

## **Omanu Bowling Club**

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### **From the President**

This newsletter is to be distributed with the Notice of Meeting and other supporting documents for the AGM to be held on Friday 18 May. You will note from the Notice of Meeting that there are a few positions for which we have had no nominations. Hopefully these will be filled with nominations from the floor at the AGM. Let us know if you would be willing to stand and we will arrange for these nominations to take place.

You should also note that there are three remits which will be addressed at the meeting two of them pertaining to changes to the Constitution.

Section 36 of the Constitution states changes can only be made “..... by a resolution in that behalf passed by a three fifths majority of the Full members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting .....”. Thus if you have strong feelings on either matter you need to attend the meeting to take part in the vote. The third remit can be passed by a bare majority and is binding on the Executive.

The 2006 –07 summer season has come to an end with the closing day and prize giving. The weather was great and 68 members took part in three games in the “women v men” event. The result was a draw 12 wins each. Does this mean that the women retain the trophy, (a wooden spoon), they won last year?

There was a shared lunch after the second game. The variety of food was great - we really do know how to look after ourselves in this department. I was quite remiss in forgetting to thank the lady members who set out the tables and all the food supplied by our members, I will endeavour to put that right now, to Ann our Secretary, members Sheena Davey, Joan Seymour, and Joy Inch, I express my sincere thanks for the splendid job you did and I am sure the applause would have been long and loud.

The prize giving followed afternoon tea (more food) from our aforementioned ladies. Congratulations to all those who received prizes. Five of our life members were there and made the presentations. In doing so they gave a little background on those who had donated the various trophies. There were a number of favourable comments on how successful the day had been.

The Centre Honours day was held on Sunday 29 April. Omanu received certificates for wins in the Women’s and Men’s Development Bay wide competition, for the BOP Centre Women’s Premier 2 competition and for the Men’s Centre Fours, (Francis Cup).

Indoor bowls, Cards and Mahjong have started at the Club and will continue throughout the off season. Details are:

**INDOOR BOWLS**            Every Monday

Names by 12.45pm

1pm start

**CARDS / MAHJONGG**    Every Tuesday

Names by 12.45pm

1pm start

Judy Smallbone would like to inform members that over the winter months once the kegs are used up only bottled beer will be sold at the bar. Kegs do not keep well for extended periods.

We will shortly begin working on the Club handbook for next season. If there are any errors in the current book that members have noticed such as spelling phone numbers etc, would they please contact the new Executive with the details.

Tutorials will soon be held for candidates for the umpires and measurers examination. These will start on Tuesday 12 June at the Tauranga B C from 7 to 9pm. They continue for 9 weeks with the exam date set for Saturday 11 August. If there is anyone interested in undertaking the training please let me know.

Renovations will be starting on the greens and all going well we hope to provide for some Club play throughout the winter. The Eves green will be available every Tuesday till Saturday's with Sunday and Monday reserved for maintenance. The Dorchester green will become available when renovations are completed. Please check the blackboard on the wall of the clubhouse for details of Club roll-ups.

Clubs in the Western Division run a programme of open tournaments throughout the winter. Copies of this can be found on the tables in the club rooms. Omanu will have four open tournaments on 13th June Open Men's Triples. 20th June Open Mixed Triples. 27th June Open Mixed Triples. 15th August Open Men's Triples. so if you're "in town" please support them.

A reminder that the web site, <http://www.bowlsomanu.co.nz/>, will be a way for some members to keep up to date with happenings at the Club. We have found e-mail to be a convenient way of reaching members particularly at short notice. If and when you "take the plunge" and go on-line please let us know your e-mail address so you can be added to our distribution list.

Best wishes for a healthy off season.

### **From the Treasurer**

Enclosed with this newsletter is the annual report for the 2006 - 2007 season which includes the financial statements for the year ending 31/3/07 and my comments regarding the deficit. It was not the best of results and we now have to focus on how we can improve things for the future

Paramount to achieving this will be the formation of a strong Committee at the AGM on the 18th of this month and I urge all members to attend and vote where elections will be needed. You will also have your opportunity to have a say when the meeting is open for discussions of general business

Finally I would like to thank the outgoing Committee for their help and co-operation during the year and all members who have been responsible for collecting income for the club and ensured that I have received it in a timely and well marked manner.

