

Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter

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From the President

One thing you can say about this season weather-wise is that it has been different. We now appear to be into the hotter months but who knows. Our green keeper continues to do an excellent job on the greens and has plans for even further improvements – well done Bill. He made the comment recently that the care that was taken in the early part of the season with the use of scrimms is now paying dividends with the almost perfect coverage we have well into the season. I have managed to get out and play at a couple of other Clubs and it made me realize how fortunate we are with the quality of our greens.

However members need to realise that things can change very quickly. Bill is very diligent working hard to maintain the health and playing surface of the greens but he needs the co-operation of members. I remind you of the two main ways that you can help as mentioned in our handbook. These are particularly important in extreme conditions –very hot or very wet.

1. Please stand on the bank unless you are directly involved in play.
2. When laying the mat vary the position – don't always place it on the 2m mark. Even a 1 or 2 meters difference helps. Has it occurred to you that if you bring the mat up you won't have to kick the bowls back so far?

We have agreed to a request from the Centre to have two greens of play in the Women's Centre Pairs played at Omanu. This will be next Monday 12 February starting at 9am. The draw is out and there will be some of the top women bowlers in the Centre playing including the only entry from Omanu Mary Hingston and Marion Ellis. If you have the time, come along for all or part of the day. (NB Twilight bowls will be played but we may need to work around late finishing games in the pairs).

One of the responsibilities of our Club Captains is to report on and respond to situations in respect to the welfare of members. They can only do this effectively if they are made aware of various situations. If you have any information concerning the welfare of members please contact either Audrey Wills or Brian Cotter and let them know the details.

The executive are aware that the answer machine on the Club telephone is not being used efficiently and effectively. Brian Cotter has offered to take responsibility for ensuring that the message heard is relevant and up to date. If there are any problems in this area please let Brian know of the situation.

Founder's day is coming up on Friday 2 March. This is a box drawn event so you just need to enter your name on the sheet if you wish to play. I think we should look at this event as being our birthday. There will be a BBQ lunch provided. The entry fee will be \$2 to cover prizes. However we will be asking for volunteers to provide a salad for lunch in lieu of the entry for a family. We will need to co-ordinate this so if you would be willing to provide a salad please let Jeannette French know – ph 542 0703. The Club will provide afternoon tea and there will then be happy hour prices at the bar. We are hopeful of a good turn out so please mark this date on your calendar.

It is now only a few months to our AGM so it is definitely time to be considering availability and willingness to fill positions on the executive and in other key areas for the coming year. To date I am aware that the following positions will become vacant – President, Secretary, Match Committee Chairperson and Catering Convener. Also there are the current vacant positions of women's Vice President and the Greens Superintendent.

These are all key positions so please give serious consideration on your availability or you may wish to encourage others who you feel could fill them.

From the Secretary

Not too much to report at this time but I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of our new Club Champions and wish them good luck in their up-coming Champ of Champ events. As most of our Championships are now decided I would like to remind all last years winners to look to their Trophies and return them to the club (cleaned and polished please),ready for the new engravings, thank you. There are no new members since the Dec. meeting and the next Executive meeting is on Friday 16th Feb.

From the Treasurer

There has been a fair amount of activity since my last report with a number of tournaments being held at the club pre Christmas and during January. Entries for these tournaments were good and only the Men's Bay Nissan 800 was affected by the weather. As a consequence our cash flows have been steady and the Club has not had to dip into its reserves. Things will however get a little tighter from now on as our major sponsor Dorchester Finance Ltd have met their commitments for the season and there are only the smaller tournament sponsors left to help cover our activities. With a very full programme still to be completed make sure you continue to participate and support your Club

Women' Match Committee

February club roll ups will be morning only on Thur 15, Tuesday 20 and Tuesday 27 as suggested by those present at the Women's Club meeting held at the end of last season. The reason being the high afternoon temperatures expected in February. Points Day on Feb 13 and Dorchester Triples on Feb 22 will be full three game days as usual unless a decision is made on the day. Entry sheet is now up for the Mae Robson Parker Box Drawn Graded Fours on Thursday March 1. Entries close pm Tuesday Feb 27

Selectors Notes

Josephine Connolly represented the club at Kawerau on Sat.3rd.for the Champ of Champ Singles. She played well against some tough opposition and made it to the 4th round. It was pleasing to see 9 club members supporting her. Many thanks.

On Sat. 17th the Champ of Champ Junior Singles will take place at Whakatane, with Sue Pepper as our representative. Good luck Sue.

Champ of Champ 4's takes place at Katikati on Mon. 19th Feb. Good luck to Bev, Josephine, Karen Clarke and Sue, our representatives in this event.

Omanu team, winners of Premier 2 Interclub Bay of Plenty go to Thames for Regional final. The winner of this goes to N.Z. final at the end of March. All supporters welcome

Match Committee Matters

Congratulations to David Cartwright in winning the First Year singles Championship in a two man competition with Ron Kilduff. This proved to be a close match with both players showing very good skills at this stage in their new sport.

David is another product of Jim Pratt's twilight bowls and was going to join us last year with Paul Anderson. So well done Jim and keep up the good work lets hope we can keep them interested.

The Championship Fours was won by Jim Pratt, Gary Andrews, Charles Pettit, and Larry Pepper against President Des, Don Shearer, Mike Molen and Barry Liddell. Congratulations Jim and well done Des and his team in reaching the final and eliminating some strong opposition in the process.

As we are hosting the Champ of Champ finals at Omanu this year ,I would hope to see as many members as possible here to support Jim and the team, I am sure it will be a great two day's of entertainment, and we wish you the very best of luck. Go get 'em Jim

Umpires Liaison Officer

Bowls New Zealand Umpires Committee have sent out another Newsletter copies of which are posted on the Umpires board for all the club Umpires, however all members should feel free to read this publication it makes some interesting reading, particularly with regards to Law 23 (Improper delivery of the Jack). Like it or not this is the law of our sport and we must accept it, and I agree wholeheartedly with the comment that delivery of the Jack is a skill and should be encouraged and not abused by Skips (mainly men) and some Controlling Bodies.

Now for some more Trivia.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

- ❑ Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance
- ❑ Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated
- ❑ In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated
- ❑ A snail can sleep for three years. (I know some people that could do this too)
- ❑ Babies are born without kneecaps They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- ❑ A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (Some days that's about what my memory span is)
- ❑ "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters mt
- ❑ A cat has 32 muscles in each ear, now you needed to know that?.
- ❑ A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- ❑ Now you nearly know everything!.

Reminder for kitchen duty Club days

Members whose surname begins with

<i>begins with</i>	<i>week</i>
F or G	Mon 12th - Sun 18th February
H	Mon 19th - Sun 23rd February
I J K L or M	Mon 26th February - Sun 4th March
N O P Q or R	Mon 5th - Sun 11th March
S to Z	Mon 12th - Sun 18th March
A or B	Mon 19th - Sun 25 March
C	Mon 26th March - Sun 1st April
D or E	Mon 2nd - Sun 8th April+

Open tournaments

Sat 10 Mar 9.30am start Open Mixed Fours	AM: D Antunovich, B Murdoch PM: M Oates, L Lang, M Dalley
Sun 25 Mar 9.30am start Open Mixed Fours	AM: J Moffat, J Fuller PM: S Riddell, L Lang, R Cook

Helpers are asked to keep noise to a minimum during the presentations