

Omanu Bowling Club

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From the President

We are now into the last month of the season. Most events have been completed but some need to be rescheduled. A men's open triples was to be held 4 April the day of the funeral for Ron Dixon and this has been rescheduled for Sunday 15 April. A new sheet will be provided and you will need to re-enter your teams. The women's vet singles will now be rescheduled and Lynlie will confirm this date.

The next major event is the mixed championship fours on 12 and 13 April. To date there are only 10 entries. We would need at least 16 entries to be able to run the consolation event on the second day as explained in the last newsletter. If we do not get that number then there will be qualifying on the first day and only the qualifiers will play on the second day. It may be that being a mixed event there is some difficulty forming teams. If you would like to play please add your name to the entry sheet as "wanting a game" and this will help others or the match committee to form additional teams.

A date has been set for the AGM – Friday 18th May. You have until Monday 30 April to make nominations for the Executive and other elected positions. Nomination forms are available from the notice board and there is also a chart showing nominations that have been made so far – Ken White is also providing an updated list on the Club web site.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER WHAT CONTRIBUTION YOU WILL MAKE TO THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB.

The charts on the notice board list the positions for which elections will be made at the AGM. These positions are set out in our Constitution, which we are bound to follow. The Constitution only lists a chairperson of the match committee. However it is desirable to have elected persons to manage each of the men's and the women's match committees. Therefore at the AGM we will first elect the chairperson as per the constitution and that person would manage the match committee of their gender as well as having overall responsibility for the match committees. We will then have an election for a person to manage the match committee of the opposite gender to the elected chairperson above. The same situation applies to the position of chairperson of the selection and grading committee.

The men's champ of champ fours was a successful event for our Club although our team did not fare too well losing both lives by one shot. It was great on the first day to see 96 bowlers playing and almost as many spectators. Ken White has captured the moment and the resulting photo can be viewed on the web site. The event is now down to three teams, (one of them being the team that narrowly beat Omanu in the first round), and will be completed at our Club on Saturday 14 April.

Closing day will be on Saturday 5 May. There will be the traditional Women v Men event with three games being played. The respective selection committees are forming teams from the winners and runner-ups in their championships. Other teams will be formed on the day so if you wish to play please have your names in by 9.15 for a 9.30 start. Please bring a plate for a shared finger food lunch after the second game. Following the third game there will be the presentation of prizes. Then afternoon tea will be provided and there will be happy hour prices at the bar. Hopefully we can have a good attendance to finish off the season.

From the Secretary

Most of our Championship cups and trophies have been suitably engraved and ready for the Presentation day on Saturday 5th May. I am also hopeful that the honours board will be completed in time for our AGM on 15th May.

As President Des has mentioned, we still have vacancies for some very essential positions for next seasons Executive. Please consider how you can contribute to the smooth running of our Bowling Club, I am sure we have some very capable and willing members to fill these jobs, so come on have a go, what about some of our newer members I am sure there are some skills out there that we don't yet know of.

From the Treasurer

The end of the financial year has now passed and its all go to get the results for the year finalised and ready for the AGM on the 18th May 2007. As mentioned in previous reports the club will be showing a deficit for the second year running with this years likely to be larger than the \$5020 reported last year. It will be important therefore that as many members as possible attend the AGM to review the years activities and plan for the future.

Have you heard this one

An elderly woman was arrested for shop lifting.

When she went before the judge in Cincinnati he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied, "A can of peaches."

The judge then asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge asked her how many peaches were in the can.

She replied, "6."

The judge said, "Then I will give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, "What is it?"

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas"

Umpires Liaison Officer

While playing in the recent Masters Tournament in a game I was actually competing in, I observed one of the opposition place a white wooden block on the bank directly behind the Jack which had been moved during play but still on the playing surface. When I asked him what he was doing. his reply was, "his skip had asked for an indication as to where the Jack was, as it was obscured by some bowls." I immediately removed the object in question and told the player this was not allowed and in direct breach of Law 52:-. Under no circumstances, other than those provided for 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 or a bowl, or anywhere else, to help a player. I mention this incident simply to make you aware that this practice, although perhaps not intentional, is a form of cheating and you have every right to make sure that it does not occur in any game that you are involved in.

Our Bar Manager Judy is seeking more volunteers to help in the bar, this again is an essential part of running a successful Bowling Club, and although this season is almost over we have a whole new season looming, the Bar staff need your help we don't want to go dry

Match Committee Matters

The Women's Vet Singles is now confirmed and will take place on Tuesday 24th of April. As only one green will be available there will be no other play on this day but we hope you will come out and show your support.

The academy pairs was won by Bev Murdoch and Sue Pepper, the runners-up being Merle Hoare and Colleen Houghton.

Our new Jack and Jill champs are Vice President Ivan and his wife Merle, congratulations to you all and good luck to all our veteran Ladies on the 24th. Lets hope for good weather.

The women will have a special meeting to discuss a programme plan for next season on 17 April at 1pm

The men will have a similar meeting on Wednesday 18th April at 11am prior to Wed. roll-up.

Message from the Bunny Rabbit.

From May of this year I will be undertaking a new project in computer skills and therefore will not be compiling our newsletter, so here is an opportunity for someone to take over. I have enjoyed my 5 years of involvement in this field but it is now time for a change, I thought I had a new editor all signed up but alas it fell through. Do we have a budding Rupert Murdoch in our ranks? I certainly hope so, as I would like to see the Newsletter continue.

Reminder for kitchen duty club days

Members whose surname begins with	week
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 March - Sun 29 April
N O P Q and R	Mon 30th April - Sun 6th May

Open Tournaments

Tues 10 Apr, 9.30am start	AM: R Browne, R Kilduff
Open Women's Triples	PM: G Hollingworth, L Orsler
Sun 15 Apr, 9.00am start	AM: S Riddell, C Frew
Open Men's Triples	PM: C Houghton, N Morrison

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