

BowlsOmanu

Omanu Bowling Club Inc.

Club Newsletter - December 2011

Christmas Edition

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From the President

Hi Fellow bowlers

To bring everyone up-to-date with what is happening at the Club, we had a great fund raising night when 30 plus school teachers had social bowls and BBQ afternoon and used our bar. The same weekend on Sunday we had sausage sizzle at Bunnings to raise funds to pay for the installation of the new Omanu Bowling Club sign. Both were a great success and I want to thank all who help make these events happen.

An application for a grant has been lodged for the completion of the roof and we will hear early next year if this has been successful

I hope you all have been enjoying your bowls. It is good to see Omanu teams out at Centre events doing very well and also at tournaments. To members who are unwell we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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

Take care and look after yourselves.

Tom Clarke

Friday 2x4x2

Friday 2x4x2 is proving to be a great success. With one round to go in the pre-Christmas series there are four players within 2 points of each other. Play has been possible on all scheduled days so far (13 to date) although there was only one game on one day and only two games on one other day.

Some statistics:

- 76 players have participated
- Average attendance has been 40 (range from 30 to 48)
- 351 games have been played (plus about a dozen byes.)
- 4,460 shots have been scored.
- There have been 23 different daily prize-winners (i.e. only 3 players have won more than once)

It is hoped that prizes, including lucky draws, will be available before Christmas.

Gary

Women's Selectors

The Baywide Sevens team enjoyed some very tight competition in November playing at Gate Pa and Rotorua. They finished fourth, with only one win separating second and fourth places. A great effort in trying conditions



Sixteen Club members were disappointed with the cancellation of the Monday Interclub Fours early in the season through lack of entries from other clubs. Omanu entered two sides of eight which would have offered valuable experience to many of our non 'open tournament' players.

The Saturday Interclub Triples have three games remaining and competition is strong. Our Division A side are at this stage in second place and the Division B side are second equal. Well done and good luck

Monday Interclub Triples begins in January and runs over 7 weeks through to April. Two sides of six have been entered. We have attempted to include as many as possible of those regular players who have so far missed out on Interclub games. We are also encouraging some of our promising Directors to skip the teams.

The Teams are;

Side 1 Bev Murdoch, Sue Weal, Colleen Houghton
Joy Inch, Dale McLeod, Fay Coombes.

Side 2 Margaret Bromell, Bronwyn McMahon, Kath Steiner.

Pauline Bailey, June Gerrard, Gail Wood.

Thank you to all our players for their co-operation and support

Lynlie, June and Sue

Bar Report.

It is very pleasing to be able to report that the bar figures are well up on those for last year.

This was helped by the Club hosting a group of Te Puke school teachers last month for bowls and an Xmas social (Ed.



Now we know where our kids get it from!) Our bar received many favourable comments, especially about our prices, which was very pleasing.

We have bought new pourers for our range of spirits and moved them so they can be seen from the counter so are hoping they will become more popular. The move was needed because the original dispensers were past their use by date and some of them were leaking.

The bar would not be able to operate without our team of helpers and we welcome the new members to our volunteer team. By having a larger number of people available we are able to ensure that nobody is overburdened. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful running of the bar during the year.

The bar is an important social part of the Club as well as generating an income for us. There is a range of non- alcoholic drinks available and it is a good place to go over the good and bad shots you have made during your games.

Merry Xmas to everyone.

Graeme & Brenda

Rugby World Cup

Where would Graham Henry be now if *that* kick had missed (or the French kick hadn't?) Even more important, where would the rest of us be! It doesn't bear thinking about. However those things did not happen and we are World Champions for another four years



Twilight Bowls

We have had some very good Monday evenings with some visitors from Papamoa and quite a number of first time bowlers experiencing our wonderful greens. Just a reminder to members to come along. I can do with your support as skips for the casual players. Some dates you might like to come along are 26 December and 2 January, especially if you have visitors who would like to try outdoor bowls.

Club Programme

A reminder to all members, keep checking on events coming up or being cancelled (see outside blackboard). Put your entries in. The Men's Open Christmas Hams Fours on Monday, 19 December and the Men's Open 2x4x2 Pairs scheduled for 4 & 5 January are two to be aware of. The Champ Junior Singles for Men & Women is scheduled for 7/8 January and the Men's Champ Singles, Wednesday 18 & Saturday 21 January – two sessions if numbers warrant, otherwise just one day. The Women's Open 2x4x2 Pairs is scheduled for Tuesday, 24 January. Make sure you put your names down on the sheets for the Club events as well.

Jim Pratt

Greens Report

Recently our club has hosted two Women's Centre events and a section of the Men's Baywide. There was good feedback on playing surfaces of both greens. Thanks Geoff.

Welcome rain has been beneficial to the greens as members would have noticed. We have still some concern with damage to some rinks caused by *dumpers*. Club bowling arms are available for trial.

When rink pegs are in place for play or practice please do not move them. For example rinks 2, 5, 6, 7, means just that for play, giving rinks 1, 3 and 4 a chance to recover from wear and tear.

The sunshades on Decorators require some urgent attention. One supporting wire has broken and another has rusted. This replacement work will be undertaken prior to Christmas. The other three sunshades will need checking.

Maintenance is always ongoing to keep our club in tiptop condition.

John Jennings

Coaching

Grateful thanks to John Jennings for co-operation for the greens, when required, and Pat Andrews for helping with coaching, as she prepares for her NZ Coaching Certificate. It has been a pleasure to see how the new players are enjoying the game and responding to Coaching 'the NZ Way'.

Josephine Connolly.

Umpires Corner

The new laws seem to be generally accepted by all players. Your Club Umpires join me in wishing all members the very best for the festive season and new year.

Bev White

Editor's Comments

Thank you to those good people who contributed their material to this newsletter. They are the same hard-working folk who put their time into the Club, week-in week-out. On your behalf I thank them for all the good things they do for us. *Merry Christmas*

Ken

To end the year on a lighter note!

- I bet you I could stop gambling.
- I was born to be a pessimist. My blood type is B Negative.
- A liberal is just a conservative that hasn't been mugged yet
- I've been on so many blind dates, I should get a free dog.
- I wondered why the Frisbee was getting bigger, and then it hit me.
- There are two rules for success:
 1. Don't tell all you know.
- Never go to bed angry, stay awake and plot your revenge.
- Sacred cows make the best hamburgers.
- It's not who you know, it's whom you know.
- A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered drawer.
- Treat each day as your last; one day you will be right.
- Which one of these is the non-smoking lifeboat?
- Marriage is not a word. It's a sentence.
- I have been working 24/7 - 24 hours a week, 7 months a year.
- Originality is the art of concealing your sources.
- All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.
- Wear a watch and you'll always know what time it is. Wear two watches and you'll never be sure.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- Once there was Bob Hope, Johnny Cash and Steve Jobs. Now they've passed away there's no hope, no cash and no jobs.

See you all in the New Year - Ken