

OMANU BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Fellow Bowlers.

Just a short report this month, as we are nearly at the end of the bowling season.

There are still many positions to be filled for the election of officers in our club. I strongly urge members, both men and women, to please put your names forward to fill these positions, so as we can continue as a strong and prosperous bowling club. Nominations should be in with the Secretary by the end of April .

The womens and mens meetings have been held, and constructed ideas and thoughts from these meetings should be discussed at the AGM, which will be held on Thursday the 28th of May, at 1pm.

Our closing day and Prizegiving is on Saturday the 8th of May, at 10am, with a game of bowls for anyone who would like to play. It would be great if all of our members could come along and make this day a success. Would everyone (men and Women) please bring a plate for lunch.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those members who turned up for the working bee on the 11th of April, the 6m³ skip was filled to capacity

with all sorts of rubbish.

Good Bowling everyone, for the rest of the season. Colin.



FROM THE TREASURER

The current state of our finances is \$48,900 in available funds. Please be aware that you will receive a budget/forecast for the coming year at the AGM. John.



FROM THE GREENKEEPER

We have started renovation process on the Decorators green. and have sprayed for weeds and moss. The green was verti-drained on 31st March for better water drainage, with good results.

We will drill, soil, and fertilise, after the Optional Tournament on 29th April. This green will then be out of play for 4 to 6 weeks, subject to weather conditions.

Eves green will be sprayed out in early May, in preparation for resurfacing with Maniotato grass. The green will still be available for play until the end of May, but no greens will be available for the month of June. Tom.



Latest Events.

We have had a very busy time lately, having played the Jack & Jill pairs, The Val Body Mixed Pairs Championship. The ROF Mixed Singles (80 & over) and an Open Triples Tournament.

The Jack & Jill was won by Lance Orsler and Josephine Connolly. The Mixed Pairs went to Pam Rhodes & Walter Riddell. Val was present to congratulate the winners and join in their success. The ROF Singles saw Stuart Pemberton assert his singles ability to win all three games convincingly with Richard Root being runner up with two wins and a draw. The Clarity Solutions Open Triples saw four Omanu teams out of the eight entered win prizes.

The winners, and only team having four wins, were Alec Horsburgh (Skip), Colin Wood (Dir) & Don Shand (L). Runners up with 3 wins and a draw, were Lance Orsler, Ron Parton and Ted Barker. Twenty-Two teams participated on a pleasant but windy day following early morning rain with a late start of 10 am.

The French Mixed Fours Championship was played on Friday 16th of April and Sunday 18th April.

As there were only eight entries a round robin was played - four games Friday and three games on the Sunday. The eventual winners were, Lance Orsler, Ron Parton,

Judy Smallbone, and Pat Couchman. with 6 wins and 1 loss. The runners-up were Des French, Jeanette French, Fay Coombs, and Dale Maxwell, this being the only team to win against the eventual winners.

Coming Events. The Syben Mixed Triples Championship being held on Thursday 22 April and Friday 23 April, to date we have only 6 entries and need more to make this a success, Our last Open Tournament for the season, an Optional Triples is being held on Thursday, 29 April. This is being sponsored by Eves, so please make up a team and enter. To finish the season, we have two 2X4X2 Pairs Saturday mornings.

Plenty of room available on our two greens, so please write your name on the entry sheets. The weather and the greens are great for playing bowls on at this time of the year. Jim.



Time to test your knowledge. How many of these can you answer, no trick questions, only facts:-

- 1)How long did the Hundred Years War last?*
- 2)Which Country makes Panama hats?*
- 3)From which Animals do we get Catgut?*
- 4)In which Month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?*
- 5)What is a Camels Hair brush made of. Answers Later?*

WOMAN'S REPRESENTATION

Saturday Interclub is all finished now. We found the competition to be of a very high standard and 'top class'. especially, against the likes of Tga. Sth. Mount and Gate Pa. sides. However, we ended up finishing 5th out of 6 teams which was'nt too bad.

Monday Interclub is finished now (I think) as we may end up in a play-off. Don't know the final results yet, but what I do know is, that before the last round was played, Omanu 1 was running 2nd behind Tga. Sth. so it all depends on the last round results which were played last Monday. Thank-you, to all you ladies who played in these games and I can only hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

Bev, Josephine and I have now done the new gradings and handicaps which will be posted up inside the clubrooms for your inspection. [Hope every-one is happy] we have done our best for the club but if you are not happy please come and talk to any one of us. A special BIG thank-you to Bev and Josephine for their help and support in choosing teams and playing in just about all of these games, giving up valuable time. And to all of you other girls who were also willing to give up your valuable time to play in these games, a big thank-you also. Mary Hingston.



WOMAN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Congratulations to all our bowlers for a great friendly competitive season. Yes our numbers are down, but hopefully we

can turn this around next year. Thanks to my Match Committee for your continued support, also thank you to the club members who have responded when I needed help. Enjoy a rest from bowls over the winter months, see you all in September.

A big thank you to Des, our Green Keeper Tom, Green Superintendent John, and Graeme & Marion Caie for organising raffles. Kath.

UMPIRES CORNER

From the Bowls Magazine.

Lead A delivers the Jack, on course it strikes the foot of his Skip. Skip B sends it back for Lead B to deliver, and his Jack ends up in the ditch, What happens to the Jack now?

The Jack gets sent back for lead A to re-deliver the Jack correctly as his first delivery was a Jack displacement, **Law 33.1** whereas lead B's delivery was an incorrect delivery, **Law 23.1** and must be re-delivered.

I do not think that this would happen very often but it might come in handy if it should crop up in any game you are involved in and also improve your knowledge of *The Sport of Bowls*.



- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after which Animals?**
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?**
- 8) What colour is the Purple Finch?**
- 9) Where are Chinese Gooseberries from? The easy one.**
- 10) What is the colour of the Black-Box in a "Commercial" Aircraft?**

