

From the President

We appear to have made a good start to the new season. There were a good number of members at the Opening Day in spite of there being no possibility of playing bowls. They would have been the first to notice some changes around the clubhouse.

Leo Edwards has worked hard on organizing the name board and a new place for the entry sheets. It is great to easily be able to read the names on the tags and once we get used to the system it will be just as easy to find and enter details on the entry sheets. Well done Leo and also to Colin Wood who constructed the angled support for the entry sheets.

There have been a number of favourable comments on the upgrade to the men's toilet. This ended up being a complicated job. A very big thank you to Ivan Hoare who has been the main architect of the changes and has spent long hours putting them in to place. Also thanks to Colin Wood for his expertise and hard work in doing an excellent job on the lining and finishing work. Ivan and Merle also worked hard on the preparation and organising the installation of the blinds at the north end of the building.

More recently Derek and Audrey Wills have spent many hours upgrading the gardens. This is still a work in progress as we intend to add a capping to the top of the block wall which will add a final touch to the appearance of the garden and also double as seating along that side of the green. Audrey has asked me to include a note of thanks to businesses and others who assisted in this major undertaking.

- Edwards & Hardy for supply of moss and mould preparation for spraying fence and concrete blocks - seems to be working extremely well.
- To Laurie from Palmers Garden World for his advice and special discount on plants for the garden.
- Doris for the roll of matting.
- Tauranga Landscaping Centre, Newton St, for the heavily discounted weed matting and 2 cubic metres of pebbles for the garden - and thanks to Jim, Moxhay and Joe for barrowing and shovelling them onto the garden
- Thanks to Heather & Fred for re-arranging and maintaining the garden at the end of the clubhouse.

On the bowling front we have had good entries in the three Open Tournaments held in September. The first of the Dorchester 8 point mixed triples involved 28 teams and appeared to be enjoyed by all. Extra sponsorship we have received from Dorchester has been allocated to this monthly event for members and as a result eight prizes were given on this occasion. We saw different combinations of members in teams and this should assist in the social aspect of the Club. The entry sheet is there for the next one on 20 Oct so you can start organising your team for that – perhaps you would like to try a different combination.

In the formation of teams for the event the question was asked if limited members were eligible to play. Our constitution states that “...classification as a limited member (may be granted by the executive) on the basis of health or other sufficient cause.such members shall be entitled to play in club events only as determined by the executive.”

This has been interpreted as being restricted to the club draws as set out on page 20 of our handbook. The Dorchester 8 point triples is a club tournament and as such limited members were deemed not eligible to play in it.

Congratulations to the Omanu side who came third in the top section of the recently completed Western Division Women's Pennants.

The side consisted of 2 triples teams - A team: Judy Smallbone, Josephine Connolly and Merle Hoare and B team: Lynlie Edwards, Dorrie Stevens and Gail Wood

From the Secretary

At the last executive the disciplinary committee was confirmed as consisting of Des French, Ivan Hoare and Val Body. Changes in membership involved two resignations, four changes from full to limited and seven new members two of which were for limited membership.

The next executive meeting is scheduled for Monday 9 October

From the Treasurer

Funds have flowed in well since my last report with subscriptions not far from being fully paid and a good run with the weather has meant tournament and raffle income has been steady. Our advertisers in the handbook have also contributed to our cash flows all of which puts us in a good position to meet some pretty hefty bills coming up for payment. The refurbishment of the men's toilets will cost approximately \$3500.00, GST for the 6 months to September amounts to \$1100.00 and Capitation Fees due in November will be almost \$8000.00. Of course we have our normal operating expenses to cover so you can see that we need our tournaments, raffles, bar sales and sponsorships to be well supported to avoid dipping into our reserves.

Women's Match Committee

An early reminder that the Tuesday November 7 Women's Club Draw will be a MIXED MELBOURNE CUP SPECIAL DRAW starting at 1pm. Sweeps will be sold the week prior at Men's and Women's Club Days. There will be a social hour at end of play, so you can be there to watch the race.

