

KAIAPOI Club

NEWSLETTER



September 2026

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Once again it is a pleasure to write the President's report. But let me start off with something that's not a real pleasure: after a couple of mentions and warnings we have seen members swearing at staff and acting like they own the place. This will not be tolerated and has been acted on. Again: if you have something to say, you can get a complaint form from the bar staff, and we will genuinely handle your concerns.

That needed to be said. Now, onto happier news: It has been relatively quiet over the past month for me, as I stepped away from the shared Manager role with Megan. She is now officially appointed our Club Manager — congratulations, Megan! Let's all give her the support she needs to help steer this ship forward.

It was a pleasure to open and close the Club's New Zealand singles euchre tournament. 316 competitors, and what a great bunch of people — they made a real effort to drink us out of beer! Hats off to our cards section for organising this event.

The euchre tournament was a great reminder of what this club is capable of when everyone gets behind it. Let's build on that energy.

Every section of our club relies on the same bar and kitchen to stay open and well-staffed, and that only happens with your support. So here's a simple ask: next time you're here for training, a game, or a meeting, stay a little longer — grab a meal, have a drink, bring a friend. It doesn't need to be every week; even an occasional visit from every member adds up to a real difference for the club's future. We've got a lot to be proud of here — let's make sure we're around to keep building on it.

Brian Smart

President

FROM OUR CLUB MANAGER



As we head into the warmer months, there's real energy building around the Club — busier days, more community activity, and plenty of chances to get together.

Membership continues to grow, and it's great to welcome new faces alongside familiar ones. Every new member helps ensure the Club remains a key part of Kaiapoi for years to come.

Over the coming weeks, the Bistro will run a reduced menu for a short period while our Head Chef takes a well-deserved break with family. The kitchen team will still offer a great selection of meals, and we appreciate your understanding.

A major focus for us is strengthening the Club's connection with the wider community. We want the Club to be a place where friendships are made, community groups come together, and everyone feels welcome. The Kaiapoi Club is the heart of our community, and our community is the heart of our Club. One example: the Heart of Kaiapoi Market now runs every Sunday, 8:00am–1:00pm, in the rear car park.

Like any organisation, we've faced challenges and changes, but our focus is on what's next — and there's a lot to be positive about. The best thing we can all do is support each other: welcoming new members, backing Club activities, and treating staff and fellow members with respect.

Thank you to our members, staff, volunteers, Board and community groups who continue to support the Kaiapoi Club. Exciting times ahead — I'm looking forward to what we achieve together.

Megan Morris
Club manager





YOU ARE INVITED

We can all feel the change of seasons and that means some of our sections are about to get active again! You might find your next summer hobby.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUZANNE PRENTICE

Suzanne Prentice will be bringing a performance in our club on the 29th of November from 4pm to 5.30/6pm. She'll perform the songs that made her one of NZ's favourite entertainers and talk about her international career and happily answer questions from the audience. Want to be a part of this intimate performance? Lock the date in your agenda as we'll start selling tickets soon!

Sunday | 29 November 2026 | 4pm



MEGA HOUSIE

It's a big-money — \$13,000(!), limited-capacity Christmas housie night, and if you want in you need to grab your \$100 ticket at the bar before they sell out! Sales have started as this newsletter is published.

Sunday | 6 December | 6:30pm



ONE VENUE, EVERY OCCASION

Have you ever thought about the Kaiapoi Club for your next work do, birthday bash or meeting? Our spaced accommodates anything from a 20-person meeting to a 330-guest party. Our riverside rooms open up for whatever you're planning next. Or step into one of our spacious, but private meeting rooms. Inspections are welcome.

BISTRO NEWS

As we are dealing with a shortage of staff we have a reduced menu for a wee while. But don't worry, all your favourites are still there: burgers, pork belly, ribeye steak, fish and chips et cetera! Served with the same amount of love. Bring the kids on Sunday for our Kids Eat Free promotion.

