

Omanu Bowling Club Newsletter

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From the President

Founder's day was well supported with 75 members taking part. It was also great to have foundation member Val Body join us for lunch and afternoon tea. The format for the day was well received – I know Stuart Pemberton for one enjoyed his ice cream in a cone. Jeannette has asked me to express a special thank you to Marion Ellis and Sheena Davey for their help all day in the kitchen. Of course “behind every woman there is a great man” – thanks to Graham Caie for doing the BBQ and filling-in in a number of roles.

The weather was great and the competition keen as there were no 4 winners. The match committee on the day made an error in determining the winners and they have apologised to those concerned and to all participants. The official winners were Pam Rhodes, Josephine Connolly, Tom McGuinn and Kath Steiner and the runners up Des French, Tom Clarke, Mollie Norman and Sue Pepper. Thanks to Vision Papamoa for their sponsorship of the event. They provided two \$50 vouchers and a draw was made from all participants the lucky two being Josephine Connolly and David Thompson

The re-checking of the score cards showed a couple of errors and this serves as a reminder that when using tournament cards it is important that you do check your opponent's card to ensure it is correct before you sign it. The errors were the scores being put down in reverse order and the score being put in the “ends” columns.

A new event for this season is the mixed fours championship – French Trophy. This will be held on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 April and there will be a reserve day on Friday 20 April. Teams must have two women and two men. The format is such that all entries will play for the full two days.

Day 1: Qualifying with three rounds of 16 ends played. The top 8 teams will qualify based on Wins, Draws, Differential and then Shots For. For the qualifiers there will be a seeded draw on day 2 - therefore the full 16 ends should be played.

Day 2: The qualifiers will play a further 3 games of 16 ends with winners playing winners and losers playing losers. This means there will only be one three winner – the champion team.

The non-qualifiers will play a consolation 3 game open drawn tournament of three games of 14 ends. The reduced number of ends will mean that play will finish in time so that those who wish to may watch the last few ends of the Championship final.

The value of prizes will depend on the number of entries however the schedule will be: the qualifiers will receive a set amount for each win they have on day 2 and there will be at least 3 prizes for the consolation event for non-qualifiers.

I have instigated this event to foster the amalgamated nature of our Club and I am hopeful it will be well supported – can we make at least 20 teams?. The entry sheet is now available so get your teams organised. If you are not asked to be part of a team but wish to play there is a place on the entry sheet to add your name to indicate this. Others will be looking for players to complete their team and before the draw is done the match committee could form teams if needed from the individual list.

Now that we are making greater use of the shades I need to remind you that these must be retracted and secured after the end of play. If this is not done they will work their way out and

become damaged in the wind. Please be responsible for doing this on the last rink you play on for the day.

For those who are not aware Omanu members have done very well at higher levels. Colin Wood and Sue Pepper were members of the Centre Junior Rep Side who won the Geddes Trophy. This is a Region 2 event involving three other centres. Paul Anderson was in the Development side which came a close second also in a Region 2 event. Our winning Francis Cup team were second in the Region 2 play offs only losing to the winning Waikato team. We now look forward to our women's Premier 2 side who play at Thames in the Region 2 Club finals on Saturday 10 March. Our best wishes ladies.

From the Secretary

Not a lot to report this month just a few items which you may or may not be interested in. We have 3 circular round tables and a few brown chairs which are no longer required by the club. We offer them to club members for a small donation, plus we still have the bench seats mentioned in a previous Newsletter. Alternatively, we could advertise them in "Trade Me" on the internet, so if any member uses this website, could you advise me of the procedure please.

We have had a complaint from the Bridge Club regarding parking on the grass area when we have a tournament and the Bridge Club also have a full day. Apparently, last time, one lady could not get out when she had a hospital appointment due to her car being blocked in. We can only assume that it was one of our member's cars, so please can we be careful that this doesn't happen again, thank you for your consideration.

From the Treasurer

We are nearing the end of the financial year for the club and it looks like we will have a small deficit for the year after allowing for annual depreciation. If we had been successful with our application for a grant from the Green Thistle Trust earlier in the year then we would have been closer to a break-even result. Whatever the result the club is in a sound position with healthy reserves, which will provide a buffer for anything unexpected in the future.

I notice that several members have still not collected their membership cards and receipts off the back wall adjacent to the committee room. Please attend to this on your next visit to the club. Finally I would like to see some competition for places on next seasons committee, so for all of you who could make a positive contribution to making the club tick ensure your nomination is posted when the nomination sheets go up on the notice board shortly

Umpires Liaison Officer

At the Western BOP Umpire's meeting on the 23rd February an interesting and detailed discussion took place with regards to the placing of a bowls cloth on the surface of the green to indicate where you want the next bowl to arrive at. As it stands, we accept this practice so long as the cloth is lifted as soon as the bowl has been delivered.

Law 52. Objects on the Green (states)

Under no circumstances, other than those described in laws 5,15.5, 24, 29, and 38, should any object be placed on the bank, the green, in the ditch, on the jack, on a bowl, or anywhere else to help a player.

This leaves us with a very grey area, is the cloth part of our equipment or does it constitute an outside object when it leaves your hand. The NZ Umpires Association President has a problem with this and I know two Umpires who have told players before the start of play that it will not be accepted while they are officiating. Food for thought? Perhaps we should start practising keeping our bowls cloth in our hand when asking for position bowls from team members. Who knows when you might come up against these 2 Guy's.

Further to the article in this months Bowls Magazine re Time Limit games, according to the new Law book this is in line with Law 31.2. However, as we are one of the only countries which play this format for Club Events and open Tournaments the onus is on the Controlling Bodies to protect themselves by making sure provisions are in place to cover this situation. A circular will be forthcoming setting out these conditions. You might say that Law 15H (1) in the old book was much simpler, but of course I couldn't possibly say that.

Enjoy your bowling in spite of all the obstacles, which seem to contradict each other.

Match Committee Matters

The latest Club Championships played was the Men's pairs and after a very successful and competitive tournament we got down to the final on Sunday 4th March. This proved to be quite a cliff-hanger between two very competent and capable pairings in Lance Orsler and John Jennings, against Garry Andrews and Larry Pepper. They did not disappoint and it came down to the last end to find a winner. Congratulations to Lance and John who prevailed to win by 2 points and retain their Pairs Championship for the second year running, well done indeed. .You will now have to practice your Artificial Green skills for the next hurdle at Ohope on March 24th and 25th. I am sure you will do us proud. Good Luck.

In the State of New York, while taking part in a police line up, the suspects were asked to repeat the words "Hand over all your money or I'll shoot" one man replied "That's not what I said" and we make fun of the Irish? Go figure.

Reminder for kitchen duty

Club Days

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
F or G	Mon 9th - Sun 15th April
H	Mon 16th - Sun 22nd April
I J K L and M	Mon 23rd April - Sun 29 April
N O P Q and R	Mon 30th April - Sun 6th May

Open Tournaments

Sun 25 Mar 9.30am start	AM: J Moffat, J Fuller
Open Mixed Fours	PM: S Riddell, L Laing, R Cook
Wed 4 Apr 9.00am start	AM: A Adams, C Frew
Open Men's Triples	PM: C Houghton, F Coombes
Tues 10 Apr 9.30am start	AM: R Browne, R Kilduff
Open Women's Triples	PM: G Hollingworth, G Murdoch, L Orsler

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