

## **From the President**

With the season winding down there is not very much to report so this will be a brief newsletter. However there are some items that will be of interest to members and there are important dates to note.

I was very proud to be the president of Omanu Bowling Club on the day we hosted the region 2 inter-club finals. People were continually telling me what an excellent job the Club had done. Such praise reflects on all those who worked so hard to make the day a success. For fear of missing someone I do not want to mention names because there were a number of people who contributed in some way to the success of the day. You will know of your contribution and no matter how small that may have been you can give yourself "a pat on the back". Your efforts have contributed to creating a great impression of the Omanu Bowling Club for all those who played or visited the Club on that day.

For those of you who didn't manage to read the letter of thanks Laurie Coughy the Centre Executive Officer wrote to the Club, here are a couple of quotes.

"The work put in by all your Club members involved was something very special for your Club to treasure. After being involved in a number of these days, I can only say, in all honesty, that all your Club members made this one of the most enjoyable and best run days that our Centre has hosted and given our visitors from the other Centres special memories to take home with them."

WELL DONE

It is now that time of the year when we need to look forward to the coming season. Firstly we are looking for a number of members to fill positions on the Executive and other positions. There are quite a few positions that will become vacant as those who have held them for a number of years stand down. It has been noted that one third of the current membership has joined the Club over the last two years. While I appreciate that some of those will have held positions at previous Clubs I am hopeful that some of our new members will offer their special abilities and fill vacant positions.

As I have already stated, if everyone adopts the attitude that "I am going to just concentrate on playing bowls this year" then there will be no Club at which to play bowls. I ask all members to carefully consider how they can contribute to the running of the Club. There have been some who have criticized how "the Club is run". This is your opportunity to get in to a position where you can influence "the way the Club is run."

The various positions are listed on the main notice board. A supply of nomination forms is also there and I am sure you will have no problem getting other members to endorse your nomination.

While it is still fresh in our minds we need to consider improvements we might make to next season's programme. The women have already had a meeting in this respect. It will be the men's turn next week. All men members are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 19 April. This will start at 10 am so that those who wish to play in the Dorchester Triples can bring their lunch and stay on for the afternoon event. This is your opportunity to express your concerns and make suggestions for improvements in a positive way.

There are no organised events at the Club over the Easter weekend. However you and any visitors you may have are welcome to use the greens "as is" for a roll up.

Important dates to mark on your calendar are:

## **CLOSING DAY & PRESENTATION OF PRIZES**

Saturday 6 May starting at 10am

## **AGM**

Friday 26 May starting at 1pm

## **From the Treasurer**

A small number of members who paid an entry for the abandoned Presidents day have not had their fee refunded. Please ring Ken White who will look after you.

## **Green Superintendent**

With the recent rain we have had the greens are on the soft side. There continues to be some members who are "dumping" their bowls on to the green and this is causing significant damage. As a result of this scrim will need to be used to protect the greens. Members are asked to check the blackboard on the outside of the club rooms for special instructions from the green keeper on the need for scrim or other restrictions

### **From Your Webmaster**

A new "Bulletin Board" feature has been introduced to the web-site. This is an opportunity for members to air their views and see what other members have to say on matters of common interest. From the things I hear around the club, not everyone is happy about everything, which is perfectly natural.

So - use the Bulletin Board to tell us all what is wrong and what could be done to improve your club. Vigorous discussion is positive for the club, and already some forceful comments have been made.

### **Match Committee**

The green keeper has indicated that all going well with the renovations of the greens, it will be possible to have play throughout the winter. We are hoping that from about the middle of June onwards the greens will be open for play on three days a week probably Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Also we have scheduled four open tournament events on 1, 10, 16 and 24 August.

The junior pairs is down to the last two teams. Don Shand and Barrie Liddell with two lives will play Colin Wood and Larry Pepper who have one life. This event will be completed next Wednesday morning.

We need to use up all of the Dorchester sponsorship for the season. There will be a "Dorchester pay out in prizes on Wednesdays 19 and 26 April. Brian Willis from Dorchester will join in the play on Wednesday 26 April so a good turn out would be appreciated.

### **Winter Open Tournaments**

The Western Division has formulated their winter programme of open tournaments. Copies of this, which gives the contact details for entering, are available on the main notice board. Please take one if you are interested in playing in winter open tournaments.

That's all Folks

Jim