Sundays | 4-7pm | Kids Eat Free



T&C'S UPDATE

After a review of the terms & conditions — to keep Unlock The Box fair for everyone — we're back in action. Here's what you need to know: Ticket price has gone up from \$2 to \$2.50, Tickets are now limited to 20 per person, per week, and tickets will be drawn from the barrel by a board member or staff member. And that's it. Everything else stays the same. The tension, the hustle, and your chance to win big money.

SEPTEMBER 2026

CLUB SECTIONS

KAIAPOI *Club*



NATIONAL EUCHRE TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Last weekend was amazing! 316 people from all over New Zealand came to the Kaiapoi Club to play in the National Euchre tournament — two days of concentrated card playing!

First place in the Championship went to a player from the Castlecliff Club, with our own David Madeley finishing equal 4th — a great effort, David. Our Kaiapoi team finished 5th overall. Many thanks to the Club staff for the wonderful food and hospitality.

Special message from our Secretary/Treasurer: *"The Kaiapoi Cards Section team did an awesome job before, during and after the competition, and their dedication was great. We cannot run tournaments without help — thank you each and every one of you."*

Jenny, Convenor

Jan Burke, Chairperson



AGM AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SEASON AHEAD

The Racing Section held its AGM on 24 August, with a great attendance of members. We now look forward to the upcoming race meetings and to meeting our new members.

Each race meeting, you learn something new about these powerful animals — how they're trained, how the race tracks are maintained, or just how to place your bets. There's always a member with knowledge happy to help.

Come along and join in! New members welcome.

Cheryl Peters, jack-of-all-trades



WINNING GAMES

We had two ladies' teams play in the Chartered Club Nationals. One of our teams — Charlotte Neeson, Janice Sword, Carol Todd and Jenny Geonhoefer — made it through to the Quarter Finals, a great achievement as it was the first time they had entered this competition.

We had two teams play in the Alan Petrie Triples, with Noeline Ware, Bruce Stevenson and Mary Wills taking the win. In the North Canterbury Championship Triples, our teams won and were runners-up.

Last Monday we played at the Richmond Club for the Challenge Shield, a championship against all the Chartered Clubs in Canterbury, and we won. Our next challenge will be against Hornby.

Mary Wills, Secretary and Treasurer



SEPTEMBER

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<i>Happy Hour</i>   <i>Kids Eat For Free</i>	Monday Housie 6pm NPPL Poker	¹ Tuesday Housie	² Balloon Section  <i>Wedding Wine</i>
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EMBER

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Burst + Raffles Wednesday Down	³ Thursday Housie Quiz Night	⁴ Unlock the Box  Happy Hour	⁵ Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel 1pm FTC Poker  Happy Hour
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Burst + Raffles Wednesday Down			



HAPPY HOURS & DEALS

Wednesday Wine-Down

4:00pm to 7:00pm

All Quarts, RTD's and
Kopiko Bay Wines discounted

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)*

Kids Eat Free

Sundays 5-8pm

KALAPOI CLUB GAMES

Housies

Mondays at 6:45pm

Tuesdays at 11:30am

Thursdays at 11:30am

Balloon Burst

Wednesdays at 5pm

Quiz Night: Believe It or Not

Fortnightly on Thursday at 7pm

Unlock The Box

Fridays at 7pm

You must be a member to attend this
event!

Mega Meat Raffle + Family Fun Wheel

Saturdays at 4pm. Raffles drawn
5:45pm

THE 2026/2027 SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

The Green Keeping team has been busy over winter with general maintenance of the green. Further maintenance around the Club grounds and clubrooms has ensured we are ready for the upcoming season.

We thank Kieran from KH Fabrication Limited, a local Kaiapoi-based company, for the generous sponsorship of materials – including aluminium – and for the time spent cutting, folding and drilling to help us renew all the green markings.

A successful Fish 'n' Chip Night was held on Friday 31 July, with around 30 members attending despite the chilly evening.

