

Christmas Greetings.

The Executive Committee extend warm Season's Greetings to all members of the Club. We thank especially all volunteers and helpers. We invite you to join us in the enjoyment of the remainder of the season in the spirit of good fellowship. Happy Bowling.

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From Women's Selection/Grading Comm - Margaret.

The Baywide Interclub had good results. It is the first time we entered a Fours team and they qualified. Well done Ainslee, Mavis, Joan & Ann Adams. Our Development side of Merle, Gail, Ann Harold, Noeline & Sue also qualified. Our Premier side lost to the winning team by one shot in a great game to watch.

Western Bay Interclub for summer 2008 has been held over to next season. It will be organized & then go to the "Wool Sale", so that dates do not clash.

The Selection group are pleased to note that we have three very keen & talented new players coming along and another lady about to start.

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From the Bar Manager – Judy.

Thank you to the 3 women & 2 men who have volunteered to help. We could always use a couple more. See me - great way to get to know members.

For the period Xmas to approx 2 weeks the bar may not be staffed. Bear with us - our helpers need a break too or have family to attend to. We know you will understand.

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From the Webmaster - Ken White.

The web site has been going now for 2 years, the challenge is to keep it fresh, to add new items & additional features. The latest is a constantly updating weather forecast for Tauranga - (don't blame me if it is wrong!) Other features include:

- Full, printable seasons programme including latest changes.
- Championship winners & runners-up for this & past two seasons.
- Regular items on current events, champs, Interclub & Social.
- A series of articles on outstanding club members.
- List of Club's Executive, lists & links to our Sponsors & others.
- Full copy of the current newsletter plus links to past editions.
- A Bulletin Board soliciting constructive comment from members.

The site is accessed 5/600 times each month - very gratifying. Less so is the dearth of contributors to the Bulletin Board.. So;

(1) log on to www.bowlsomanu.co.nz and

(2) be a contributor.

All welcome.

Some recent membership applications were made on an “out-of-date” form. It did not provide for details of email addresses. So, if your Newsletter was delivered by hand - and you do have an email address - please just send a message to Ken:

webby@bowlsomanu.co.nz

A simple message - “Hi Webby - here is my address as requested.” - and so he can see & record your email address. The Club is making more use of email & internet opportunities.

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From the Match Committee - Linley.

The year has had a good start with only one scheduled event not completed. The Final rounds of W. H/cap Singles will be played Tue 19 Feb 08, **8.30am start. (Please note this)**

Mixed Club Draws scheduled between 27 - 31 Dec will be **Self-starts**. The M/committee will be having a holiday, but if a member wishes to organize these days, please let the M/Comm know.

Christmas Greetings to you all.

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From the Match Committee - Leo.

2x4x2 Pairs. It is intended to play this on the Saturdays which are available for Men’s afternoons from now on. This should be:

15 Dec, possibly 22 Dec, 29 Dec, 5 Jan, 12 Jan, 26 Jan etc. **FOUR BOWLS ARE NEEDED**

2 games will be played. In the second game, winners will play winners of the first game, losers will play losers. This form of the game provides variation which gives players the opportunity **to play lead bowls & skips bowls** all in the same end. The organization of this may require that, on some occasions, a rink of triples will be involved.

****Bill McDonald Event:**** This may well be rescheduled into the New Year. Please watch the entry sheets or enquire.

Men’s Championship Fours will be decided between the **Orsler & Pratt** teams, hopefully before Christmas.

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Programme changes.

They happen for the best of reasons - to suit the members!

Fri 14 Dec Club Hams event (Strawberry Day later in the season)

Sat 22 Dec Bill McDonald Memorial.

Thu 27 Dec - Mon 31 Dec - Mixed Club draws - **Self starts.**

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From the Catering Ladies.

Teresa, Pat & Colleen want to thank all the helpful, co-operative members who have made the kitchen work so much easier. The Kitchen is going along well. Merry Xmas from you Catering Ladies. **and a big thank-you to you from all the members.**

Kitchen Duties Roster.

10-16 Dec 07	I-M	17 - 23 Dec	N - Q
24 - 30 Dec	R - S	31 Dec - 6 Jan	T - Z
7 - 13 Jan	A - B	14 - 20 Jan	C
21 - 27 Jan	D - F	28 Jan - 3 Feb	G - H
4 - 10 Feb	I - M	11 - 17 Feb	N - Q
18 - 24 Feb	R - S	25 Feb - 2 Mar	T - Z

Same rules apply - you know the drill - if not - Just ask. You will note these dates in your diary - won't you?Well, did you?

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New members. Welcome to the club.

- Ron Morrison, Skip ex Silverdale.
- Gary Woollard, New bowler.
- Colin Seymour, ex Papamoa.
- Andrew Davey, New bowler.
- Karen Watson, New bowler.
- Terry McGreevey, Associate.
- Bryan Gillingham, New bowler.
- Graham Garland ex Bucklands Beach.
- Diane & Kevin Gibbard, rejoining.
- John Wheeler New bowler.
- Maureen & Ashton Horner. New bowlers.

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From the Treasurer.

Club finances remain in a healthy state with just over \$89000 in Cash & in Term Deposits. Most of this is invested with ANZ Bank & with their subsidiary UDC Finance.

During November we paid the annual Capitation Levies of \$9237, which in \$1166 higher than last year due to increases imposed by BBOP & BNZ.

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Breaking News - Bill Buchanan - Green Keeper.

We regret to advise that Bill is in hospital for checks and will be out of action for a time. The Exec Committee is endeavouring to make interim arrangement. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Warm fuzzies and hugs to Bill for a speedy recovery.

Compiled by Ray Connolly.