

Omanu B C Newsletter June 06

From the President

Winter has really come this week. A number of our members will be heading, (or already have), for warmer parts. Best wishes to them and they may spare a thought for those holding the fort back home.

For those of you willing to brave the elements we will begin a programme of Club bowling. This will start on Saturday 1 July and weather permitting will continue on each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through to the opening day on Saturday 9 September. On each day there will be a mixed event starting at 1pm with names in by 12.45pm. We will require match committee personnel OR OTHERS to run the programme so if you intend to take part and would be willing to help in this way please let Alan Collecutt know so he can arrange a roster.

Also this will be my last chance to remind you that we will be running four Open tournaments on Tuesday 1 August, Thursday 10 August, Wednesday 16 August and Thursday 24 August If you are able please support these events.

The AGM was attended by about one third of the membership. For those of you who were unable to attend and have not heard "through the grapevine" here is a list of those elected to positions for the coming season.

EXECUTIVE

President	Des French
Vice President	Ivan Hoare
Secretary	Ann McQuillan
Treasurer	Larry Pepper
Ass Sec/Treas	Keith O'Connor
W's Club Captain	Audrey Wills
M's Club Captain	Brian Cotter
W Exec member	Merle Hoare
M Exec member	Tony Mountfort

OTHER POSITIONS

Sponsorship	Brian Cotter
Catering	Jeannette French
House Manager	Rex Poingdestre
Bar	Judy Smallbone
Match Com M	Alan Collecutt
Match Com W	Lynlie Edwards
Selection M	Jim Pratt
Selection W	Margaret Dalley

You should note from this that there are two major positions that are vacant and it has been left to the executive to try and fill them. The first is that of women's vice president. If for no other reason I feel it is important that we fill this position so that women members have another voice on the executive. If you feel that you could fill this role please let me know. Alternatively you may be able to convince someone to put their name forward for the position.

Secondly the position of green superintendent is vacant. Primarily the position involves managerial responsibilities for the care and maintenance of the greens and the exterior environment of the club excluding the pavilion. The role is to oversee a greens committee to carry out the above tasks. I understand that most if not all of the greens committee from last season are willing to continue. We require someone who will manage that group.

It is important that we get organised in this area as there are a number of tasks that are best done in the off season. Are you the person for the job?

Can you convince another member to take on the position? Please let me know as soon as possible.

In past newsletters I have emphasized that it is important that ALL members make a contribution to the running of the Club. This spreads the workload and lessens the burden placed on individuals. I would like to hear from you if you feel you can contribute in any of the following years.

- A kitchen roster for our open tournaments and centre events held at the club.
- A roster to set up the greens for open tournaments and championship events. This would involve such things as adding centre lines to rinks, putting out umbrellas if needed, etc. It would be best for members who live close to the club.
- Anyone who would be willing to be part of the greens committee or work on the gardens.

We are well on the way with preparations for next season's handbook. Brian Cotter and, since he left for a holiday, Ivan Hoare, have done a great job in confirming and finding new sponsors for the book and for our open tournaments and other events.

You now have just a couple of weeks to let me know if there are any errors in the current book that members have noticed such as spelling, phone numbers, etc. Please contact me with the details.

Leo Edwards is making good progress with the name board which looks great. He is leaving the completion of it until he returns from holiday by which time we will have a better indication of membership for the coming season. Eric Hubbert produced the original name board and the up-grading has proceeded with his blessing. He has generously made a donation which will largely cover the cost of the up-grade. Many thanks Eric for your support for something that will serve the club well for a number of years to come.

For those who use the bulletin board on the club web site I would like to point out that it is not just our members who may read your comments. One of our reasons for setting up the site was to use it to attract new members. I am sure that some recent comments made would have had the opposite effect. Please bear this in mind in the future and if you feel the need to say something derogatory about the Club use other means. Remember there will be some reading your comments who do not have the knowledge, as members do, that this is just one member "stirring" or what ever.

There will not be a newsletter in July and the next one will not be produced until near the end of August and distributed with the new handbooks and details for the opening of the new season. Until then best wishes to you all.

Match Committee Matters

I have been working with the match committees and others and we have virtually finalised the programme for next season. We are unhappy about having to hold two of the men's championships early in October but this was necessitated by the centre taking extra weekend days for their events and for representative fixtures. We felt that we could not deny members who wanted to play in these events from playing in their club championships.

I was able to have a motion passed at the Centre AGM which will require them to include in their pre-season planning eight weekend days for club championships. Jim Wilson who was elected as our new centre president assured me after the meeting that this would be done next season.

There will be some changes in the programme including two of which I will mention here. Firstly as we have received extra sponsorship from Dorchester and in response to a request from members for club one day events, we will be

holding a "Dorchester 8 point mixed triples" event each month. This will be run on the lines of our open tournaments but restricted to members only. The entry fee will be \$6 and prizes similar to open tournaments. Entry will be own teams or single entry.

In making up your own teams you will be restricted to a maximum of 8 points. Points are assigned to a skip (4), three (3), two (2) and a lead (1). The team total has a maximum of 8 points. This is a form of grading which will ensure more even teams ability wise and also wider involvement by all members. Members can make a single entry and the match committee will use these to make up further teams.

Secondly we will hold in April a Mixed Fours Championship. I will be providing a trophy for the event which will run over two days. The first day will involve qualifying the top eight teams playing off for the championship on the second day. The remainder, (possibly restricted to 16 teams), will play in a consolation 4 game event on the second day.

Women's Match Committee

A number of lady members have indicated they would be happy playing their club championships with a "one day qualifying second day one life" system. This system enables us to complete the event in two days or at the most with one game remaining on day 3. Before any decision is made full discussion will be held with our lady members. This, your match committee intend to do on Introduction Day, Tuesday September 12. Alternatively on the first available Club Day. A consensus of opinion will be taken on that day.

From the Treasurer

A reminder that subscriptions remain the same as last season. This means that a full subscription is reduced to \$145 if paid by 1 August. After that it will be \$150. Limited membership is \$100, Social membership \$10 and Associate membership \$50.

Women's Selection Committee

The women's selection and grading committee for the coming season is Margaret Dalley, Bev White and Josephine Connolly.

If you wish to play in the women's pennants at Matua in late August please advise Margaret Dalley or Josephine Connolly.

If you wish to put a CV in to be considered for the Centre Rep teams the forms are on the notice board.