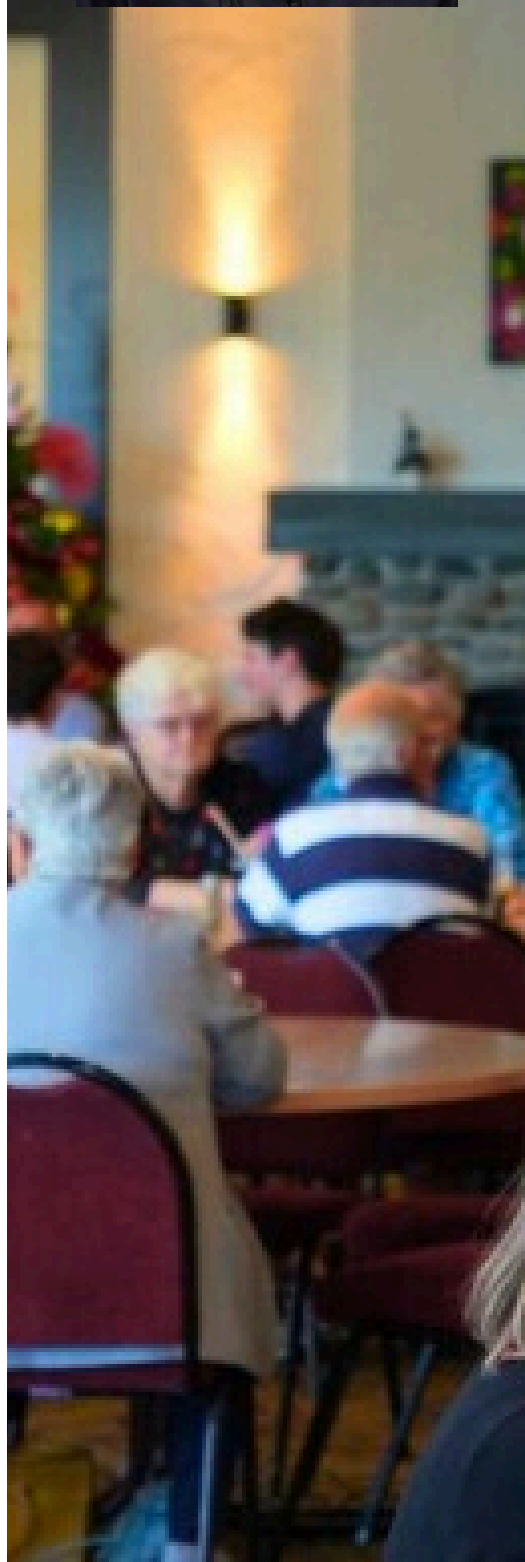
Our ANZAC morning breakfast will be on again, tickets will be on sale early April.

Our chef is pleased to announce a new Bistro menu is on the way in April, so watch out for that.

If you are heading away for Easter, have a great break, and travel safe.

Thanks for supporting your Club.

Paul Inwood





RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

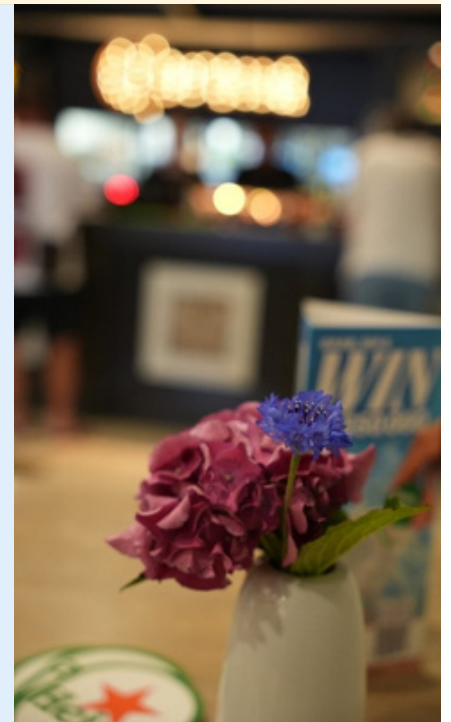
Memberships for the previous year expired on 31 March 2026. Visit the Club office to renew your membership for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

We're pleased to let our members know that membership fees will remain at \$30. Keeping membership affordable is important to us, as the Kaiapoi Club continues to be a welcoming space for our whole community to come together, connect, and enjoy everything the club has to offer. Thank you for being part of our Club family.

