

Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter
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From the President,

Our women's premier side have capped off a very good Baywide for the Omanu Club by finally completing their win in the competition. The women have been particularly successful winning two of three events entered. The future looks great with the men and women winning both the Development, (Academy), competitions and the junior men coming a close second and the two women's junior sides doing well in their event. Well done to all the players involved – we are very proud of your achievements.

About 50 members and partners attended the Christmas Social. We ate well and had an enjoyable time socializing. The executive appreciates that not all members were able to attend or perhaps it is “not their thing” to attend such events. Therefore it intends to provide further opportunities for members to socialize at this time. The women have had their Christmas cracker day with the club providing funds for that event. The executive have decided that we will continue with opportunities for members to enjoy the Christmas festivities. On the last men's event for the season Wed 20 Dec and the last mixed day Fri 22 Dec “nibbles” will be provided and there will be “happy hour” prices at the bar. You might like to make an effort to attend one of these days so at least you can socialize with other members.

The programme was formulated in July and at that time it was thought that in the Christmas/New Year period we should schedule a club draw so that members could invite their visitors along for a game. On reflection it has been decided that everyone needs a break. Therefore there will be no club draw on 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of Dec as indicated in the handbook. On those dates members are welcome to use the greens but there will be no organised play.

We are considering two initiatives to attract new members to the Club but in order to do this we need personnel willing and able to manage them. 1. Secondary Schools bowls is developing in the Tauranga area and generally each College is associated with a bowling club. There is an opportunity for our club to work with students from the Mount College. 2. Reintroduce Business house bowls. If you would like to help in either of these areas please contact Ivan or myself.

With recent events it has become apparent that we need to know which members are capable of administering first aid when needed. The women have compiled a list but I would like to know of any men who fit the criteria – please contact me. The complete list will be displayed in the club so members know who to turn to in case of an emergency.

There will be no newsletter in January and then we will get back to producing them at the beginning of the month in February. My personal best wishes for the festive season to all members. I hope you all have an enjoyable time with friends and family.

Catering Convener

My thanks to all the helpers in the kitchen for the open tournaments so far this year. Also thanks to Margaret Dalley, Joan Owen and Merle Hoare for their help for the Christmas Social.

Please remember when you have finished using the sterilizer to: 1) remove both filters; 2) turn the 0 – 3 dial back to the 0 position; 3) turn off the power to the machine at the wall under the bench behind the rubbish bin. Also please DO NOT turn off the WALL SWITCH for the oven after use.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

From the Secretary

Two more New members were approved at the executive meeting held last Monday, they are Mollie Norman from Bucklands Beach an 8 year bowler with a grading of 2, and Tom Cairns originally from Hunters corner Papatoetoe, he is a 10 year bowler with a grading of 2 also.

Welcome to the Omanu BC, we hope you enjoy you bowling with us.

You will have noticed the recent upgrade to some of our seating around the Greens, this has left us with some redundant bench seats to pass on. If any member has a need for these please contact myself or any member of the Exec. and make an offer.

Next Executive meeting January 15th 2007.

From the Treasurer

We have come to that time of the year when more comes out of the bank account than goes in, as a consequence the club relies on the support of its sponsors and members to generate cash from sponsorship, brokerage, tournaments, and raffles, to keep an even keel.

Fortunately we have very strong reserves which on their own provide a steady stream of investment income and when the need arises help to top up the bank account. Support for our raffles has been excellent and no doubt there will be a number of you celebrating Christmas with a Ham or two.

Graham and Marion have been tireless workers in organising the raffles and deserve our thanks for their efforts. Finally may I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Women's Match Committee

The Women's Junior Championship Singles was won by Sue Pepper, Runner Up Kath Steiner.

Women's Championship Singles was won by Josephine Connolly, Runner Up Karen Clarke

Both these competitions were played in difficult windy conditions, never the less the standard of all games was particularly high and the competition strong. Congratulations to our winners.

Strawberry Day attracted 52 of our members who all enjoyed a day of fun, good bowls and strawberries for afternoon tea.

COMING EVENTS. PLEASE NOTE CLOSING DATES

Dorchester 8 point Hams Mixed Triples

Tuesday December 19, closes Friday December 15. This should be a great day with many of our members winning hams (large and small) Play will be followed by the now popular sausage sizzle. We urge members wishing to play on this day but not yet in a team to exercise the Single Entry option and write their name on the lower part of the entry sheet.

Women's Championship Fours

January 16, 18 and 19 closes noon Saturday January 13

Women's Championship Pairs February 1, 8 and 9 closes noon Tuesday January 30

Ocean Shores Ladies Open Fours

January 30 closes 5pm Sunday January 28.

Womens Baywide Interclub

Omanu have won the Premier 2 division of Bowls NZ Interclub. The road was tough due to weather and Centre, but team spirit won the day.

Singles Mary Hingston

Fours Bev White Skip Lynley Edwards Joan Fuller Judy Smallbone

Pairs Audrey Wills Mary Conroy

Manager Daphne Rawlings Mary Oates

Special Thanks to Leo and Mary Conroy for taking the team to Whakatane

Omanu Development Team of Josephine Connolly Merle Hoare Ann Harold Triples, Sue Pepper Margot Siddell / June Gerrard Pairs, with 30 Wins and 105 Differential Points were the winners.

Mount Maunganui with 30 wins and a Differential of 19 were Runners Up

From a field of 12, the Omanu 2 team of Sheena Davey, Margaret Bromell/ Kath Steiner, and Gail Wood playing Triples, Bev Murdoch and Pauline Bailey in the pairs came 4th.

A great effort by 2 very compatible well tuned groups, a credit to Omanu
Thanks also to Rae Rogers a competent Manager

Thanks Margaret Dalley.

Men's Match Committee

The Men's Singles Championship was concluded last Sunday and our congratulations to the eventual winner Wally McClennan after a very close and exciting game with Garry Andrews our runner-up.

The Championship Fours is almost concluded as we are left with only 2 teams to contest the final.

These are:- Jim Pratt, Garry Andrews, Charles Pettit and Larry Pepper, against Des French, Don Shearer, Mike Molen and Barry Liddell. Good luck to both teams in the final when it is played.

Congratulations also to Colin Wood for his excellent play in winning the Handicap Singles and for retaining his representative place at Centre level.

As this is the last Newsletter for the year may Ann and I extend our best wishes for the festive Season and a Prosperous New Year to you all.

reminder for kitchen duty

club days

members whose surname

begins with

week

F or G

Mon 11th - Sun 17th December

H

Mon 18th - Sun 24th December

I J K L or M

Mon 1st - Sun 7th January

N O P Q or R

Mon 8th - Sun 14th January

Letters S to Z

Mon 15th - Sun 21st January

A or B

Mon 22nd - Sun 28 January

C

Mon 29th January - Sun 4th February

D or E

Mon 5th - Sun 11th February

open tournaments

Wed 10 Jan 9am start

Men's Pairs - day 1

AM: M Conroy, B Murdoch

PM: J French, S Riddell

Thur 11 Jan 9am start

Men's Pairs - day 2

AM: J Browne, G Wood

PM:

C Frew, M Oates, F Coombes

Wed 17 Jan 9am start

Men's Triples

AM: B White, N Morrison

PM: M Cotter, J Albertsma, C Houghton

Tue 30 Jan 9.30am start

Women's Fours

AM: T Hingston, B Cotter

PM: R Connolly, G Hollingworth, C Pettit