As the new season approaches, anyone interested in bowls can email bowlskaiapoi@outlook.com or contact:

Ross Bennetts, President — 028 410 7678

Rosalie Stevenson, Secretary — 027 451 1150

Jack Taylor, Club Captain — 022 427 9255

Rosalie Stevenson, Secretary



BREAKING CLAYS



The Kaiapoi Club Shoot Section enjoyed a busy July and August, competing in several winter events. Highlights included our annual trip to the Kokatahi Gun Club on the West Coast, the Brooklands Fire Brigade shoot, and a southern tour to contest the Bodkin Shield.

Kokatahi Weekend Shoot

A squad of five shooters travelled to the Kokatahi Gun Club in Hokitika for our annual weekend shoot. The competition was close, but Kokatahi claimed the title by four targets.

Brooklands Fire Brigade Shoot

At the beginning of August, our section competed in its annual shoot with the Brooklands Fire Brigade. It was great to see several new shooters trying clay

target shooting. Brooklands won the final trophy match by just one target – an excellent and closely contested result.

Bodkin Shield Southern Tour

Over the weekend of 14 August, our members travelled south with members of the North Canterbury Clay Target Club to compete for the Bodkin Shield. The three-day event was held at Moa Creek, Alexandra, and Wanaka.

- Day 1 – Moa Creek: Fine weather and little wind helped the teams produce strong scores.
- Day 2 – Alexandra: Cold, windy conditions made the competition difficult, and several teams struggled.
- Day 3 – Wanaka: Improved weather brought some good scores and an enjoyable finish to a great weekend. >>

>> **Oxford Night Shoot**

On Saturday 22 August, a large field gathered for the night shoot at the Oxford Club. The Kaiapoi Section won the trophy contested with Oxford — well done to everyone who took part.

North Canterbury Club Shoot

On Sunday 23 August, our members competed at the North Canterbury club shoot. Congratulations to Nigel Dawson, who reached the skeet shoot-off, and to Mike Elliott, who brought home DTL silverware. Well done to everyone involved.

Join Us

We hold monthly shoots at the North Canterbury Clay Target Club. If you are keen to try clay target shooting, contact David Capil on 021 830 742 for more information.

Thank You

Thank you to all the members, volunteers and supporters who make each shoot a success. The Kaiapoi Club Shoot Section is about more than hitting targets — it's also about meeting people. We look forward to seeing you at the next shoot.

David Capil, Chairperson



EYES ON THE SOUTH ISLAND CLUB CHAMPS

Recent Results

A Reserve are still the front-runners in their division, with four straight wins, and with only three rounds left are in with a good chance of being champions.

B Grade, with two wins (one on countback) and a loss, sit solidly mid-table and are likely to remain so.

C Grade, with a recent three-match winning streak, continue to fly high; however, a last-up loss to the leading team means a very creditable second place may now be their best possible finish.

Recent & Upcoming Events

The Club's reciprocal visit to Greymouth was a great success, with many close games. Kaiapoi's strength in the A Reserve and C Grade

divisions put the result beyond doubt, while B Grade ended in a draw. Despite some poor weather, it was a fun trip to the West Coast.

Unfortunately, the Canterbury Masters & Vets Championships had to be moved from 2 August to 9 August, which meant we were in Greymouth, so no Kaiapoi players took part.

The Kaiapoi High School Wednesday afternoon training sessions have resumed for Term Three, and some promising players are starting to emerge.

The next major event is the South Island Club Champs in Wanaka on 18–19 September.

Rachel Flynn, Club Captain



SINGLES TITLES AND STRONG TEAM RESULTS

In August 2026, Max Dallimore (left picture) successfully defended his Darts Canterbury Premier Grade Singles title at the Templeton RSA on 2 August 2026. A great effort, Max, in the face of stiff opposition from some of the best players in Canterbury — Max won the same event last year at the same venue.

