

will get a game (or games) at some stage. This time, we will leave the list on the board for a longer period of time as we don't want any one missing out.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas time and good bowling in the new year.

Mary, Bev and Josephine.

Changes to Programme

Will you note in your handbooks that that the Men's Club Draw on 31 Jan and the 4.00 pm till 8.00 pm Mixed Club Draw on 1 Feb will not now take place due to the greens being used for the Centre Women's Singles. It is likely that this event will now take place the previous weekend, Sunday 25 January. When this has been decided, the change will be noted on the web site.

Kitchen Duty Roster

Would all members check the 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 mid February are;

08 - 14 December	I - M	15-21 December	N - R
22 - 28 December	S -Z	29 Dec - 4 Jan	A - B
05 - 11 January	C	12 - 18 January	D - E
19 - 25 January	F - G	26 Jan - 1 Feb	H
02 - 08 February	I - M	09 - 15 February	N - R



Christmas Luncheon Party

14 December 2008

11.30 drinks - 12.30 Luncheon

Ladies a Plate (See List) - Men \$5.00

Members, husbands, wives, partners all welcome

For those who wish, bowls in the afternoon

A day to enjoy!



From President Colin and the Executive, all your sub-committee members and from me, all the very best for the Festive Season, good health and good bowling in the New Year.

Happy Bowling



Qumana Bowling Club

Newsletter , December, 2008

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From President Colin.

Hi fellow Bowlers,

Wow! Three weeks to Christmas! Another year has passed and we are all one year older.

Congratulations to our Club Ladies who won the Women's Development section of the Baywide Interclub competition, and to the Winners and Runners-up of the Champ Fours, Triples, and the Junior Singles. We have our fair share of talented players in our Club, both Men and Women, who can compete with the best in the Bay of Plenty. Well done.

The BoP Centre has asked us to hold the Women's Centre Open Singles event on the 31st January, and the 1st & 2nd of February 09. It is a privilege for our Club to host Centre events.

Don't forget to enter our own **Club Xmas Hams Tournament** on the 9th of December. We need to fill both our Greens for this event and we have excellent prizes.

This years **Club Xmas Party** will be a luncheon, with Ham, Potatoes, Salads, etc, and Desserts. Look at the poster on the Notice Board in the Club Rooms and put your name down. Come along and support your Club.

A suitable Sponsor for our No 1 Green is proving hard to get. However, your Executive are following up two more possible options. We will keep all Members informed of the outcome.

On behalf of your Executive, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Good Bowling Everyone - **President Colin.**

Reminders

Friday 5 December - Minchen Trophy - Mixed Drawn Fours

Tuesday 9 December - Club Xmas Hams - Drawn Mixed Triples

Sunday 14 December - Xmas Luncheon - See Club Notice Board

Saturday 20 December - Bill McDonald Fours - Men's 10 point own team

Monday 22 December - Open Men's Xmas Hams Fours

Club Web Site

I always strive to keep our site up-to-date and relevant. This means not just giving you the news as it happens, but also regularly introducing new features. Included in these are the Weather Forecast, Site Search and the latest, photos of the Executive members. Last month I included a verbal welcome from President Colin which will be used intermittently - it can be annoying if used all the time! I have now incorporated an invitation to all and sundry to receive a copy of the newsletter by email. If you have any friends who might be interested, point them to the 'Welcome' on the Home page of www.bowlsomanu.co.nz.

Ken

Members Successes - Club Champs

Women's Fours	Runners-Up	Women's Triples	Runner's-Up
Bev White (S)	Mary Hingston (S)	Bev White (S)	Pauline Bailey (S)
Josephine Connolly	Marion Caie	Josephine Connolly	Bev Murdoch
Karen Clarke	Gail Wood	Sue Pepper	June Gerrard
Sue Pepper	Pat Andrews	Junior Singles	Runner-Up
Men's Hcap Pairs	Runners-Up	Pat Andrews	Kath Steiner
David Thompson (S)	Ken White (S)	Men's H Singles	Runner-Up
Walter Riddell	Larry Pepper	Jim Pratt	Gary Andrews

Members Successes - Other Events

In the recent Mt Maunganui RSA elimination tournament, Lance Orsler, John Francis and George Hollingworth were top qualifiers. This entitles them to represent the RSA at the National RSA tournament to be held in March. A similar team, John Francis, Noel McLeod and Lance Orsler had a great run in the Centre Triples, finally losing a very tight game in the semi-finals.

On a Lighter Note

- A barman is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell and make you feel happy to be on your way.
- A pat on the back is only a few inches away from a kick in the backside.
- All men are animals, some just make better pets
- Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.
- 99% of statistics are made up on the spot.

Match Committee - Men

The Champ Triples final will be played at 10 am on Saturday, 6 December between Jim Pratt, Gary Andrews & Larry Pepper, and John Francis, Noel McLeod & George Hollingworth. Come along to support them

Attendances at Club events have been disappointing this season, especially for our Friday and Sunday mixed afternoons. We would welcome more experienced members to come along to assist and improve performances. The 2x4x2 pairs events held recently on Sunday afternoons proved popular and a very interesting programme has been arranged for club members this season.

The sheets are up for all the Champs, including the mixed events, so be in for these. Twilight Bowls is underway, the weather hasn't been the best so far but will improve with some great times assured on Monday evenings. As you know, from 23 December to 4 January, there will be no organized play but the greens will be open for members and their visitors to enjoy bowling. I will organise some practice mornings during this holiday period for anyone to attend

Jim

Women's Selection & Grading

Well, our "Baywide Interclub" is over for another year and didn't our Development girls do well? They won all but one game and only lost that by one point, therefore winning that division. Well done Pauline, June, Kath, Sue and Pat, you have done Omanu proud.

We won't mention the Premier Two Division, except to say they all tried very hard. As not all Senior Ladies like playing out, or in this tournament, we the Selectors must now look towards promoting some of our younger players into the Premier division to try and achieve better results, while still keeping our development and junior sides as well

The Monday Western Bay Interclub Fours is nearing completion with only a couple of days to go. Omanu have featured really well in this very relaxed tournament, with the "A" side sitting in top position at the moment. Good luck for the finals at Gate Pa on the 15th girls.

Because the Fours have been so successful, Western Bay have decided to hold a Monday afternoon Triples interclub as well, starting on 19th January. As some of us are quite heavily committed with outside tournaments in the new year, we are only entering one side of six players to see how we go for starters. A sheet with dates, and places to put your names will go up onto the notice board this week. Please do put your names up and we will ensure all those interested