### **From the Secretary**

Over the past season as Secretary of the Omanu Bowling Club I have enjoyed what I was able to do, but owing to knee replacement problems and spending two sessions in hospital it has not been easy, as most of you will agree. Without the help of President Des and my husband Jim it would have been impossible for me to carry out these duties and I thank them for it, I also wish to thank you the members for the understanding and support you have given me over the year

I hope to get back into playing next season with a very supportive Leads and Two's team who have invited me back into the fold, (bless them) and I hope not to let them down. I am sure a new Secretary will be found by the incoming Executive and I extend him or her my sincere best wishes.

### **Women's Match Committee**

A happy season has just been completed. Thank you to all who took part with a special thank you to the Match Committee Team, you were great.

We now face the task of putting together the Program for next season. In doing this we will attempt to take on board your valued suggestions, although as you will appreciate, this is not always possible.

Club Day activities in April/May were varied, an Easter Special, a very well attended Ladies' meeting and a Social Day with lunch and presentation of Club Day prizes.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you - to Ken White for his very informative, supportive and prompt coverage on the web of our major events throughout the year; to Don Shand for his regular reporting of our results to the Bay of Plenty Times; to Colin Trebes for the time and effort he has saved the Match team and members assisting Bill in setting up our greens. Your effort has been very much appreciated.

### **Umpires Liaison Officer**

I have noticed lately that more and more players are breaching Law 36. Position of Players. By not retiring at least 1 metre behind the mat while not in the act of delivering a bowl and at the other end not standing away from the head when not controlling play, as described in Law 36.1 you are in danger of having the Umpire, if requested or by means of observation, intervening and possibly applying Law 35, possession of the rink, which carries quite a severe penalty.

I ask you to make yourselves familiar with these Laws and all Laws in fact as a good understanding of them will make you more aware and your game more enjoyable as it helps to keep those grey hairs in check. A large copy of the Laws of the Sport are available in the clubhouse for your use, or better still, purchase a copy of the Laws for yourself also available from the Secretary

A new Umpires course starts on June 9th and I make an appeal to members to consider taking this training course and becoming an active Umpire. Like other organisations our numbers get smaller each year through age and illness so new blood is essential. I can assure you the course is entertaining and a rewarding way of putting something back into the sport we all love. Anyone wishing more information on this subject are welcome to contact me or any other active Umpire whose names are displayed in the Club handbook, I look forward to the stampede but we can only accept 40, so get your names in quickly!!! I was born an optimist.

### **Women's Selection Committee**

Omanu Ladies had a very good season coming away with a first for Omanu being Premier two Dorchester Baywide Winners and I was fortunate to have been involved with their team dedication and their pride in Omanu.

Our Development side also won their division for the second time and our second string team coming fourth, this tells us that we will have some strong teams for the future...

We have been well represented at Leads and Twos Tournaments with four or five teams playing with wins and places gained in most Open Tournaments

We also had eight teams in The Matua Graded Tournament, with a good representation of senior and junior members.

I would like to thank my committee for their time and effort over the season and to Ken White whose data and information has always been readily available to us and also thanks to Jim for keeping us all up to date. Hope to see as many as possible at Mahjongg.

### **Catering Convener**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members, (ladies and men), who willingly helped on the weekly and open tournament kitchen rosters, and several other catering occasions. My best wishes to my successor – I will gladly give what advice I can to help them in this position. All the best for the coming season.

This newsletter is starting to look like a family farewell, so in keeping with the theme, I have enjoyed my involvement with the newsletter over the years and if any of my jokes have offended anyone I apologise, they are meant to bring a smile to your face, they do for me anyway, here is my last one :for 2006/2007.

An 80 year old couple getting married and setting the pre-nuptials:-

She says- I want to keep my house

He says- That's fine with me.

She says- And I want to keep my Car

He says- That to is OK by me.

She says- I want to have sex 6 day's a week.

He says- that's good, put me down for Friday's.

That's all folks

Jim