

Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter

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From the President

The programme appears to be progressing well. The weather has been a real mixture and has caused some problems particularly with the men's and women's champ triples. The match committee are doing their best and are under pressure to complete these events before the Champ of Champs in early December. Members need to co-operate fully as there may come a time when dates will be set and teams may have to default if they cannot play on those dates – not a desirable situation.

With membership increasing we are now getting a large number of entries in championships. If we are to continue with the two life system we may need to look at other ways of running these events or programming extra reserve days. A qualifying system would reduce all championships to two days with possibly the need for a time to play finals. I am sure some suggestions will be forthcoming.

In between the bad weather we have had some great days for bowling. It was pleasing to see that we had 99 members take part in the Open Mixed Fours last Tuesday. Also the Club days have been well supported. A decision has been made to do away with the 'lucky' prizes on Club days. This was done because teams are box drawn on those days giving everyone a chance of being 'among the prizes'. However it was decided to cap the first prize at four times the entry fee so there will always be a good spread of prizes – about one third of the number of teams entered.

A number of major jobs have been completed. The roof over the old clubhouse has been replaced and a new soak hole has been put in outside that area of the building. A special thanks to Colin Wood for all the time and effort he has put into the renovations over the last few months – and he still managed to win the men's handicap singles. He had a number of members assisting him at various times. These things don't 'just happen' and all those involved can take great satisfaction from the progress made. Many thanks and well done. There is not much that happens to the surrounding areas of the Club without the involvement of John Jennings. The time and effort you put into your job are very much appreciated John. And again we are thankful for all those who willingly assist John in his efforts.

On the inside there is our hard-working and efficient 'Mr Secretary'. I mentioned at the Opening just how reliant we are on Ray Connolly and what a tremendous job he does. Ray stated at the AGM, when he offered to fill the position for which there was no nomination, that he would only continue for one more year. It is not too soon to be seeking someone for the future. Now is the time for that 'someone' to work along side Ray and learn the many systems he has in place to efficiently perform the job of secretary. Surely with the number of new members we have there is 'someone' who would be willing to make a contribution to the Club in this position. By saying that, I am not excluding other members. If anyone feels that they may be interested in the position please get in touch with myself or Ray for further information or to discuss how we may proceed from here.

Bev White our women's Club Captain has also indicated that she wishes to retire at the end of the season. Bev has held the position for 5 or 6 years and believes it is time for a change. You will note from the treasurer's report that we will require someone to fill that position next season and again it would be desirable if that person could work along side Ken for the latter part of this season.

Also in his report Ken has indicated that there has been an increase in spending. Most of what has been done has been forced upon us but the Executive is now taking stock and is in the process of preparing short, medium and long term plans for future expenditure. From the lists that the Vice Presidents have compiled it is obvious that for the longer term fund raising will be required and members may be asked to participate in this perhaps in the form of a fund raising committee.

After a couple of false starts we are now working on a Kitchen Duty roster system for Club days using the surnames of members and this appears to be working well - the Frosts and the Frenchs managed the situation for a field of 58 players last Friday. With each newsletter we will publish the roster for the coming month as a reminder for those involved. Remember you are only on duty on the days that you are playing. I would like to remind members that if you have any concerns about the running of the Club please bring them to my attention so that we can discuss them and work out solutions to the problem.

From the Treasurer

Income is somewhat down on last season at this time mainly because of the lack of play over the Winter. Conversely, expenditure has increased because of the renovations that took place. Heavy rains showed us just where our leaks are and we now have a new roof over the Greenkeeper's department. These have been expensive exercises, but thanks to all the work put in by a good number of members, costs have been contained at a respectable level.

While it is still early in the season, members will need to look to the officers who will be required to run the club next year. The Treasurer will need to be replaced - next year I will be putting my time into maintaining the Club's web site and membership records. I will assist the new Treasurer as required in training, and in any other way that I can.

From the Greens Superintendent

The use of scrims is now considered not necessary. However, should player damage occur, they may be

reinstated. it is up to members to respect our greens, taking care when delivering bowls and when not required on the head please stand on the bank. The more we look after the 2 – 3 metre portion the better playing area we will maintain.

Both greens are playing well at present due to the time and dedication given by our greenkeeper Bill. A new soak hole and concrete path repairs has tidied up the ground in front of the greenkeeper/scoreboard sheds. Compost is available from the bins at the end of the building free to any member to take away.

From the Selection Committees

Bowls BOP Baywide Inter-club

Men's Teams

Premier A Division.

Singles:- John Francis.

