

OMANU BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Fellow Bowlers and Club Members

Well here we are again, less than three weeks to Opening Day on Saturday, 5th September 09. It would be great to see all of our existing and new members attend a finger food luncheon at 12. 00 midday, followed by a game of bowls. Ladies a plate please, and Men, \$3-00 ea. Please wear your whites.

Our No 1 Green is virtually complete, and Eves Green is playing well. I would like to acknowledge all those people who have helped in so many ways, for the successful renovations of our No 1 Green, and I wish to thank them on your behalf, on Opening day.

I have sent a letter to Fulton Hogan Tauranga, thanking them for removing the 50³m of **sods** from our front lawn, that was taken off the no 1 green, at the start of the renovations. They picked up and trucked all of it away for NOTHING, saving our Club in excess of \$1000. Their generosity can be repaid in some small way, if Members need a new asphalt driveway or repairs to one, give Fulton Hogan a call.

On behalf of the Executive committee, I wish to extend a warm welcome to new

members, and hope you enjoy our Club facilities. If there is anything you wish to know about our Club, then any fellow member will be willing to assist you.

Once again, thank you Margaret Dalley and Joan Owen for running Mah-jong over the winter months, and Jim Pratt for his 500 cards school. Thanks also to Jim Reid and Jim Marks for organising the Indoor Bowls. Thanks to everyone involved in getting our Handbook and Programme ready for the coming season. I also want to thank Margot Siddell our ladies Vice President, for standing in for me, in my months absence. We still require a mens Vice President, so come on Fellas, put your names forward , and be part of our motivated and forward thinking committee. I wish everyone good Bowling, for the coming season. President Colin



From the Secretary

Hello everyone, not long to go now before our new season gets underway. The subs are rolling in and a good response has been received to the request for e-mail addresses and next of kin info.

The new Executive and match members are looking for access keys to the Club-house, do you have one that is no longer

needed? If so, could you please return it by placing it in my mail cubby hole at your earliest convenience. This will be much appreciated. Thanks Pat



From the Treasurer

Approximately 90 Members subs have been received to date. This is apparently on target for this stage of the year.

The project to upgrade the green is well progressed. To date we have paid suppliers approximately \$9225 but there are still some items to be billed totaling nearly \$5000.

The new lawnmower (\$9506) has arrived. We will now apply to TECT for the generous grant we received. Note: All of the above are GST inclusive.

Did you know? for the sunny 6 months of the season we pay Council \$2900 for water, that the Liquor Licence is due for renewal (\$776 plus advertising), then we are obliged to pay a fee for another Bar Manager. along with training. So please patronize the bar when possible to offset these expences.

I estimate total funds in ANZ and UDC could be down to fifty eight thousand by mid August. John



Did you Know

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you found the letter "A"

Answer. One Thousand.

Also this is interesting

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 equals

12,345,678,987,654,321

Now didn't you need to know that???

Men's Match Committee

Welcome to another season. The combined match committees have planned a full season of activity which should suit the needs of members. We hope you co-operate and enter as many of the events as possible. A copy of what will appear in the handbook is available at the club, on the whiteboard, for members perusal. However, we will have only one green until December at the earliest, but the wait will be well worthwhile.

A new innovation is the series of 2x4x2 mixed pairs which will be held on selective Saturday mornings. These will be names on the sheet each time and box-drawn, with the first 16 listed on each men & women's column to be the teams. All others will be on standby until we have both greens available. Taking part in these will enable keen members to improve their natural game & learn and practice playing shots

Due to slow growth & the damp weather, our one available green may not be ready to play on before the season starts, the greenkeeper will let me know in early August. We have a Men's Open Triples on Wednesday 12 August, but this is subject to availability. However, if you want something to do indoors, join the indoor bowls group on Monday afternoons and/or the mahjongg & 500 cards players on Tuesday afternoons. We need

new members, so encourage your family, friends, & neighbours to try outdoor bowling this season. It's a great way to meet people, keep fit, & enjoy the fresh air.. Jim Pratt



Green's Superintendent

No 1 Green

As most members are aware, this Green has had a major renovation over the Winter. At the end of last season the ditch backing as well as the top board around the bank was removed, the plinth board was also removed from the playing surface

The surface of the green then had 20mm of soil removed and new levels were taken and the new plinth board was fixed in place. New topsoil was then placed back onto the green (approximately 48³m) and with the help of a Laser Levelling Tractor new levels were again taken.

