

OMANU BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Fellow Bowlers,

Yep! Three weeks to Christmas, and again another year has passed, and we are all another year older.

This years Club Xmas Party on Sunday 13th December will be a Luncheon, drinks at 11-30, luncheon 12-30, and all Members and their Spouses are cordially invited to attend. Please put your names down on the poster provided on the noticeboard. Ladies a plate and Men \$5-00.

The Official Opening of **The Decorators Green** will coincide with the Clubs Xmas Hams Tournament, to be held on 11th December. We need to fill both greens for this event, as there are excellent prizes to be won. Come along and support your Club.

Congratulations to both the Ladies and Mens Development Teams for winning the Baywide Interclub Competition. Well done. We do have talented and competitive bowlers in our Club. Congratulations also to the winners and runners-up of the Ladies and Mens Championship Triples, and Handicap Singles.

The Bay of Plenty Centre are using our greens on the 5th, 6th, and 7th, December for the **Ladies Centre Singles** event. Although it can be extra work for our Club, we benefit in many ways.

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

Good Bowling everyone. Colin.



FROM THE TREASURER

You know what they say about statistics, well here is one from our accounts, our 2009/2010 program by last years expenses, it appears to say that it costs us over \$260 each time we use the greens.

By the time you read this we will have drawn down Twenty One Thousand Dollars of reserves in the cheque account. It will probably last through to the end of January 2010.

Best wishes to you all for Xmas and the holiday season. John.



CHEER
UP, IT IS
ALMOST
XMAS



MENS MATCH COMMITTEE

Leads & Twos Open Triples.

Rather unfortunate that this had to be cancelled due to lack of entries even for one green. We will need to look at whether we need this event on our programme next season.

Handicap Singles.

Bad weather meant this event had to be rescheduled for the second day. A very interesting post-section day with some very good games played showing the improvement in singles play. The winner was Ted Barker with Winston Davey being the runner up. The plate was won by Walter Riddell over Trevor Hingston. We have never provided anything for the plate winner in the past. Something should be given to acknowledge the effort put in.

Championship Triples.

What a pleasure to play this event on the new green. After a series of interesting results, the possible final was played between 2 lifer, Lance Orsler, Ron Parton and Don Shand, against one lifer, Graham Caie, Winston Davey, and Garth Murdoch. The winners were:- Lance, Ron, and Don. Well done lads.

Twilight Bowls.

This has made a good start despite the cool weather on the first three nights. A total of eleven people, young and old, have tried bowls for the first time. We have also had overseas visitors, who are bowlers, joining in. A big thank you to those club members who have attended to lend some experience as skips each evening.

2x4x2 Pairs.

A further series of these have been successfully played. Fortunately we have had a reserve list to enable full fields each Saturday morning. We intend to use both greens in the future to enable more members to participate. Jim.



GREENS SUPERINTENDANT

The Decorators Green. (The New Green)

This Green has improved from the last news letter. It has now got better cover and the weed problem is well under control. There is still some clover in the Green, Dennis is working on this.

Dennis and myself are very pleased with the Green condition and the way it is playing. I will be interested to hear the comments from the Ladies Centre Singles weekend 5th, 6th, and 7th December. I will keep you posted.

The rain we are having as I write this report is just what we need for this Green.

Eves Green

This Green is causing some concern as it does not have the coverage we would like it to have and with the hot weather to come in January and February we will have to keep it well watered over this period, especially around the ditch areas.

Thanks to all who are helping to keep the Club lawns and edges tidy.

Merry Christmas to All. Tom Clarke



FROM THE WEB MASTER

As most of you are aware I spend a lot of time on your behalf updating our Website to keep you up to date with club news. This is a good way for the members who have the facility to stay informed on club activities between the newsletter which is printed on a 2 Monthly basis.

Please try to visit the Website at least once a week and give me your views on the bulletin board. There are also other Links to explore within the site, thank you. Ken.



Some headlines I saw recently.

1) Police start campaign to run down Jaywalkers. Taking things a bit too far you think.

2) War dims hope for Peace. I can see where it might have that effect.

WOMENS MATCH COMMITTEE

Thank you Margot, Merle, Iris & helpers for a successful Strawberry Day.

Congratulations to Championship Triples winners Josephine Connolly, Bev White, and Sue Pepper, and to the runners/up, Mary Hingston, Marion Caie & Pat Andrews. Thanks to Mens Match Committee for covering this event.

December is busy, we have the Omanu v Matua at Omanu this year on Tuesday 15th December, Ladies a plate for lunch and don't forget to put your names on the sheet. Please come along and make this once again an enjoyable day, free day we will have a raffle to cover costs.

January 21st. Championship Fours, its not to early to organise your teams. Have a great Christmas. Kath,



WOMENS SELECTION & GRAD.

