

Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter

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From the President

This newsletter is to be distributed with the Notice of Meeting and other supporting documents for the AGM to be held on 26 May. It is just a brief up-date on recent events and other matters.

You will note from the Notice of Meeting that there are a few positions for which we have had no nominations. Hopefully these will be filled with nominations from the floor at the AGM. Let us know if you would be willing to stand and we will arrange for these nominations to take place.

The 2005-06 summer season has come to an end with the closing day and prize giving. The weather was great and 53 members took part in a couple of games in the "women v men" event. It was a close result with the men winning 9 games and the women 7 games. This meant that the women won the trophy, (a wooden spoon).

The prize giving followed a shared lunch. The variety of food was great - we really do know how to look after ourselves in this department. Congratulations to all those who received prizes. It again highlighted Mary Hingston's efforts in winning all four of the championships and the number of successes the Club has had at Centre and other major tournaments.

The Centre Honours day was held on Sunday 30 April. Josephine Connolly received her certificate as runner up in the Centre open women's singles. Omanu received certificates as winner in the A division and the Academy division in the men's Bay wide inter-club competition. Mary Hingston was one of four nomination for "Bowler of the Year". Well done Omanu. Also congratulations to Colin Wood and Paul Anderson who have been selected to play in the Centre Junior side in an up-coming event.

Indoor bowls, Cards and Mah-jongg have started at the Club and will continue throughout the off-season.

Details are:

Indoor bowls Every Monday Names by 12.45pm, 1.00pm start

Cards/Mahjongg Every Tuesday Names by 12.45pm, 1.00pm start

Judy Smallbone would like to inform members that over the winter months only bottled beer will be sold at the bar. There is still dark available on tap at present. We will probably order in kegs for our open tournaments to be held in August as part of the winter programme.

We will shortly begin working on the Club handbook for next season. If there were any errors in the current book that members have noticed such as spelling phone numbers etc, would they please contact me with the details.

The Western Division of Bowls B O P has two positions that will become vacant following their AGM at the end of May. The first is that of secretary/treasurer.

There are only about four meetings held each year but the main requirement of the position is to collate and produce the summer and winter programmes for the Clubs within the division. There is also a requirement to produce documents for events run by the division. There is an allowance paid for the position which at present is \$400. The second position is that of men's match convener. This position involves organising and running the men's pennants competition and the Monday inter-club events. The allowance paid for this position is \$120.

I have held both of these positions for the last six years so if there is an Omanu member interested in them I can provide further details and arrange for nominations to be made at the Division AGM on 29 May.

Next season there will be major changes to the Laws of the Game. A move has been made to standardise the Laws in all countries. The new Law book is now being printed and will take effect in September 2006. Because of this there will be no courses for umpires this season. However there is still the opportunity to qualify as a Measurer. "Measurers function solely to determine upon request all physical measurements as required under the Laws".

Courses will be held for measurers over the winter. There will be one evening to cover the laws relating to measuring and two practical half days to learn the correct use of all equipment. There will finally be a practical examination on 5 August. Being a Measurer is an official position and they usually work with an Umpire or Law Umpire. If there is anyone interested in undertaking the training please let me know.

Renovations will be starting on the greens and all going well we hope to provide for some Club play throughout the winter. When the decision is made we will let members know. Clubs in the Western Division run a programme of open tournaments throughout the winter. Copies of this can be found on the tables in the clubrooms. Omanu will have four open tournaments on 1, 10 16 and 24 August so if your "in town" please support them. They will be a great way to get primed for the new season.

There will be a brief newsletter next month which will mainly report on the AGM for those who were not able to attend. Then there will be a break until the handbooks are ready for distribution for next season some time in August. The web site, (see the cover of the handbook for the address), will be a way for some members to keep up to date with happenings at the Club. We have found e-mail to be a convenient way of reaching members particularly at short notice. If and when you "take the plunge" and go on-line please let us know your e-mail address so you can be added to our distribution list.

Best wishes for a healthy off-season.

Des French