Also in August 2026, John Nicholson (right picture) won the Darts Canterbury 1st Grade Singles tournament, held at the Templeton RSA on 2 August 2026. This was John's first tournament victory after coming close on several other occasions. Great effort, John — may there be many more.

The Darts section continues in the Wednesday Darts Canterbury interclub teams tournament. The Kaiapoi A team is leading the way in the Premier Grade, and the Kaiapoi B and C teams made the top-8 cut-off to play off in the 1st Grade event. The Kaiapoi D and E teams are doing well in the 2nd Grade competition, while the Kaiapoi F team continues to play in the 3rd Grade competition.

Any new members wishing to try their luck should contact section chairman Hikana Nutira on 027 869 5654, or secretary Mike Scott on 21 027 48505.



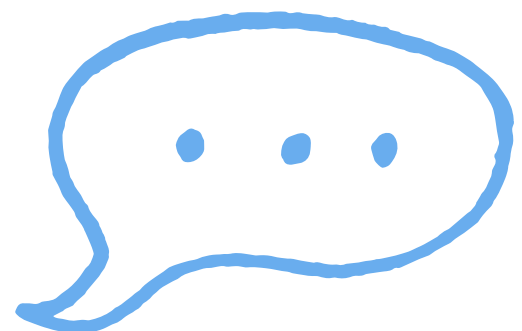
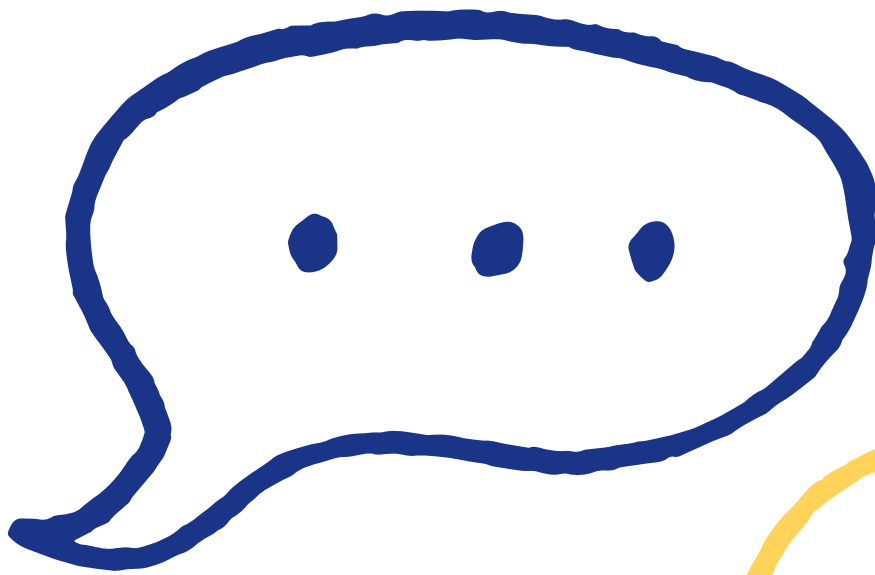
AN INTERSECTION OF INTERESTS: TRAVEL JOINS THE RACES

25 Members enjoyed a tour through the Parakiore Sports Centre on Moorhouse Avenue at the beginning of August. It was a real eye-opener as to the size of the pools and netball courts, and the overall scale of operations run there, including the Canterbury Sports Association and High Performance Sport. We followed the tour with a lovely lunch.

A group of 13 Travel Section members also enjoyed a day at Riccarton Racecourse recently — a new experience for most. Some even picked up prizes from tickets in the losing-ticket box. We rounded off the day with another lovely lunch and the Racing Section gained two new members on that day.

Bob Smith, Chairperson





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Email your Kaiapoi Club stories to
comms@kaiapoiclub.co.nz.

Kaiapoi Club newsletters are published during the first week of every month. The submission deadline for the October Newsletter is Thursday 24 September at 5pm.

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Christmas MEGA HOUSIE

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\$13,000 PRIZE POOL

SUNDAY 6 2026
DECEMBER