

November from 6 to 8 pm with names in by 5-45 pm for a box-draw. For further details contact Jim Pratt, phone 572 1983. Coaching is available for beginners and ex-bowlers are welcome to renew their bowling activities.

In late-breaking news, the winners of the Men's Handicap Singles were David Thompson & Walter Riddell over Ken White & Larry Pepper. The Plate was won by David Cartwright & Tom Clarke over Jim Marks & David Hawkins.

**Jim**

### **Women's Selection & Grading**

In their first taste of Interclub, the Omanu A side took on the Mount A away. Mary Hingston skipped the A team to a good victory. The B (graded) team led by Shirley Frost went down by one shot giving Omanu 4 from a possible 6 competition points. The Omanu B side, at home to Tauranga RSA, gained 5 competition points with a win to Bev White's graded team and a draw to Myrtle Wright's A team. A great first-up effort.

### **Men's Selection & Grading**

The club fielded five teams in the Men's Pennants held over the weekend. All the teams held their own in this tough competition, most finishing in the top half of their sections. Best result was possibly the pair of John Jennings and Alec Horsburgh with 4 wins from five games in the Reserve Division Sevens.

**Des**

### **Kitchen Duty Roster**

Would all members check to notice board for the list of Tournament Kitchen Duties. If you cannot make it on the date set down will you please find a replacement.

Weekly duties to the end of December are;

20 - 26 October	N - R	24 - 30 November	F - G
27 Oct - 2 Nov	S - Z	01 - 07 December	H
03 - 09 November	A - B	08 - 14 December	I - M
10 - 16 November	C	15-21 December	N - R
17 - 23 November	D - E	22 - 28 December	S - Z

Well, that's the lot for now in this my first club newsletter. With luck and the co-operation of the many contributors we will have the next one available before Christmas.

Happy Bowling



**Newsletter , October, 2008**

**Compiled by Ken White**

### **From President Colin.**

Hi Fellow Bowlers

Our opening day was well attended and formalities went well with Margaret Dalley receiving her Life Membership badge. A minute silence was held after the sudden death of Ron Green.

We are now seven weeks into the Bowling Season, and for most of us, there are plenty of Open Tournaments and club events to suit all of our personal tastes.

The Executive are currently negotiating with a Sponsor for our No 1 green. We will keep Members informed of the outcome. Our Club will be Headquarters for the Bowls Bay of Plenty Women's Centre Fours to be held from the 20th to the 22nd October.

Thanks to David our Greenkeeper and our own groundsmen volunteers, we passed the "Centre" inspection with flying colours. Well done guys.

Regretfully, the Executive have received Ray Connolly's resignation. Ray has been a most valuable and tireless member of our Club for many years, serving on the Executive, and recently being the Editor and organiser of our Newsletter. On behalf of all our Members, I thank you Ray, for all of those unselfish years. Ken White has offered to produce our Newsletter in the interim. Thank you Ken.

Congratulations Jim Pratt for winning the Men's Handicap Singles and also to Gary Andrews, for coming runner-up.

Good Bowling everyone, for all Championships and future events.

**President Colin.**

### **From the Treasurer**

With only a handful of unpaid subs to collect, it seems that our total membership will end up at about 185. As a result of this fall off, due mainly to transfers and failing health, the revenue from subs will just equal last years figure. The decision to increase subs was well and truly justified. Sponsorship revenue

is on track and we are currently negotiating with a prospect to take over the Dorchester green. The bar upgrade and change to selling bottled beer will result in considerable cost savings as well as ease of handling.

Capitation fees of \$8852 are due in November and with no Dorchester sponsorship we will need to draw on our reserves from now on to prop up our expenditure.

**Larry**

### **From the House Manager**

It is quite noticeable around our club premises that a tremendous amount of work is being done by so few. We all know that windows and doors don't shut by themselves, chairs have leg's but don't move on their own, dishes won't wash or dry themselves, the steriliser won't pop the dishes out or switch itself off on its own, and scoreboards won't put themselves out or away again. These are only a few things that with a little assistance from more club members, would go along way to keeping your club a happy and enjoyable place to play your chosen sport. Wouldn't you have a great feeling to know that you have done something for our other club members and for your club as a whole.

You may already know, but as a cost saving measure the plastic water drinking cups will not be put out for club roll-ups.

**Ray**

### **Handbook**

Please make the following amendments to your handbooks;

- Oct 23: Now a Points Day.
- Oct 30: This event is a Club, not an Open event.
- Nov 19: Should read 12.30 start. All Men's Wednesday Triples start at 12.30.
- Jan 15: Now a Points Day, Women's Pairs have been deferred.
- Jan 22: Women's Champ Pairs—Day 1
- Jan 23: Women's Champ Pairs—Day 2
- Jan 27: Start time is 9.30 am (not 9.00) as all Women's Open Tournaments
- Jan 30: Women's Champ Pairs—Day 3
- Feb 27: Should read Friday, (not Thurs)
- Feb 28: Should read Saturday, (not Fri)
- Mar 22: Now 9.00 start—Split Sixes, names on Sheet, not 1.00 Club Draw
- Apr 21: Should read Social Day followed by Ladies meeting—plate for lunch

### **Club Web Site**

With the site now running to twenty pages, it is becoming more difficult to locate articles about people and events. The new 'Site Search' box has been added to help you find them. It is simple to use, for instance if you type the word 'Wood' (or 'wood') into the box you will find all the items about our esteemed President and Gail - you will also learn that Joe Proctor's childhood chore was to bring in the 'wood'! Now, by popular demand (well, one guy asked for it) I have included a link to the NZ Metservice for a different view of the weather. Don't forget, for all the news, [www.bowlsomanu.co.nz](http://www.bowlsomanu.co.nz).

**Ken**

### **Match Committee - Women**

The final of the Women's Champ Fours will be held on Saturday morning at 9.30, 8 November between Mary Hingston and Bev White. Both finalists have only one life.

Thursday, 23 October is changed to Points Day from Rotating Triples.

Ladies - please note on your diary, Omanu visits Matua on Tuesday 11 November, names on sheet.

**Kath**

### **Match Committee - Men**

30 teams took part in the Metlifecare Open Triples held on 8 October. The weather was fine but very trying, with a very strong, cold wind. Three teams managed 4 wins. Rex Poingdestre's Mount team were the winners with second & third prizes going to Gary Andrew's, & Ken White's Omanu teams respectively.

Twenty-seven members took part on the Handicap Singles qualifying playing four games of 21 ends with the top 16 qualifying. On Sunday of post-section play the first round losers went into a consolation event. The weather was trying on the Saturday but Sunday was a real contrast with near perfect conditions. The semi-finals saw Jim Pratt defeat Garth Murdoch & Gary Andrews beat Colin Wood on an extra end. The final was an excellent game of skill & tactics with Jim managing to defeat Gary. The Plate semi-finals saw Charles Pettit defeat John Francis & Noel Laurent getting two shots on the last end to defeat Ken White by one. Noel played well in the final but Charles' experience saw him run out the winner. Many thanks to the markers and to the umpires, Jim Reid on Saturday & Sheena & Winston Davey on Sunday.

A reminder about Twilight Bowls - if you would like to 'give it a go', this is an invitation to you, your friends and family to do so. The first evening will be 3