

Omanu Bowling Club Inc

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From the President.

Hi fellow bowlers and club members.

Well here we are only three weeks away from another Opening Day on 6 Sep 08. It would be great to see the majority of our members attend, to “kick-off” the season. Ladies a plate and Men \$2 each. ***Please wear your whites.*** The greens are in top condition thanks to David our green keeper and to all those helpers who worked on the renovations.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish to extend a warm welcome to new members and to hope they enjoy the club facilities. If there is anything you wish to know about the club, then any fellow member will be willing to assist you.

As most of you know, Dorchester Finance has withdrawn all sponsorship from Bowling Clubs, including ‘naming rights’ on our No 1 green. We must endeavour to seek another sponsor for the green and any suggestions you may have will be appreciated. Sponsorship for the handbook and for all our tournaments is complete after a lot of hard work. May I remind members to support our sponsors and tell them you are from Omanu B.C.?

Thank you to Margaret Dalley & Joan Owen for running Mahjongg through the winter and to Jim Pratt for his “500” cards. Also to Shirley & Lance Frost for their tireless efforts with Indoor Bowls. Thank you to Pat Couchman for stepping in to show Elizabeth Powell the procedure for running our winter tournaments. Again, thanks to match committee for their winter work and to John Jennings for standing in for me during my recent absence. All positions on the Executive and other committees have been filled and I look forward to working alongside you all, to share thoughts and ideas and to make our great club even greater.

Good bowling everyone for the coming season.

President Colin.

From Kath - & Women’s Match Committee.

Kath, June, Joy, Ailsa & Pauline welcome Pat Couchman, Pat Andrews, Kathleen Purdy & Margaret Bromell to our match committee for 2008/9. Thank you especially to Lynley, Iris & Sheena for their work in previous seasons and for their offered support in this year.

1st tournament will be Leads & Two’s Open Triples, Thu 11 Sep. The Sponsor is TravelCom.

2nd tournament Open Triples, max 1 skip, Thu 23 Sep. The Sponsor is Vision Papamoa.

Ladies, please enter your teams on sheet. Any member wanting a game should also put their name on the same sheet, where indicated.

Wishing you all a brilliant bowling season! *Kath.*

From Jim & Men’s Match Committee.

Your match committee has an interesting programme. Our theme is ‘togetherness.’ highlighting mixed events, especially on Sundays. Occasionally, 2x4x2 pairs will be played, with one green for leads & two’s & the other for threes & skips. Two new events are Mixed Pairs & Mixed Triples Championships. Qualifiers from the Jack & Jill event will compete for the Val Body Mixed Pairs trophy & qualifiers from a first day will compete for the Syben Mixed Triples trophy. Both events will be run using the same post-section conditions that have been so successful for the French Mixed Fours trophy. For Men, the usual triples will play on most Weds, starting 12.30 pm (names in by 11.30 am). I have organized a large group of match committee members to enable each selected member to be only on duty occasionally, working as a team certain days. New members will work with experienced people to gain knowledge. When you receive your handbook, look to identify which events may interest you. My role is to see that the programme flows well. Feel free to ask about anything.

So, enjoy the season & many happy occasions for you all!

Jim Pratt.

Our club website is www.bowlsomanu.co.nz

In little more than 3 years, Ken White has designed & developed our site to the stage where it quickly became listed among the ‘top 50 Bowling Club websites’ in the world! With visits to the site now reaching almost 1000 per month regularly, members (and others) are recognizing the

value of this service. Success comes because of Ken's regular work & because the site is always up-to-date. It is all useful & relevant club information - the modern way of communicating! Congratulations Ken & thank you from all the members. Members can assist Ken by passing club information to him about playing successes etc and, especially, by using the "Bulletin Board" to express opinions or suggestions etc. Ladies are particularly welcome as contributors to this. How about the "Weather service" either in Tauranga or anywhere in the world? The more you use it, the more you will value it.

Be proud of this website Omanu - it is a top-line service!

Do we have your current email address?

One of the main current uses for this service is to distribute the club newsletter. Clearly that saves a lot of fuel and a lot of walking. However, another important use is to enable the club to communicate with you, supplying urgent or helpful information or major changes. But members sometimes change their email address, often for good reasons. Let us have a confirmation of your email address. Just email a note to our Webmaster at webby@bowlsoomanu.co.nz In the coming season the club plans to make more use of email to contact members who are on computer.

Congratulations to George Hollingworth, now President at Mount Maunganui RSA Bowling Club. George will need our support for the RSA Nationals to be played here (including Omanu) next summer. Will you assist? Have a word with George.

Return of Club & Office keys.

This is an annual problem. Any member who is NOT now on the Executive Committee, or who NO LONGER holds a position of responsibility which requires a key to the club house - or to the committee room - is required to return key/keys to the Secretary now. This concerns club security - and Insurance - and the return of keys will avoid more drastic and expensive solutions. Thank you.

From the Treasurer:

With the new season near and an action-packed programme in store I hope members will make an effort to fully support the club in what will be a difficult year for funding our activities. With the demise of Dorchester as our main sponsor & the current state of the economy it is just as well we have healthy reserves. However, we cannot afford to rely on those alone to get us through. Subs for the year have been slow coming in and approx 50 members have still to pay. Remember, you will not get your new handbook and cannot play in Club & Open tournaments until you are financial.

Larry Pepper.

Best wishes to the Ladies playing BOP WD INTERCLUB PENNANTS 28 Aug & 4 Sep at Matua greens. Special good wishes to Kath Steiner, Pat Andrews & Karen Watson, selected to play for BOP Juniors in a 'friendly' invitation event against Waikato in Hamilton.

Name badges.

If you were a new member would you appreciate it if other members came and made themselves known? Of course you would. Part of this process of "getting to know you" is the use of name badges. Existing members have become lax in this matter. Please wear your name badge. You may order a coloured club name badge from the Secretary or order a simple 'black & white' job from your hardware store. But above all, please welcome folk who are new in the club.



That now is all. ~ Ray Connolly