

Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter

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From the President

Welcome to the November newsletter of the Omanu Bowling Club home of the Francis Cup. Yes for those who haven't yet heard a team from Omanu has for the second time in 3 years won the Men's Centre Fours, and the trophy for the event the Francis Cup. The team this time was Ron Parton skip, Noel McLeod, Trevor Hingston and Colin Wood. Well done to all of them each winning their first Centre title. They held it together in the final beating a Mount team whose members collectively had won well over 30 centre titles.

A reminder that Ken White is continuing with the job of maintaining the Club Database. The database is frequently referred to for a variety of reasons and it is important that it is kept up to date. It is therefore imperative that members inform Ken either by phone or email webmaster@bowlsomanu.co.nz of any changes to their details. This is particularly important for changes of phone numbers, home address and email address.

The second Dorchester 8 point mixed triples again attracted a good field of 26 teams despite it being adjacent to Labour weekend and the playing of the Francis Cup. At the suggestion of members a BBQ was provided at the end of play and as this was well received we will probably make it a regular feature of this monthly event. The draw sheet is there for the next occasion Friday 17 Nov.

The Club has been used twice by the Centre as a venue for the Baywide inter-club competition. We only receive short notice from the Centre so it is not possible to include dates in our handbook. As we have a full entry in this competition it is only right that we make our greens available to the centre for the playing of the event. A bonus of doing this is that the more players who experience the quality of our greens the greater chance that some of them will want to return to play in our open tournaments.

There have been concerns expressed about the use of scrimms. While most appreciate the need to protect the greens in the early part of the season some correctly point out the restriction they place on the playing of the game with respect the tactic of varying the length of ends and the placing of the mat after two incorrect deliveries of the jack. This has been highlighted by the need to have championships played very early in the season something which should be remedied in the future. One of the reasons for the use of scrimms is to avoid damage to the greens from players "dumping" their bowl during delivery. There are a number of options that these players can take to rectify the situation.

- Work with one of the club coaches to modify your delivery technique to deliver the bowl more directly on to the green – generally if you are able to bend down enough to pick up your bowl then you should be able to get down enough to delivery it directly on to the green.
- Try one of the bowling arm extensions. The club has two of these which you are welcome to use as a trial to see if this will solve your delivery problems. There are a number of members who successfully use a bowling arm and I am sure they will give you advice on the use of the bowling arm
- A simple thing that you can try yourself is the adoption of a fixed stance to deliver your bowl. Rather than taking a step forward during delivery start with your lead foot already placed as it would be following such a step. You then just bend your knees so that the bowl in your extended bowling arm is near the green, swing the arm and deliver the bowl. Again if you need help with this technique see one of the club coaches.

Members are asked to carefully note the closing date, (and in particular the closing time on that date), for championships, open tournaments and other major events in the programme. The match committee have reasons for setting these times and would like members to adhere to them. I have asked the match committees to use the newsletter to inform members of such times if they are not already given in the handbook. Please check these out later in this newsletter.

From the Secretary

Unfortunately I am not able to spend as much time at the club as I would like but I am very pleased to see and hear how well the Omanu teams are performing in Competition throughout the BOP. Keep up the good work.

We have received a card from Jim Moffitt thanking us for our condolences in the loss of his wife Cath (a previous member of Omanu) We are all thinking of you Jim and hope to see you back playing at the club soon. We welcome new members Hamish McDonald and Garry Shrubshall to the Omanu BC and hope you enjoy your bowls. Don't forget to check out the website regularly as our Webmaster keeps you informed of the latest news and results constantly. www.bowlsomanu.co.nz

From the Treasurer

The collection of subscriptions for the season is almost complete with only a small number outstanding. Over the next few days we will contact those who have not paid to see whether they wish to retain their membership with the club

Despite the inclement weather the clubs programme for the season remains on track and all of our tournaments have been well attended which has resulted in good returns from entry fees, raffles and sponsorships.

As at 31/10/06 income and expenditure is not too dissimilar from last year with the club showing a surplus of just over \$10,000.00 before depreciation. This will take a sizeable hit when the capitation fees are paid to Bowls BOP later this month. The clubs investments and cash on hand total close to \$99,000.00 so all in all things are looking pretty healthy. Finally, if you still have some old coins don't bring them to the club to spend, all old coins are no longer legal tender but can be changed at your local bank.

Women's Match Committee

The weather has been reasonably kind, although at times very windy over the past month enabling the completion of three of our Premier Events.

Championship Triples were won by Bev White, Josephine Connolly and Sue Pepper in a fierce contest with the Runners up, Joan Owen, Margaret Dalley and Ann Adams

Handicap Singles played on the Qualifying System were won in very windy conditions by Judy Smallbone in a very close contest from Pauline Bailey.

Handicap Pairs, box drawn and played over four games in one day were won by Bev White and June Gerrard with Mavis Cotter and Kath Steiner Runners up

The Melbourne Cup mixed roll up was well attended with 60 players, almost all stayed for the running of the Cup and Social Hour that followed. Irene Brown and Val Coxhead sold 7 sweeps, thank you to them - there were some happy punters and as usual lots of losers! Thank you to all the match girls for their effort, it was a fun day and we received lots of good comment.

Closing dates for Junior Champ Singles and Womens Champ Singles are as published in the Club handbook, and finalised at 5 pm on both dates.

PROGRAMME CHANGE

Ladies, please note in your Programme book as you read this that;

- December Points Day has been moved to Tuesday Dec 12.
- Tuesday Dec 5 will be Strawberry Day. All players are asked to come wearing something pink and possibly a bright garden hat!
- Please get your entries in early for the December 8 Point Triples Ham Tournament, Tue Dec 19. Entries close on Friday Dec 15 or as soon as 32 entries are received.

Womens Dorchester Baywide,

Regardless of the end result Omanu's flag is flying high. The development sides 1 and 2 consisting of 2 bowl triples and pairs are doing well. Omanu 1 have 9 wins and 3 losses topping the table with a differential of + 50. The no 2 side have 6 wins and a draw. The pairs won 3 games each with a differential over 10 in each game. The day at Omanu was a winner with President and Presidentess and Umpire Daphne showing great management skills. The Premier 2 side consisting of singles, pairs, and fours, are at the top of their section having had 11 wins and 4 losses. They are a happy group supporting each section well, and Saturday was extra special thanks to the managers cookies Keep up the good work Omanu. Congratulations also to our team of Mary, Bev, Marion, and Josephine who finished second in the popular Ngongotaha classic, and to Irene, Therese, Bev M, and Kath, in winning the leads and two's tournament at Tauranga Domain recently, well done indeed.

Men's Match Committee

At time of publication all men's results were not available, however congratulations to our Triples Winners, Lance, John, and George, who I believe also won the B section of the Mounts 2 day triples, well done.

The only result that I am aware of in the Dorchester Baywide inter-club tournament is that our development team were so far ahead before the last day they could not be beaten, what a great achievement, congratulations to all concerned.

Closing date for Champ 4's is 930am on Wed 29 Nov. Thornton Triples due to be played on 29 Nov. will now be played on Wed. 31 Jan. Handicap Singles will be completed on Saturday 20 January.

Don't forget Twilight Bowls started last week and Jim asks that you come along and bring your friends.

Kitchen Duty – Open Tournaments

Saturday 25 November	AM; T Bones, A Follett
Men's Triples – Leads & Twos	PM; B Dixon, J Owen, M Bremer
Sunday 17 December	AM; J French, J Connolly
Men's Fours	PM; J French, A Wills, M Hoare