

Omanu Bowling Club Inc

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From Mary and the Executive committee:

Greetings folks,

Our AGM is set for **Friday 23 May 2008 - 1 pm**. Formal notice will appear shortly and nomination forms will be available around the club, or from the Secretary, from end March. Please give serious thought to who you wish to fill the various positions listed on the notice, including conveners of the voluntary sub-committees. Please also think about the contribution you might make to the club.

If in doubt, chat quietly to any of the committees, or to 'old hands'. You may find you are more valuable and experienced than you realized. Club service can be a satisfying experience and fun too!

The Women's meeting is Thursday 17 April, following lunch. It is your chance to contribute your wishes prior to preparation of the programme. May we ask members to try to support the remaining Open events at Omanu and to round off a very good season.

27 March - Open Women's 2x4x2 Pairs - House of Travel, Papamoa.

22 Apr - Open Men's Triples - DB Breweries.

8 Apr - Open Mixed 4's - (Split fours) Metlife Bayswater.

Not forgetting **6 April** - Jack & Jill Pairs - Eves Realty.

We congratulate Omanu's Ron Parton, Colin & Gail Wood and June Gerrard on First place in the B Flight of the prestigious Tauranga Combined Clubs City Mixed 5000. Well done folks.

In many ways the best part of the club season is still to come and we hope all members will enjoy it. Thanks for your support.

Mary Hingston.

Happy Birthday Darcy Knuckey.

Congratulations on your centenary from all your friends at Omanu.

100 years - and all well played. Best wishes to you both.

Return of trophies for engraving:

Would all you 'lucky' people please return your trophies to the committee room for the Secretary. Engraving takes time etc. I hardly need to remind you *to clean them, please!*

Meeting of men members - Wed 26 Mar 08 - 9.30 am

This has become an annual opportunity to express your views prior to the preparation of the programme etc for next season. Topics will include programme and start times, the Club selector's requirements & criteria, coaching and any other reasonable matters that may be of interest or annoyance. Be positive - you may want to lobby for the retention of some good things. Bring your lunch and stay for the afternoon roll-up. Club Captain Lance will chair this.

Congratulations to Ron Parton & the BOP Development team.

These fellows are off to the national inter-centre final at Palmerston North in April. Ron will skip the Pairs with Howard Fahy. This is a good achievement and we wish them well from Omanu. Who knows, when they do well, the Men's Vice President might shout!

Women's & Men's First Year Singles.

This is down for **29/30 March** at the club. We hope members will call in to watch and encourage these promising bowlers. It is as hard to win as any other championship, but more exciting!

Club pictorial record:

Around the period of our anniversary luncheon, several photograph albums will be on display. This is the collective work over many years by Betty Lee, (Life Member), Margaret Dalley, Bev White and several generous photographers. See how the greens were really flooded, in the 'good old days.' Watch also for the chance to sign the commemorative signature cloth, with special pen, to mark the 40th.

Getting closer - mark your diary.

Omanu's 40th year celebrations**Friday 4 April 2008****Finger food luncheon****Each member supplying a suitable plate of food.****For members, ex-members and partners.****No need to pre-book.****From 11 am - luncheon 12.30 pm -****Initial free drink - then cash bar available.**

We can recall much that we have to be grateful for from our earlier members and there are many reasons to celebrate a great club, which is running smoothly and has a great future.

From the Umpires:

We would like to draw your attention to the paragraph at the start of the Law Book entitled Introduction. Please familiarize yourself with this paragraph and when possible use the "common sense", "sportsmanship" & co-operation to resolve any situations. We had an occasion recently at an Open Event when 3 ladies were upset that a decision, within the Laws of the Game, went against them and they were not the offenders.

Opportunity for Umpire training. Weekly classes in Tauranga commence mid-June and we invite any member who would like to contribute to the club in this way to contact Jim McQuillan or any umpire. Classes last approx 12 weeks. The standard of tuition in Tauranga is well regarded. It can improve your enjoyment of the game, also.

Using our Club website: www.bowlsomanu.co.nz

After 3 years, many members will have this site on their 'Favorites.' But, did you realize that when your name appears on the club website, it is also available to the whole world-wide web. Try it! Google your Christian and surname (in inverted commas), and clicking on to 'NZ PAGES ONLY.' Golly, you are famous! There it is. Don't hesitate to scroll down the whole of the page. If your name does not appear, keep bowling and win something - or do something outrageous to attract the attention of the Webmaster.

How good is your knowledge of the club in our 40th year?

Many records are available to you. The Honours Board, for one. The club website archives, for another. Try them both with this quiz. Email your answers to our Webmaster and, maybe, win a bottle of excellent wine.

1. Who won Junior Singles for 5 consecutive years at Omanu?
2. Who won Men's Ch Singles at Omanu in 1974-75.
3. Who was the first Lady President of our Amalgamated club?
4. What was Margaret Dalley's teen-age hobby? (apart from boys.)
5. How many 'hits' were made on our website in February 08?
6. At what club did Bev White start here outdoor bowls?
7. How many non-members played Twilight at Omanu this season?

Selector/Grading sub-committee.

Lady selectors have chosen 6 juniors for winter coaching at Tga South. We have such talent and we hope to enhance it. Best wishes to them. Karen Watson, Pat Andrews, Teresa Bones, Pat Couchman, Kathleen Purdy, Kath Steiner.