

From the President

By now you should have received the handbook for the coming season. If not please let Ann McQuillan or myself know and we will arrange to get one to you.

Brian Cotter, before he left for his holiday, and then Ivan Hoare have worked hard to secure new sponsors for the handbook and for open tournaments. They are trying to develop long term relationships with our sponsors which will only be achieved if members on their part give support to the sponsors whenever they can.

The handbook sponsors are listed on the inside of the front cover and a number of them offer discounts for members. Tournament sponsors are listed on page 28. When it's "spending" time please check the lists and at least enquire as to what our sponsors have to offer and let them know you are from the Omanu bowling club.

We have still not been able to fill the positions of Women's Vice President and Green Superintendent. Hopefully now that we are into the bowling season and the situation gets more desperate someone can be persuaded to come forward. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

Also Alan Collecot is having difficulty in getting enough men for the match committee so that the work load can be spread. We could try the system of having a different group to run each of the days of the week, Wednesday and Saturday for men's events and Friday and Sunday for mixed events. There are men who regularly play on those days and if we could get a group of six say who were prepared to come a little earlier in order to do the draw a roster could be worked out to suit them. Please let Alan or myself know if you could help out.

Jim McQuillan has set out a number of the main changes in the laws as they will affect bowlers directly in playing the game. Please take the time to read through these carefully as they are now in effect and need to be followed in all forms of the game. If you need any clarification feel free to contact Jim.

There are new events in the programme and there are new laws to understand and follow. We can all look forward to an interesting and enjoyable season. I wish all members the best of health and the best of bowling for the 2006 - 07 season.

From the Secretary

The new executive have held three meetings over the off season. To date we have had 13 resignations and approved four applications for membership two of whom are new bowlers. Also there have been a number of changes to membership approved.

Below is a summary of decisions taken:

- a new firm ACI Security will handle the security of the buildings;
- vertical blinds have been installed for the windows at the flag pole end of the club rooms
- modernization of men's toilet to proceed;
- a new lawn mower for the grass areas has been purchased;
- a start is to be made on the gardens to make them more maintenance free;

- a quote has been obtained for club jackets and an applications will be made to Green Thistle Trust for financial assistance in their purchase

The next executive meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 September.

From the Treasurer

Subs have been a bit slow coming in for the new season and with the 1st August cut off for claiming the \$5.00 discount now past, the full members subscription of \$150.00 is now payable. Limited members subs remain at \$100.00, associate membership \$50.00 and social membership \$10.00.

Remember you must be a fully paid up member to be able to enter in any club championships, open tournaments and centre events all of which are fast approaching

From the Coaching Convener

The first coaching programme for the season will be for leads and twos which will be held over two days. The first is on Friday 8 Sep and the second the following Friday 15 Sep. Note the change of date for the second day.

It is essential that you let me know if you wish to take part so that I can organise coaches and the programme to facilitate the numbers attending - please do this by Wed evening 6 Sep.

Umpires Liaison Officer

As you may be aware the Laws governing The Sport of Bowls has recently been amended to comply with World Bowls. Listed below are the Laws and numbers (from the new Law book) which effect us directly as bowlers.

TAKING THE MAT: Law 18.4

In all ends after the first, but apart from an extra end, the winner of the previous scoring end should choose whether to :

- a) Take the mat and deliver the Jack and the 1st bowl
- or b) Give the mat, Jack & 1st bowl to the opposing player who cannot refuse it.

IMPROPER DELIVERY OF THE JACK: Law 23.2 & 23.3

This Law reverts to the way we used to play i.e.: If the first delivery is improper then the mat is placed & the Jack delivered by the opposing Lead. If this delivery is also improper the Jack should be placed on the 2m mark & the mat placed by the player to play 1st

This also applies to the situation where, before the 1st bowl is delivered, the mat is found to be in an illegal position or the distance from the mat line to the Jack is less than 23m.

FOOT FAULTING: Law 20.1

1. Before delivery a player must have one foot fully on the mat.
2. At the moment of delivery all or "part of one foot" must be on or over the mat (inverted commas is new.)

PENALTIES

The penalty of having a bowl stopped & declared dead by the Umpire, after an initial warning, now applies to:

1. Foot faulting.

2. Possession of the rink. This includes players in possession of the rink being annoyed or distracted by their opponents.
3. Position of the players: aimed at Skips/ Directors who do not retire behind the head as soon as the next bowl is delivered.
4. Encroaching: A player may not walk up or go into an unused rink or the area to the side of an outside rink when an opponent is about to deliver a bowl.

MARKING A TOUCHER: Law 25

Must be done before the next bowl comes to rest, instead of, before the next bowl is delivered.

DEFINITION: 26 - Position of bowl in relation to the Jack.

“Jack Level” and “Jack High” now mean the same.

Markers and Directors should indicate when a bowl is in front or behind the Jack. If it is not -”Jack Level / High.”

Law changes are effective from 1st September 2006.

The new World Bowls Law Book contains some other minor changes but those that affect the actual playing of the game are few and we believe they are covered above.

All playing countries are allowed to have “Domestic Regulations” and N.Z.s will include:

1. No change to existing greens re rink widths or pegs.
2. Our Substitute & Acquired Player Law remains the same.

Forward: References to “should and will” within these Laws mean that the action is compulsory.

References to “can” mean the action is optional

Reminder for Kitchen Duty

Club Days

Members whose surname

begins with week

R 4th - 10th September

S 11th - 17 September

T to Z 18th - 24th September

A or B 25th September - 1st October

C 2nd - 8th October

Open Tournaments

Wed 13 Sep	Men’s Fours	AM: E Cooper, A Gibbins PM: M Bromell, P Couchman, S Pepper
Thur 14 Sep	Women’s Fours L&T	AM: D French, D Read PM: A Shaw, S Dillon, T Shaw
Tue 26 Sep	Women’s Triples	AM: B Humphrey, R Baily PM: D Reeves, J Marks, J Francis
Wed 11 Oct	Men’s Triples	AM: B Clark, J Gerrard PM: J Seymour, R Ashby, M Burke

Catering Convener

As you are probably aware the Health and Safety regulations now require that all persons handling food must first wash and dry their hands thoroughly.

To assist us in this requirement I have asked for a Hand Towel dispenser to be installed in the kitchen above the hand-basin situated on the left hand side of the sinks. Alternatively we can use the latex gloves we will supply and will be kept under the sink.

All food must be kept covered prior to serving with tea shower cloths

We now have hanging rails inside the pantry doors for all tea cloths/hand towels etc. and as we have a plentiful supply, these should be changed frequently.

Thanks to all members who have offered their help on the kitchen roster.

If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange a replacement and inform me of this change, or in my absence, please contact Joan Seymour.

Programme Changes

The women's day on Tue 12 Sep is just an introduction day. It will not be a points day which will be the following Tue 19 Sep.

The second day of the Leads & Twos will be held on Fri 15 Sep instead of Fri 22 Sep.