



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#19 for 06 November 2024

Our guest speaker this evening was fencing exponent Steve Clarke who was introduced to members by Mike Bruce.

Steve is a member of the Canterbury fencing club, the Fencing Institute that has members aged 8 to 74 years old. He has been involved in the sport at all levels, including Olympic refereeing for 58 years. The sport, Steve explained, is one of only a handful of sports that have been included in all of the modern Olympics.

Fencing traces its roots to the development of swordsmanship for duels and self-defence. Described as "high-speed chess", each bout begins and ends with a salute. Good sportsmanship and honour are stressed at every level of training and competition.

The three disciplines of modern fencing are the foil, the épée, and the sabre, each discipline uses a different kind of blade, which shares the same name, and employs its own rules. Most competitive fencers specialise in one discipline. The modern sport gained prominence near the end of the 19th century.

Scoring points in a fencing competition is done by making contact with an opponent. This is picked up electronically by virtue of the metal infused vests worn by the opponents.

Traditionally, the fencer's uniform is white, and an instructor's uniform is black. This is possibly due to the occasional pre-electric practice of covering the point of the weapon in dye, soot, or coloured chalk in order to make it easier for the referee to determine the placing of the touches. As this is no longer a factor in the electric era, the FIE rules have been relaxed to allow coloured uniforms (except black).

In direct elimination bouts, the bout is for 15 hits or 9 minutes of effective fencing time, split into three 3-minute periods with a 1-minute break between each period. The timer is paused during stoppages, such as when a hit is scored.

In recent years, attempts have been made to introduce fencing to a wider and younger audience by using foam and plastic swords, which require much less protective equipment. This makes it much less expensive to provide classes, and thus easier to take fencing to a wider range of schools than traditionally has been the case.

Members were invited to take part in practice duels with "safe swords".

The highlight of this part of the evening was a highly energetic duel between nonagenarian Harold Garlick and octogenarian Mel Opie!
The sport of fencing will never be the same again!

Thanks to Alan A. for the report

Upcoming Meetings



13/11/2024	Nicholas Alcock	The psychology of money – how I help clients who suffer from addictions and money disorders
20/11/2024	Matthew Steans	The Yarns Men - creating opportunities for men to experience life through good conversation
27/11/2024	Peter Hope	The Sante Story – Marketing New Zealand Organic Wholefoods around the Globe

- **November Walk and Luncheon Thursday 21st**

FINAL WALK AND LUNCH FOR 2024

Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Thursday 21st November.

Date: Thursday 21 November
Park/Meet: Te Kuru Carpark. 600 Cashmere Road (See below)
Time: 10.30am
Walk: The 100-hectare wetlands
Lunch: 12 noon at Urban Eatery, Oderings, Cashmere Road
Organiser: David

DIRECTIONS:

1. Drive west on Cashmere Road and once past Westmoreland, turn left at the Halswell Quarry sign.
2. Drive south on Hendersons Road, road veers left, then turn first right into Cashmere Road.
3. Drive down Kennedys Bush Road, turn left at the Halswell Quarry into Cashmere Road

If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.

If the weather is unsuitable for walking, we will still meet for lunch at 12:00 noon

Please let David (david.buist@xtra.co.nz) know if you are walking, lunching or both.

An early response would be appreciated.

- **FIRST WALK AND LUNCH FOR 2025 – THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

- **Street Appeal Dates**

Aviva

May 16th and 17th

Or

May 23rd and 24th.

New World, St. Martin's.

This date will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.

Notices:

- **Tomato plants:**

Available Club meeting (Wed. of Cup week) 13 Nov. \$1.00 a plant.

Bundles of 10 - Moneymaker (dessert), 6; Beefsteak (large) 4.

OR, let Mel know your preferred order.

Proceeds to Polio Plus.

Duties:

Duty	13-Nov-24	20-Nov-24	27-Nov-24
Cash Desk	A Airay	M Bruce	A McKinnon
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Reception	M Bruce	M Opie	G Bailey
Speaker's Host	D Peterson	H Garlick	A McCully
Grace	D Peterson	H Garlick	A McCully
International Toast	M Bruce	M Opie	G Bailey
Thanks to Speaker	A McKinnon	M Bruce	D Peterson
Quote for the Week	A Airay	P Mears	A McKinnon
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	V Ellis	M Opie
Sergeant	M Opie	G Dockrill	A Airay

Leave:

	FROM	TO
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/23	TBA
S McLean	20/03/24	TBA
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
A Kim	15/06/24	15/11/24
S Mackenzie	23/10/24	30/11/24
R McKinney	13/09/24	mid- April
G Bailey	16/10/24	13/11/24
R Palmer	03/11/24	TBA

The link for the club web pages is www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

The link to club Facebook pages is <https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchSouthRotary/>

Reminders:

APOLOGIES

Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting, OR email: chcsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00am Wednesday. You will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.

Emergency apologies to Alan McKinnon (021 142 7668)
OR Club Secretary Viv Ellis (027 490 3161)

DUTIES If you are unable to carry out your allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substitute.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Please advise all leave of absence (3 or more weeks) to the Sec'y by email or in writing