

BowlsOmanu

Omanu Bowling Club Inc.

Club Newsletter - October 2011

Rugby World Cup Edition

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From the President

Hi Fellow bowlers



I would like to welcome to the Club all prospective new Members and I hope you are going to enjoy playing at Omanu. My thanks to all who have helped with the coaching of these new members.

With the season under way it is pleasing to see our open tournaments attracting so many outside entries and so many favorable comments on how our Greens are playing so early in the season. Also a lot of favorable comments on how smart our Bowling Club is looking. The painting of the exterior of the club house is now complete and the new color scheme blends in well with the scoria color used backing the ditches and is a complete change from the green.

On the 17/20 October we will be hosting the first Centre event at Omanu. It will interesting to here the comments from the Ladies playing in the Centre Fours on the condition of our greens and how well they play.

The Executive has decided to replace only half of the roof at this stage as we were not successful in our latest grant application. The Greens side of the Clubhouse will be replaced ASAP with prefinished long run roofing Iron, colour Scoria with a new ridge and barge board at each end of the Clubhouse. When this is finished the Flag pole will be returned to it's rightful position.

Regarding the new shirts, will you please put your names up in the list (white board) with your size. The Executive will be making a final decision about the shirts at their next meeting on the 10th October.

To those members who are unwell at the moment our thoughts are with you and we look forward to your speedy recovery.

Tom Clarke

Club Championships

The first Championship of the season, the Mixed Fours, has been partially completed with four teams still in the hunt for the title. The remaining game will be played at the end of the month.

Twenty players contested the Handicap Singles over what turned out to be a fine Saturday. Four games were played from a blind draw with the top eight going through to a knockout on Sunday, which also turned out to be fine, despite forecasters advising otherwise. Results, with seeding in brackets were: Lance Orsler (8) beat Jim Whitelock (1), Ron Parton (2) beat Ray Bailey (7), David Thompson (6) beat Gary Andrews (3), Dean Manson (4) beat Graham Caie (5) . Dean Manson then

beat Lance Orsler and Ron Parton beat David Thompson. In the final **Dean Manson** beat Ron Parton. In the Plate Gary Andrews beat Ray Bailey and Graham Caie beat Jim Whitelock. The winners declared a tie and went home to watch the RWC.

Acting Treasurer

The Clubs finances are in good shape and will remain that way if we are successful with two further applications for grants totaling \$15,000. Already we have collected \$11,670.00 from three different Trusts and these have been used for painting of the Clubs buildings, a new sign to be erected at the gate and \$5,000.00 is set aside for the re-roofing of the clubhouse. Currently we have \$50,000 on Deposit and \$5,000 in the Cheque Account.

Collection of subscriptions from members is almost complete, total membership will be in the region of 120. Revenue from Handbook advertisers has been coming in steadily and we look forward to payments from those who have signage both on the greens and on the Clubhouse.

With the ever declining membership it is imperative that the Club maximizes all avenues to expand our sources of revenue and at the same time keep a lid on spending. To date the Executive Committee have done a fine job in managing this important function.

Footnote: Unfortunately our other two applications for funding have been declined. The executive now has to investigate how we can fund the re-roofing of the club house.

Larry Pepper

Twilight Bowls

**Every Monday from 30 October, 6.00 - 8.00 pm
(names in by 5.45 pm.)**

This is an invitation for all members to come along and enjoy bowling in the cool of the evening. We also invite non-members, those who have bowled before, are members of other clubs, or those who have never tried bowls before. Come to the club and enjoy this wonderful game we play and also enjoy the club's facilities.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please invite them to join in. If possible, bring them along with you on any Monday. We have plenty of bowls for them to use - they only need suitable footwear.

The cost is \$4.00 to play two games, and there is a raffle at \$1.00 a number. Each evening is concluded with a prize-giving and happy hour. See you there

Jim Pratt

Rugby World Cup

The All Blacks have surely had their traumas in the lead up to the Rugby World Cup final play. Ongoing injury woes to some of our top players and then the 'mother of all blows', the injury that put Dan Carter out of action for the duration!



Down to the serious stuff now and we all have our fingers crossed.

Go the All Blacks

Umpires Corner

Along with the reduction in membership, the number of Umpires within the club is now down to six. It is pleasing to see that most of them are regular attendees at the monthly umpires meeting and so keep up with the numerous changes to the laws.

Among the changes that most affect our bowlers are the following ones:

- With the new domestic regulations, Controlling Bodies have a much greater say in the running of, in particular, non-championship events, where the winners do not proceed beyond club level.

They can specify domestic regulations, such as the non-return of the jack etc. but this must be made clear before the event. It is not enough to announce the conditions of play, they must be in writing and available to all participants.

- Other than the first end, which is decided on the toss of a coin. (or extra end if one is needed) the winner of an end must place the mat and deliver the jack and first bowl. The player can no longer give away the mat.
- The second player no longer keeps the scorecard; it must be kept, and recorded each end, by the skip.

While there are numerous amendments to the laws, the ones listed above are those most likely to affect the day-to-day bowling at club level.

Bev White

Greens Superintendent/Vice President Report

With the maniatoto now approaching it's summer leaf some weaker areas on our greens should soon recover. Both greens have been playing to a very high standard. Well done Greenkeeper Geoff.

I know it's a pain having to use scrim. It will pay off over the long term. Bowlers who dump their bowls, causing damage are of concern. Please attempt to deliver your bowls without dumping. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Our club has a couple of bowling arms – try one out and become an accomplished bowler like Walter Riddell.

Weather permitting we will soon be playing without scrim. The handicap singles was a prime example where players respected our playing surfaces.

Work to be undertaken;

- The underground bore pump is continually stopping due to dampness penetrating the switch board and pump electronics. The pump and power supply need to be mounted above ground level. Hopefully this work. Will not cost too much.
- Some of the sprinkler heads on the irrigation system require maintenance or replacement. This is to be carried out before the hot weather arrives. The approximate cost is \$800.
- The clubrooms and grounds are looking very smart. Thanks to all who have made this possible. That's enough for now – go out and enjoy this bowling season.

John Jennings

Coaching

For those members who have not yet heard I am training to be a Bowls New Zealand certified coach. Josephine Connolly is my mentor and between us we are currently giving coaching to three new bowlers. Stacey, Emma and Rod are all showing lots of promise and are certainly keen.

Over the next few weeks I will be introducing them to roll-ups and I know you will all join with me in welcoming them to the club.

Pat Andrews

A few One-liners

What is a free gift? Aren't all gifts free?

Smith & Wesson: The original point and click interface. Some people are only alive because it is illegal to shoot them.

We were born naked, wet and hungry. Then things got worse

Suicidal twin kills sister by mistake!

Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

Support bacteria, they're the only culture some people have.

We have enough youth, how about a fountain of smart?

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

The hardness of butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread

The hardest thing about business is minding your own.

A helping hand is no farther than at the end of your sleeve.

A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.

Time is the best teacher; unfortunately it kills all of its students.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

Very funny Scotty, now beam down my clothes.

Enjoy your bowling season

Ken White