Kitchen Reminder

There is a wash hand basin and paper towels for use before handling food. Whilst in use tea and hand towels are now to be hung on the rails on the inside of the pantry doors. Mugs or cups need to be washed round with the hand brush first to remove Lip-Stick and Coffee Stains before being put into the dishwasher or sterilizer for washing.

Men's Selection Committee

Western Division - Monday Inter-Club Fours

This season we have entered two sides (of three teams) in this very enjoyable Monday afternoon event. The No 1 side will be selected by Gary Andrews & the No 2 side by Wally McClennan. Club members have been divided into two groups for selection purposes. We have two main aims - one is to try to win the competition & the other is to give as many members who our available to play the opportunity to have at least one game. There are seven rounds to be played with the competition starting on 2 October. All relative details will be placed on the notice board for the information of members.

Dorchester Baywide Inter-Cub

This is being played on the following dates: Sat. 28 October, Sun. 29 October, Sun. 5 November, Sat. 11 November & Sun 12 November. The last two dates may be used if the entries indicate the need for additional time. There will be two trials/practices held on Friday morning, 13 October & Wednesday morning, 18 October, both at 9.30am to assist in the choosing of the players required. Players for both trials will be contacted by the selectors. This year we have entered a side playing singles, pairs (3 bowls) & fours in both the Premier A & Premier B Divisions. Also, a side of five playing pairs (3 bowls) & triples (2 bowls) in both the Development & Junior Divisions and two teams in the Fours Division. A number of reserves will also be chosen to cover any unforeseen circumstances re availability on any day. All relative details on the event will be placed on the notice board for the information of members.

Monday Dorchester Twilight Bowls (6 - 8 PM)

Monday Dorchester Twilight Bowls commences on 6 November. The object is to have a regular event being played during the evenings when 'daylight saving' allows us the extra time. It is organized for all club members, ex members, visiting members & non-bowlers wishing to play bowls in the cool of the evening. It will be used as a way to introduce bowls to those friends & neighbours who would like to try this great game we play but possibly don't have the time to be full members of a club. Throughout the years we have been operating, we have gained many new members who have quickly come to like & enjoy the sport & also appreciate the social side. This season has seen new members who started at twilight bowls last year.

The evening's games commence at 6pm & conclude at 8pm with names in by 5.45pm for a mixed box-drawn two games event. A social half-hour concludes each evening when prizes are presented & raffles are drawn. This year the cost to play will be \$2 each evening. A nightly raffle - 3 numbers for \$1 - will also be held with plenty of prizes.

Coaching & practice can be given from 5pm each Monday for those who may require assistance. The club has a few sets of bowls available as well. We play in mufti so all that is required is suitable footwear. Please spread the word in your neighbourhood to young & old.

Notice in the Cannibals Meat Shop Butchery.

SALE on "bowlers brains".

The prices ranged from \$1 to \$10. The customer asked about the price difference and was told the brains from leads were \$1, \$2 from seconds, \$3 from thirds, and \$10 from skips. 'Why are the skips so dear?' he enquired. "You would not believe just how many Skips we have to kill before we find a decent brain."

Footnote Relax all you skips who are worried. This butcher shop was in Australia

Reminder for kitchen duty club days

members whose surname

begins with

Week

D or E

Mon 9th - Sun 15th October

F or G

Mon 16th - Sun 22 October

H

Mon 23rd - Sun 29th October

letters I J K L and M

Mon 30th October - Sun 5th November

letters N O P Q and R

Mon 6th - Sun 12th November

Open Tournaments

Wed 11 Oct

Men's Triples

AM: B Clark, J Gerrard

PM: J Seymour, R Ashby, M Burke

Tue 24 Oct

Mixed Fours

AM: R Green, P Green

PM: N Pearse, M Jamieson, G Heaven