When the green had settled it was then wired for the Final Levels and the Manitoto seed was sown and covered with scrim. These scrim were removed after about 13 days.

I am pleased to report that we have had an excellent strike and with reasonable weather things are looking good.

New ditch backing and the footpath, mat, and rink markings will be completed before Opening Day. We are hopeful that we will be able to commence play on this

green in December. My sincere thanks to all of you who were involved in this project.

Eves Green

This green has been grooved, soiled and over sown with Starweed. It is not ready for play yet as more work is required to improve the playing surface. It is hoped that there will be play before Opening Day on the **5th of September**. Tom



Womens Match Committee

Ladies your 2009/10 Match Committee.

Pauline Bailey, Bev. Murdoch, Kathleen Purdy, Margaret Bromell, Kath Steiner, Pat Couchman, Colleen Houghton. Joy Inch.

Our programme for the season is busy. Tuesday is Ladies Day, but we will also use Thursday when necessary. Tuesday club draw in programme gives Match Committee freedom to choose event for day depending on how many ladies arrive.

Match committee will provide variety to make day challenging. Tuesday 8th September progressive, our first challenge for the season. Kath



Men appear to go through 4 stages in their lives, and they are??

- 1) *They believe in Santa Clause*
- 2) *They don't believe in Santa Clause*
- 3) *They are Santa Clause*
- 4) *They look like Santa Clause*

KITCHEN DUTY ROSTER

5 SEP to 6 SEP	A - B	28 SEP to 4 OCT	H	26 OCT to 1 NOV	A - B
7 SEP to 13 SEP	C	5 OCT to 11 OCT	I - M	2 NOV to 8 NOV	C
14 SEP to 20 SEP	D - E	12 OCT to 18 OCT	N - R	9 NOV to 15 NOV	D - E
21 SEP to 27 SEP	F - G	19 OCT to 25 OCT	S - Z	16 NOV to 22 NOV	F - G

*Remember this roster is for Club days - there is a separate roster for open tournaments.
You are only expected to do these duties on the days that you are playing.*

Men's Selection and Grading

The Western Division Men's Pennants that has been a regular feature of the early season will not now take place. Instead there will be a new inter-club competition which will be held on the third Saturday of the month throughout the season. I do not have the details as it will not start until October but it appears that there will not be a need for a selection process but rather an organisational process of forming teams from players that wish to take part much like the Monday Inter-club. Our club programme has been arranged so that the third Saturday is free of any major event. When the details become available I will be asking players to indicate their interest in taking part in the competition.

The main selection process will therefore be for the Bay-wide event which will again take place early in November. I will be continuing with the organised practise sessions started last season and players will be contacted with details of when these will take place. Closer to November we will have team practise sessions.

COACHING

On page 29 of the handbook there is a list of qualified coaches in the Club. You should add to that list Hugh Miller Phone 574 9760 who joined our club during last season. Des

The Bunny is struggling to fill the newsletter so here is a story I overheard.

A man sitting in a bar watching the 10pm news item about someone standing outside on the ledge of a high rise building.

A blond sitting beside him says, I bet you \$20 he doesn't jump. The man replies, your on?? seconds later the guy on the ledge takes a flying leap onto the footpath below. The blond hands over the \$20 saying a bet is a bet, the man says, I cannot accept the bet as I saw this item on the 6pm news earlier. (Wait for it) The blond replies, so did I, but I didn't think he would do it twice

And

If you are finding the children or the Grandchildren (God forbid) a bit of a handful, encourage them to go for a 3 kilometer walk every morning, and a further 3 kilometer walk every evening. It works wonders, by the end of the week they will be 30 kilometers away. Not a good idea???

That's all Folks