Pairs:- Jim Pratt and Fred Osbourne.

Fours:- Lance Orsler Colin Sutherland

Charles Pettit and Walter Riddell.

A Division.

Singles:- Graham Caie.

Pairs:- Ivan Hoare and Ron Green.

Fours:- Rex Poingdestre Leo Edwards

Denis Cooney and Cliff Hughes,

Fours Division.

Section 1:- Jim McQuillan Trevor Jeffries

Keith O'Connor and Jim Reid.

Section 2:- Ken White Noel McLeod

Derek Wills, and Jim Marks.

Academy Division.

Pairs:- Ron Parton and Winston Davey.

Triples:- Garry Andrews John Jennings
and George Hollingworth.

Junior Division.

Pairs:- Colin Wood and Don Shand.

Triples:- Larry Pepper Barry Liddell and
Peter Duncan.

Substitutes. Walter McClennan Des French Ray Genet Tony Mountfort and Peter Curtis.

Games to be played on the 29th and 30th of October, 6th of November and finals on 12th of November. The Fours in Sections on the 29th and 30th Nov. with finals also on the 12th of November.

Ladies Teams.

Premier B Division.

Singles:- Mary Hingston.

Pairs:- Shirley Frost and Audrey Wills.

Fours:- Bev White Lynlie Edwards Judy

Smallbone and Barbara Russell.

Academy Division (Section 1)

Pairs:- Josephine Connolly and Ann Harold.

Triples:- Bev Murdock, Merle Hoare and

Sue Pepper.

(Section 2)

Pairs:- Gail Wood and Pauline Bailey.

Triples:- June Gerrard, Joy Welten and

Margaret Jefferies.

Substitutes Ann Adams, Mary Thompson
and Kath Steiner.

We wish all of these players good luck
and more especially enjoy your bowling.

The following substitutes were used in the

above events on the second day. Ray

Genet, Walter McClennan, Tony Mountfort,

Barry Liddell and Kath Steiner.

From the Women's Match Committee

Due to inclement weather there are changes to the women's program. Ladies Triples championship will be played Tues 15 Nov and Thurs 17 Nov, plus extra reserve day Tues Dec 6th. Extra reserve day champ singles Tues 24

Jan 06. Extra res day, champ fours Tues 21 Feb

06 and 2nd extra day Tues 7th March. Extra res day champ pairs Thurs 9 March and 2nd extra day Thurs 6 April. Mae Robson-Parker \$2 rescheduled Thurs 2nd March, graded - names on sheet. Please put these changes in your programme book

REMINDER FOR KITCHEN DUTY

CLUB DAYS THIS MONTH

MEMBERS WHOSE SURNAME

BEGINS WITH	WEEK
H or I	31st Oct – 6th November
J or K	7th – 13th November
L or M	14th – 20th November
O or P	21st – 27th November
R	28th Nov – 4th December
S	5th – 11th December

OPEN TOURNAMENTS THIS MONTH

Sat 26 Nov - Men's L&2

AM: M Burke, M Conroy

PM: A Humphrey, S Loveridge, M Siddell

THE FIRST OMANU OLYMPICS

Our Brilliant Bill has kindly allowed us use of the green during the Xmas recess. Margaret and I wondered if there was any interest in a day/s session consisting of skills, challenges and games. Personal requirements would be an open mind and commitment. Because this would require heaps of organising knowing numbers is imperative (as is not a liquor). A sheet is on the bar door for those interested to place their mark. An up-date of news in next months newsletter.

Happy bowling

Margaret and Judy

Omanu BC Web site

I encourage all members who are on the net to use our Web site at www.geocities.com/bowlsomanu at least once a week and keep up with all the current news, updated regularly As we are trying to cut down on the number of newsletter distributions, you can have your copy E-mailed direct to your in box by supplying your e-mail address to me at jma.mcquillan@ihug.co.nz Please give this considerable thought and save the Club, and our distributors, time and cost. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

Stop Press

Results to hand for the Baywide Interclub:

MEN'S	Day 1	Day 2
Premier A	4 from 6	3 from 9
Division A	5 1/2 from 9	7 from 9
Fours Sect 1	3 from 3	2 from 3
Fours Sect 2	2 1/2 from 3	3 from 3

So far, both Fours teams have Qualified

Academy	5 1/2 from 6	4 from 6
Junior	2 1/2 from 6	2 from 6

WOMEN Day 1

Premier B	7 from 9
Academy Sect 1	4 from 6
Academy Sect 2	2 from 6

That's all Folks

Jim