Oct.17th. saw the first day of the Western Bay Interclub which is played on the 3rd Sat. of each month.

We entered 1 (one) side, which consists of 2 Teams Triples (6 players) in the "Open Club" 6s, but the organizers phoned and asked us if we would play in the "Premier Division" to save a bye, which I very reluctantly said O.K to. In hindsight though, I wished I had'nt, as we are really struggling to win any games with the small amount of top players we have to choose from in this event. Not many ladies are interested in playing on Saturdays, which makes it hard for us as selectors.

Monday Interclub is going well again, especially as the first 2 Mondays were cancelled. We have successfully played 3 Monday's and won 7 and lost 5 which is pretty good. Our next games will be played on the 14th December and by then all ladies that were wanting to be part of this most enjoyable tournament should have had a game. If not, please come and see me.

Our **Womens Baywide Interclub** played on the 7th and 8th Nov. went really well again, especially for our "Development" girls of Pauline Bailey, Kath Steiner, and Pat Couchman, (Triples) and Sue Pepper and Pat Andrews, (pairs) winning this event once again. Well done girls, you have done Omanu proud yet again.

Our Fours team of, Jeanette French, Merle Jamieson, Gail Wood, and Elizabeth Powell, played well together as a team to win 2 out of the 5 games they played. As this was a strong section our girls did very well and we should all be proud of them.

Once again, our **Premier Division Two** girls did'nt excel like we had hoped, but I know every one of us tried really really hard, and all did our very best for our club, so we cannot ask for more than that. Actually, we won 5 games which was pretty good in that really strong competition.

Wishing you all a very healthy happy and joyous Christmas. Mary, Bev, Josephine.



Proof that Men have better Friends.?

A woman did'nt come home one night. The next morning she told her husband that she had slept over at a friends house. The man called his wife's 10 best friends. None of them knew anything about it.

A man failed to come home one night. The next morning he told his wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The woman called her husband's 10 best friends. Eight confirmed that he had slept over, and two said he was still there.



3) Something went wrong in Jet Crash, Expert says. Really? You think.

4) Miners refuse to work after Death. Lazy so-and-so's ?

5) Red Tape holds up New Bridges. Is this stronger than Duct tape.

6) Cold Wave linked to Temperatures. Now who would have thought that.

KITCHEN DUTY ROSTER

7 DEC to 13 DEC	F - H	11 JAN to 17 JAN	A - B	8 FEB to 14 FEB	O - R
14 DEC to 20 DEC	I - N	18 JAN to 24 JAN	C - E	15 FEB to 21 FEB	S - Z
21 DEC to 27 DEC	O - R	25 JAN to 31 JAN	F - H	22 FEB to 28 FEB	A - B
4 JAN to 10 JAN	S - Z	1 FEB to 7 FEB	I - N	1 MAR to 7 MAR	C - E

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.

MENS SELECTION AND GRADING

Monday Inter-club: The Fours competition is now complete and a number of players were involved. All those who played seemed to enjoy the experience. I have not seen the final results but would think that we would have finished somewhere in the middle of the competition. I have entered two sides of three teams in the Triples competition which starts on **11 Jan. 2010**. I will be contacting those on email but if you do not have email then please ring me if you wish to be included in the squad of players from which sides are formed on each day of the event.

With the limited number of players available for the bay-wide inter-club I thought we had very pleasing results. The Premiere 2 side were involved in a competition which required a round-robin of 11 rounds over two weekends. At times we were leading but finally finished fourth. The winners had 47 games points and we finished on 42 only being beaten into third by a lower differential. Over 33 games played we were only three games away from winning.

The development side also played a round-robin of seven rounds. The triples team of Ted Barker, Larry Pepper and David Thompson, together with a pair of Tom Clarke and Don Shand. formed a side which won the event. Well done to these players.

On your behalf a big thanks to all players involved for representing and giving of their best in this the most important inter-club event of the season. Des.

UMPIRES CORNER

Law 30 Dead Jack:-

I would like to draw your attention to this Law as some confusion has been observed in recent Matches and Tournaments. **Paragraph 1**. Dots 1 and 2 are self explanatory, the third dot down reads ie:- **comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank**. This can occur when the Jack tucks itself under or partially under the banks skirting making it impossible to see the whole of the Jack.

Players should be aware of this themselves and apply the Law in accordance with the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls**.

If an Umpire is called for a decision or notices this by observation, he or she has no choice but to declare this jack dead and therefore the end is also dead and will have to be replaced.

7) Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant; *Is this better than a fair trial.*

8) Kids make nutritious snacks; *Do you think they taste anything like chicken.*

9) Panda Mating Fails, Veterinarian takes over; *What a guy.*

"That's All Folks"

