

BowlsOmanu

Omanu Bowling Club Inc

Newsletter - February, 2009
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From President Colin.

Hi, Fellow Bowlers,

Our bowling season ends in approx two & a half months time. It doesn't seem like five months ago that we had our opening day.

It was pleasing to see so many members turn up for the luncheon to honour our two National Title holders, Bev White, and Josephine Connolly, who were members of the fours team to win the New Zealand Title. All members of the Omanu Bowling Club are very proud of them.

The RSA National Triples tournament is to be hosted by both the Omanu and Mt Maunganui clubs on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th of March, 2009. This will be a huge tournament with 74 teams entered from all over New Zealand. Both our greens will be used to capacity, and each club will be supplying morning teas and lunches. We have members who are organising this tournament, but more volunteers are required to help in so many ways. Just give me a call on 574 1066 as soon as possible to show your interest.

About half of our Membership came along to the Special General Meeting on February 6th, to listen to discuss and discuss the proposals put forward by the Executive. The meeting went well, and it was agreed that the No 1 green be converted to Maniatoto this year, and the Eves green to be converted to Maniatoto next year, if No 1 green is successful. Approximately \$20,000 is to be spent on a new Mower, Roller, and Spray equipment, this year. All charges for roll-ups, open tournaments, club tournaments, club championships, and twilight bowls, will increase moderately. It was agreed that Ladies and Men's roll-ups on the same day would be trialled for approximately two months, for the

better utilisation of our clubhouse, and our greens.

On behalf of the Executive, I wish you all Good Bowling for the rest of the season.

President Colin.

Club Web Site

Those who regularly follow the web site may have noticed a few changes, even some 'odd events' over the past few weeks. The site has undergone not just a face-lift but major surgery going back some two months. Hopefully it has a cleaner, less cluttered appearance now, though most of the changes are 'under the bonnet'.

The main reason for the change is to make the coding of the pages conform to 'web standards'. The times they are a-changing, and what has worked for the past ten years - and still does - may not do so in five years time. This has involved a re-learning on my part and a re-coding of all twenty pages. Very much two steps forward and one step, occasionally three steps, back. Last week disaster struck and for a couple of days links to some of the pages were unavailable. Thanks to my early elimination from the Fours Champs, I had time to repair the damage and the site is now good for a few more years. Well past my tenure as Webmaster anyway.

Colin referred to the Club's success in this year's National Champs.. Read the full story at www.bowlsomanu.co.nz/archive/champs09.html

Ken

On a Lighter Note

- 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- Is a gross ignoramus 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus?
- A real friend isn't someone you use and throw away. A real friend is someone you use again and again.

- Always do the right thing. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.
- Ambivalent? Well, yes and no
- Any reform must be accounted a success which does not have an effect exactly the opposite of that intended.
- According to my calculations the problem doesn't exist.
- Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about

Match Committee - Men

Club Events

Entries have been disappointing lately this season. No doubt the hot weather conditions we have had have contributed to this. However, we still have many important fixtures coming up, so study your handbook & place your names on the entry sheets. A reminder to all to check the two blackboards for any late changes to the current programme. If you have any thoughts for next season's programme, please get in touch with me, as we will be preparing a draft in the coming weeks. There could be many changes next season if the planned maniatoto green is not to be used until November, at the earliest.

Club Results

Do you get the BoP Times? Don Shand has done an outstanding job in getting club results in the paper each Wednesday.

Twilight Bowls

Only three more evenings to go - 16th, 23rd February & 2 March. Those who have attended have had a very enjoyable time with lots of laughs to go with the bowling. Twenty-nine members & forty-one casual players have been along at some time during the season. Just lately, three ladies have joined in & could be prospective members next season. On the 23 February, a shared meal, with players bringing along a plate, will be had from 5.00pm followed by bowls from 6-8pm. Our final night on 2 March, is promised to be something special. Just a reminder, to those

members who have supported twilight bowls, to come along on the 23 February. Apart from the many wet Mondays, those taking part have enjoyed the best part of the day for playing bowls. - **Jim**

Women's Match Committee

Women's Programme update.

Handicap singles is to be held Thursday 19th March. Three games of 21 ends or one hour 35 minutes. Wins, draws count, if winner cannot be decided on day, 1 life system will be played on Saturday 21st March. Names on sheet please. Markers are also required.

As many of our members will be playing in Rotorua, the Mae Robson Parker graded Fours on Thursday 5th March has been changed to a club draw. - **Kath**

Women's Selection & Grading

The new mid-week InterClub Triples played each Monday has proved popular with members. Players are rotated regularly to ensure that everyone who wants to play in it gets a game. Starting in January these go through to late March. - **Bev**

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 up until the end of the season are;

16 – 22 February	A - B
23 Feb – 1 March	C
02 – 08 March	D - E
09 – 15 March	F - G
16 – 22 March	H
23 – 29 March	I - M
30 March – 05 April	N – R
06 – 12 April	S - Z
13 – 19 April	A - B
20 – 26 April	C
27 April – 3 May	D - E

Happy



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