

## Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter

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### **From the President**

The season is now well advanced and all of the major events have been completed. On your behalf I congratulate all of the championship winners and for those who are still to take part in the champion of champions events our very best wishes.

There have been two notable achievements. Mary Hingston has managed to win all four championships for the season. I understand that this is a first for the Club - well done Mary. Also Paul Anderson has managed to win the First Year Singles and the Junior Singles in his first year - he was undefeated in the junior singles. This is also a first for the Club although the first year championship has only been played from 1989.

Twilight bowls concluded last Monday. You will be aware from the last newsletter that this was the 21st year of twilight bowls. To mark the occasion I made a presentation on your behalf to Jim Pratt. It is amazing to think that, as well as all the other contributions Jim has made to the Club over the years, he has freely given his time to running twilight bowls.

Jim stated that this season about 100 different people came to twilight bowls and about half of them were non-members. It would be interesting to know just how many members the Club has gained from twilight bowlers over the years. I know that it is Jim's aim to introduce people to "the game we love" and whatever the number of members gained he can take great satisfaction from his efforts in achieving this.

I don't think anyone could match the contribution that Jim has made to the Club, and that is not expected of anyone. However it is important that all members consider carefully how they can make a contribution to the running of the Club. It would be great if we could all "come along and just play bowls", but unless we are all prepared to do our share there will be no Club to come to.

Towards the end of this month our secretary will be posting on the notice board a list of positions to be filled for next season. There are a number who will be stepping down after years of service. Please consider carefully if you can make your contribution by replacing them.

Wally McClennan was to step down as men's club captain at the end of the season. However he now feels that he can no longer contribute positively to the position as he would wish to. With only a short time to go to elections it has been decided that Leo Edwards will cover the role of men's club captain for the remainder of the season.

At the last executive meeting we considered concerns from members about the scheduling of events. If members look at the calendar at the back of the centre book they will note that there are a number of centre events throughout the season. In planning our programme it is not always possible to avoid clashes. This happened with the women's academy pairs. Efforts will be made to try and avoid this next season but it can be difficult to cater for all circumstances when planning is done so early in the year.

This also applies for dates set down for championships. There are occasion when changes are made to the programmed dates but this is usually by agreement of those players left in the tournament. We will continue to programme reserve dates and those entering the events need to be available for them. However if circumstances warrant it the match committee must have the right to use alternatives.

Following an executive meeting on forward planning two matters were given priority. Firstly the upgrading of the men's toilet basically replacing the urinal with individual urinals. Secondly giving the inside of the clubhouse an "uplift" and incorporating a rearrangement of the bar and area outside the committee room. Planning is under way to tackle these projects in the off-season.

The kitchen roster system appears to have worked well throughout the season. I would welcome your comments on this. The roster for the next few weeks is published on the back page of this newsletter. Please note if you are on duty in a particular week.

Finally a reminder that this Sat 11 March the Club will be hosting the zone 2 finals of the national inter-club. Clubs from the Waikato, Counties and B O P centres will play off in sides of seven, singles

pairs and fours, to decide which Club goes through to the national finals. Play starts at 9.30 am and it will be worth a visit to view the play at some time throughout the day

#### **From the Treasurer**

Last seasons excellent financial result ,a profit of over \$16,000was quite exceptional and will not be repeated this year. In fact, with only one month to go it appears that we will be recording a deficit. At the last AGM some increases to our costs were anticipated and have eventuated. As well, the loss of some tournaments, (including the whole of our Winter season) have also impacted on our income. We ain't broke yet, but the need to prudently manage our funds is re-inforced.

#### **From the Green Superintendent**

I am pleased to report that both of our greens are playing well, and it is certainly a wonderful endorsement for our green-keeper Bill, when the BOP Centre have requested the use of our greens, to stage several of their up-coming events, including the Regional Inter-Club Finals on Saturday 11th of March. We look forward to hosting this event and hope you will come down and enjoy the day.