GAMING ROOMS AT THE CLUB

Our gaming rooms are available for members to enjoy in a comfortable and welcoming environment. To help keep the area clean and safe for everyone, please note that food and drinks are not permitted in the gaming rooms.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a tidy and enjoyable space for all members.



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Find all the latest deals, stories, and event promotions on Instagram (@kaiapoiclub) and Facebook.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE CLUB



St Patrick's Day was a great night at the Kaiapoi Club with a fantastic atmosphere. A special shout out to the Irish dancers from Swarbrick Irish Dance Studio for their wonderful performance and bringing plenty of energy to the celebration.





KAIAPOI Club

ANZAC DAY BUFFET

Friday 25 April | Following the Kaiapoi Dawn Service



ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

Kaiapoi Club will host a buffet breakfast following the Kaiapoi Dawn service on Friday 25 April. Tickets are \$25.50 per person and can be purchased from the office or bar. There will be no door sales.

EASTER WEEKEND

Kaiapoi Club will be open all weekend with no surcharges. However, some games will be taking a break over the long weekend. These are noted in the schedule below and in the calendar.

Friday 3 April - Open

- No Unlock The Box

Saturday 4 April - Open

- No Mega Meat Raffle & Family Fun Wheel

Sunday 5 April - Open

Monday 6 April - Open

- Monday Housie will run like usual at 6:45pm. Dress in festive Easter outfits and accessories for a chance to win delicious spot prizes!

Something for the kids!

Collect a colouring in sheet from the bar or office. Bring it back the completed masterpiece and receive a prize from us!



FAMILIAR FACES AT KAIAPOI CLUB: MURIEL

Muriel C., a proud Rangiora local, celebrated her 85th birthday on 6 October last year. She first joined the Kaiapoi Club around 1994, back when Peter Crawstaff was president, and has been a much-loved part of our Club community ever since.

Muriel is well known for her warm presence and friendly chats over her favourite drink, a glass of sherry. What keeps her coming back week after week, she says, is the people and the welcoming atmosphere that make the Club feel like a second home.

Over the years, Muriel has been involved in both the marching and travel sections, enjoying the camaraderie and adventures that come with them.

Every Wednesday, she is picked up by Driving Miss Daisy, making her regular trip to the Club to enjoy time with fellow members.

Muriel's long connection to the Kaiapoi Club is a wonderful reminder that it's the people who make the place special.



Have a story you would like to share? Tell our newsletter editor, Jade at comms@kaiapoiclub.co.nz

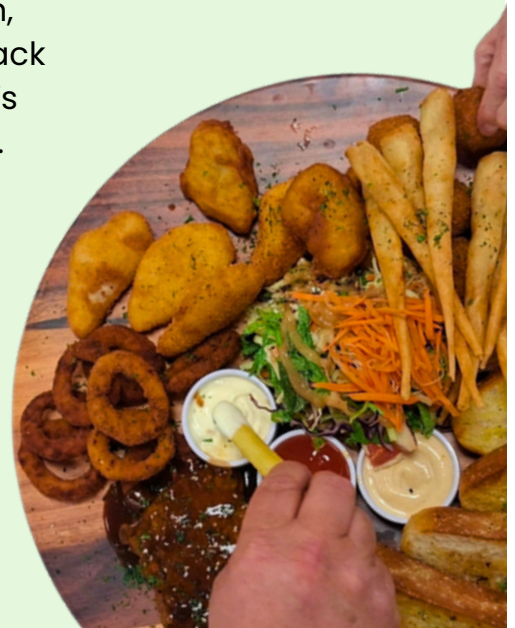
THURSDAY QUIZ NIGHT

Get ready for an evening of laughs, friendly competition, and community fun. Quiz Night at the Kaiapoi Club is back and better than ever! Happening every Thursday, there's more trivia, more challenges, and more chances to win.

Team Details:

- Teams of 2–10 people
- Free entry for all participants
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last place.

Make it a full night out by pre-ordering a delicious platter for your team! Feeds 4+ and only \$60. Call ahead when booking your team to reserve.



HOUSIE FUN!

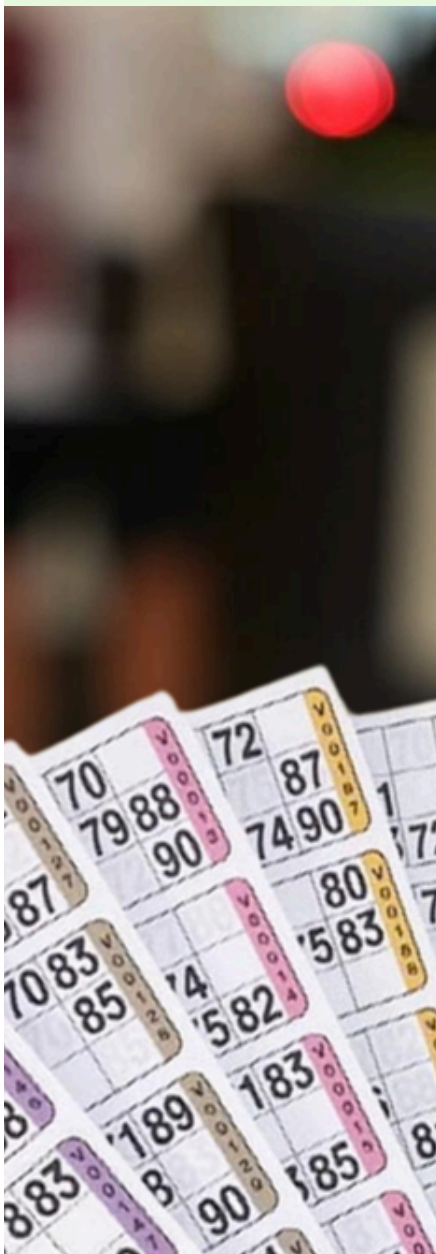
Housie continues to be a popular and lively part of the Kaiapoi Club, with sessions running three times a week and welcoming both regular players and newcomers alike.

With a mix of Silent Lines, Early Bird games, and Superhouses on computer, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the game and be in to win.

Housie offers a relaxed and social atmosphere, perfect for catching up with friends or meeting new people in the Club.

Sessions are held on Monday evenings at 6:45pm, as well as Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11:30am.

Best of all, Housie is open to everyone, with no membership required. If you've been thinking about giving it a go, now's the perfect time to come along and join in the fun.





HAPPY HOURS & DEALS

Wednesday Wine-Down
4:00pm to 7:00pm

All Quarts \$9.50
All RTD's \$7.50
Kopiko Bay Wines \$7.50

Friday Happy Hour
4:00pm to 6:00pm

Happy hour for all members.

Saturday Happy Hour
3:00pm to 5:00pm

Members discount off of all
beverage products.

Sunday Happy Hour
2:00pm to 6:00pm

House Wine glass \$7
Beer Pints \$7
(excludes Guinness, Panhead, Steinlager
Cold & Heineken)

KAIAPOI CLUB GAMES

Monday Housie
Mondays at 6:45pm.

Tuesday Housie
Tuesdays at 11:30am.

Thursday Housie
Thursdays at 11:30am.
*This Housie is now run by Kaiapoi Club,
just like Monday and Tuesday Housie!*

Wednesday
Something new coming soon!

Quiz Night: Believe It or Not
Every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Unlock The Box
Fridays at 7:00pm.
You must be a member to attend this
event!

**Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun
Wheel**
Saturdays. Raffles drawn
5:45pm.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			1  Wine Wednesday
5 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	6  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	7  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	8  Wine Wednesday
12 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	13  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	14  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	15  Wine Wednesday
19 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	20  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	21  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	22  Wine Wednesday
26 <i>Happy Hour</i>   Kids Eat For Free	27  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	28  \$18 Quesadilla & Kids Eat Free	29  Wine Wednesday

All April 2026 - \$10 quarts of DB Export or Export Ultra. Go in the draw to win a NRL V

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wednesday Down	2 Thursday House Quiz Night	3  Happy Hour	4  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	9 Thursday House Quiz Night	10 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	11 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	16 Thursday House Quiz Night	17 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	18 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	23 Thursday House Quiz Night	24 Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	25 Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel  Happy Hour
Wednesday Down	30 Thursday House Quiz Night		

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CLUB SECTIONS



SHOOTING SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the period of 7th to the 14th of March, Michael Elliot from our Kaiapoi Club Shooting Section, competed in the National Clay Target Championships, at the Canterbury Clay Target grounds, Chattersons Rd, at McLeans Island.