The scrim on the ends of the greens are to nurture the young starweed plants which are now germinating well. Graham Heaven has now completed the repairs to all of our scrim sheets, which certainly saves the club some considerable expence, thank you Graham.

Tubing for holding the scoreboards has been inserted on one side of the Eve's green. This is a trial at this stage to ensure that they work in with our rink numbers.

Members will notice that the contractor has trimmed the hedges, sorry for all the noise during the playing of our Championship Fours and Pairs finals last Saturday as some players may have been unable to hear what their skips were saying, maybe just as well eh !!!

The greens staff will be calling for a working bee soon, to repaint the timber and concrete surrounding the greens as the non-slip paint on these at present is cracking and peeling. With enough support it should not take long.

#### **Did you know ?**

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness is 28%

But the percentage of North America that is wilderness is 38%

#### **From the Women's Vice President**

Attention all women members

On Thursday 6th of April we will have a Box-drawn Triples event starting at 9-30 am until 12-30 pm. Following the lunch break we are holding a Meeting to discuss topics for the 2006-2007 Season. The Agenda includes appointments for:-

Match Committee, Kitchen/Catering Committee, and Social Committee, plus discussion and suggestions for next years programme and anything else you wish to bring up.

As this is a very important and necessary commitment for our club we ask you all to please make the effort to attend

#### **BAR BEAT**

Attention all DB black draught tipplers lend me your ears (and in this case your eyes). DB breweries no longer produce black beer. Soon our last keg will run out and a brew called Mangatainoka Black will be on tap. The DB company rep advised that a product from the Monteiths brand is also available. So, I would appreciate feed back on this. Please advise me personally on your taste opinion of this new brew. Cheers from Judy

#### **Recycled Teenagers**

This exercise group who use our clubrooms on Tuesday's are having a guest speaker from Guardian Alarms to discuss and have an informal talk on Medic Alert Alarms. They invite any members of the bowling club who may be interested in this topic to join them on Tuesday March 14th at 10.30 am.

#### **From the Secretary**

As the Season draws to a close I would like to request all trophy winners from last year, to please return them to the club as soon as possible to enable us to have them re-engraved and ready for the Closing Day and Presentation of prizes on Saturday the 6th of May. Your co-operation in this would be appreciated.

I would also like to remind all internet members to continue visiting our excellent Web site. Our Webmaster is constantly up dating and publishing new and interesting information for your benefit and to

keep you informed of any changes to the programme. It might also be a good idea to invite any members who are not on net and may be visiting you, to show them their Club Web site.

**Did you know**

Every day more money is printed for the game of Monopoly than for the US Treasury - **and**

It is impossible to lick your own elbow

**Match Committee**

With only the Junior Pairs left to play our Men's Champion-ships are almost at an end for this Season. Our congratulations to all of the winners. The Junior Championship was a close game with Paul prevailing over a very determined Colin Wood, well done both of you.

The Championship 4's and the Pairs finals were contested on Saturday the 4th March and it would have been hard to find four better-matched teams. Ron Parton and his team of Noel McLeod, Trevor Hingston, and Terry Youngman prevailed by 14-13 over the team of Ken White, Charles Pettit, Wally McLennan and Don Allen, having lost his first life to Ken's team. Well done.

The Pairs final was equally as close, with the winners Lance Orsler and John Jennings prevailing over a very determined Bill Buchanan and Winstone Davey by the same score 14-13. This was also after Bill and Winstone had won the first game. Again, well done.

Mary Hingston's victory in winning the Championship Pairs over runners-up Jeannette French and Merle Hoare to complete a clean sweep of the woman's competition, must surely be worthy of all of our congratulations. In saying this, we must not forget her fellow team members who assisted her in this achievement. Congratulations to Mary Conroy, who has won 3 of these Championships with Mary, June Gerrard in the Triples, and Lynlie Edwards and Marion Ellis in the Champ Fours...Take a bow all of you.

**What do** bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windsheild wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

**Answer.** All were invented by women

**How many of you tried to lick your elbow!**

That's all folks,



**Jim**