This then led onto Ron Greateorex, another of our Kaiapoi Club Shooting Section, joining Michael Elliot to participate in the 16th World Clay Target Championships held at the Canterbury Clay Target Club grounds, Chattersons Rd, McLeans Island Christchurch, over the 15th to 17th of March.

There were approximately 490 shooters, from all over the world, at the World event. Both of our boys shot extremely well. Didn't come first nor last. Both say it was a privilege to be able to go to these events.

The first World's event was held in England in 1948, and has been held in various countries since then. It has been held in Canterbury twice now with the first time in 2002. The planning and running required to host an event of this size is considerable.

Michael (left) and Ron (right) pass on their thanks to the Canterbury Clay Target Club.



CLUBS NZ RACE DAY AT METHVEN

We met at 0855 and the bus left on time at 0900 bound for Rangiora RSA as planned. Also, eight members went by Kaiapoi Club Shuttle, but they missed out on the fun on the bus.

The majority of Rangiora members had dressed to the theme (60/70's) and there were some fantastic outfits. The bus was a big touring bus, very long and the seats were high up and it couldn't get into park by the front door of the RSA so they had to cross the road to get on the bus. Our fantastic bus hostess introduced herself and explained what was going on for the day.

Race books were handed out so that those who wanted to do a bit of study on the way there had the opportunity, but most people just looked out the windows and enjoyed the stunning scenery. Going through the gorges on a tourist bus is "Majic" because you see so much more than in any other type of vehicle because you are seated so high. The music started off a bit loud but was adjusted to a volume that suited everyone. We went directly there because no-one put their hand up for a convenience stop, (unlike the trip home) and arrived at 1100 just in time for the bar to open.

The weather gods were good to us and you couldn't have asked for a better day. (sunny / no wind to speak of).

Clubs NZ proudly supports these iconic race days and next year will be the 25th anniversary. The day gave us the opportunity to catch up with each other outside our normal club environment. I saw a lot of people I knew from other clubs but didn't recognize some others due to their costumes.

There were a few people who didn't know much about racing and asked me for advice and tips. I said if you have budgeted \$50 for betting for the day then put \$2 each way on "The Hot Pink Colours" as in the race book. They are the drivers wearing the Clubs Of NZ logo on the back, red and black sleeves. Although this has worked for me in past years, it was not so this year and for \$48 the return was only \$34 so my apologies to those who listened to me, but you only lost a jug of beer for the day if you look at it that way.

There is a lot of work goes into organizing a day like Clubs NZ Race Day both at our club level and the Methven Trotting Cub level. The volunteers did a great job and the band had the crowd who wanted to dance "rocking". I would like to thank the sponsors who provided such good prizes for the various free competitions. Once again Kaiapoi Club finished 3rd in the Clubs Punting Challenge with Hornby winning again this year. We came close though - only \$150 short. Theres always next year!

In closing I would like to thank our hostess on the bus (I think her name was Helen but I left my race book behind that I had written her name on so I can't be sure of that) Anyway, Helen did a fantastic job and thanks for the cookies and mints on the way home. That was a nice touch to top off a great day.

Gary Skerten

TROPHIES IN CARDS SECTION

Kaiapoi Cards Section started off its competition calendar for 2026 with a trophy! The Steinlager Cup as team winners in the South Island Euchre Pairs hosted by the Oxford Club. Two of our players Iris Hansen and Rex Hewlett were placed third overall on a countback. Well done Iris and Rex for setting the tone for the rest of the year.



The Interclub competition is due to start after Easter. This annual event is held from early April to early August featuring Euchre and Cribbage and involves six other clubs. Kaiapoi is hosting the first day on 11th April and we're playing against Papanui.

Kaiapoi Card Section was placed second last year after a play-off.

It's going to be a busy year for us – highlighted with the New Zealand Euchre championships in August and hosted by us!

Jan Burke

Kaiapoi Card Section Chairperson

WINNING DAY AT THE RACES

Our two gatherings at the Ashburton and Rangiora Racecourses saw our Racing Section very well looked after by the friendly raceway staff. Despite completely different weather at each event, we were fortunate to enjoy great views of the tracks from both our room and our site.

The horses and punters weren't the only winners — the whitebait sandwiches and Pete's birthday cake were highlights of the day as well. Overall, it was a fantastic mix of racing, betting, and good banter enjoyed by all.



TRAVEL SECTION GOES TO WELLINGTON

We are a very active section of this great Club!

Our March event saw 17 members of our section travel to Wellington. Unfortunately, we were unable to land there and were diverted to Palmerston North. From there, we were transported by bus back to Wellington and on to our accommodation at the Ibis Hotel, before heading out for dinner together.

The next day, we travelled by bus to the Southward Car Museum in Paraparaumu. This was a vast 6,000m² space building around 450 exhibits, including classic and rare vehicles, motorbikes, scooters, and even pushbikes.

In the afternoon, we visited Weta Workshops for an eye-opening two-hour tour. We saw mind-blowing samples of outfits and costumes from Lord of the Rings. We were told far too many details of the film industry to fit into this newsletter. It was a truly memorable experience.

The following day, we set off to Palmerston North on a scenic two-hour drive to the Tui Brewery Café for lunch. While the food was excellent, our tour directors hadn't realised the brewery itself was at a different location. On the return journey, we stopped in Greytown for a look around.

The next day included a tour of Parliament, where we managed to see a few familiar faces. We visited the debating chamber, which was empty at the time, as MPs don't sit until 2pm. After lunch we explored Te Papa Museum. This was another highlight with even more great displays by Weta Workshop.

On the final day we enjoyed a Scenic Harbour Cruise before heading to the Airport.

Looking ahead, our April excursion is to an Operatunity Concert in Upper Riccarton. This special 25th Anniversary Show will be followed by lunch at the Hornby Club.

Check out the Travel Section noticeboard behind the pool tables, pay your \$20 section subscription and start living the rest of your life.

Bob Smith
Chairperson



KAIAPOI VS. WAIMEA: SNOOKER AT THE CLUB

Our annual snooker clash with Club Waimea was played on Sat 21st of March, this time with Waimea making the trip to Kaiapoi. Drawn pairs snooker and a great atmosphere was the flavour of the day. The snooker room was buzzing with supporters and Club members who stopped by to catch up.

It was a friendly but fiercely contested comp. Players delivered some impressive performances and Kaiapoi ultimately secured the trophy with a 26-18 win.

Keen to get involved? Whether you're returning to the table or trying snooker or billiards for the first time, we're happy to see new faces. Contact John Fitzgerald 022 473 5342 or drop in to Tuesday Club night in Billiards room upstairs from 6:30pm.



INDOOR BOWLS - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Our Indoor Bowls season has just begun, and we're on the lookout for new members. It's a great way to stay active while enjoying some friendly social interaction.

Congratulations to the winners of our first competition, the 3M Trophy — Bruce Stevenson and Lorraine Duncan (right). The Mixed Fours were held last week, with Russell Wards, Diane Wood, Neil Burrell, and Charlotte Neeson (left) taking out the win.

We also have two teams competing in the North Canterbury Interclub this year, held once a month. In addition, several of our members have entered the South Island Chartered Clubs Tournament, taking place over Easter at the Richmond Club.

It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting season, and we'd love to welcome more members to join us.

Mary

Indoor Bowls



CREATIVE ARTS

Over the past 12 months, the Creative Arts Group has enjoyed a few memorable outings, including spending time in the woodland area of Lake Tekapo and a trip to Mt Cook, where we visited the Sir Edmund Hillary Centre for lunch.

We also changed things up with a visit to the Richmond Club for a lovely lunch together.



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Email our Newsletter Editor, Jade, at Comms@kaiapoiclub.co.nz and tell us your Kaiapoi Club story.

Kaiapoi Club newsletters are published during the first week of every month. The submission deadline for the May Newsletter is Monday 20 April at 5:00pm.

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QUIZ EVENTS

**FREE
ENTRY**

THURSDAYS AT 7PM



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