



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Everyone

The first two weeks in August saw continuing strong support for all Stadium events.

Again the Studholme Trophy Saturday afternoon event has proved a winner, BUT with just two exciting weeks of play to the finish and closure of the Stadium winter programme, YES!!! it happened again LOCKDOWN!!!!!! now until at least the end of August!!!

I'm sure we all agree that this Government decision is the correct one, but also that it really doesn't get any easier ?

Once the Board can hold their cancelled August meeting I'm sure our priority will be to address the issue on how best to complete the stadium programme - and in what form.

In the meantime, the lockdown is also delaying finishing of the laying process of our outdoor mat, and also our start of the summer programme. Again, the Board will advise what will happen here.

Normally, by now, the Board would have completed the list of members holding various responsibilities and circulated this to all members, but this also has been delayed. This hold up is another chance for us to ask you all to consider volunteering for our club which provides so much for all its members. Always remember, " that many hands make light work."

*Volunteers aren't paid,
not because they are worthless,
but because they are priceless.*

Positions needing to be filled include Studholme Trophy helpers, Stadium Controllers for weekly competitions, and a lawn mowing person.

As the Member's Handbook 2021-22 will be finalised in readiness for printing **very shortly**, everyone is advised to urgently advise of a change of address and or phone numbers.

By the end of the month annual subscriptions' should have been paid, and we will then have our membership numbers, which will be interesting to compare with last years.

One consolation appears is that when a Covid lockdown is in place, that the weather seems to oblige and warmer temperatures arrive. This is a welcome break for those of us all who can get outside and do a bit of gardening, or enjoy the arrival of spring growth and flowers and to enjoy a break from indoor activities.

I suggest it is a good time for us to remember some of our members who are by themselves and make a quick phone call, and chat and catch up. I'm sure it will be very much appreciated.

Take Care

Gaye Beattie (President)

FROM THE GREEN'S COMMITTEE

Hi everyone! from the Green's Committee.

With the Covid lockdown, all work on the new mat has stopped. When possible the installers will be back again to 'tighten' the top surface.

Please note that even if we move to Level 1 the **Green Will Remain CLOSED!** ... Please respect this, as the Green needs to settle and firm up

**CLUBHOUSE
CLOSED
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE**

Thanks

Ken Mitchell (for the Committee)

FROM THE STADIUM COMMITTEE

It was disappointing that because of the Covid Lockdown we lost the last two weeks of the Stadium season. Not only were the final two weeks of the Studholme Trophy lost but we are still to have our Closing Day, prize giving and the planned "Pea, Pied and Pub" dinner. Who knows what is going to happen in terms of Covid alert levels ? We'll just have to wait.

NEWS FLASH !

Congratulations to Alister Moore who has recently qualified as an Umpire.

He has successfully completed both on-line and practical sections of the Umpire's Exam and can now practice as an official Umpire.

The Club now has four Umpires - Peter Herbert, Stu Hurley, Rhonda Hurley and Alister.



FROM THE TREASURER

Payments for Subscriptions

If you have been unable to pay for your subscription through Online Banking before the end of August **do not panic.**



Covid has got in the way for payments via Eftpos or Cash. The reason for this is that we need to stay in our bubble at present and “close contact” is not permitted until we get down to Level 2. We can then arrange for the Clubhouse to be open for a certain time on a certain day. You will be notified when this will happen.

Please do not enter the Clubhouse in order to put cash “down the hole”. Hold on to it in the meantime.

Un-used Prepaid Stadium Sessions

Reimbursement for these will be delayed because it won't be possible for these to be collected just yet. It could tie in with the opening of the Clubhouse for payment of subs as mentioned above. Unfortunately, the current cards cannot be carried over to next year.

WiFi

We are going through the process of bringing WiFi to the Club. Chorus has been and done the scoping part of the process, and (Murphy's Law!) the day after Lockdown was announced we had to postpone the actual installation.

But...it will happen!



Kia kaha members !

Marilyn

FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

The following events depend on the mat being signed off and lockdown being lifted.

- Three rounds of Men's Champion Fours will be played on Sunday October 10th.
- Three rounds of Drawn Fours will be played on Sunday November 7th.
- Three rounds of Triples will be played on Sunday November 28th. One round of Triples need to be played before that.
- Entry forms will be put up in the shed when lockdown levels allow.
- Fours entries will close on 3rd October and the rest on 10th.
- Drawn fours entries will close later.

Fin McRae (Convenor)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Due to the uncertainty created by the Covid Lockdown and the installation of the new mat not having been completed, details of the Women's programme will not be circulated at this time.

Val Ransom (Convenor)

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER ROBIN GRIFFITHS

Editor: In 2015 Robin and Gaye Griffiths joined the Wanaka Bowling Club and at the last AGM Robin was elected onto the Board. After a bit of less subtle encouragement from the Editor Robin agreed to write something of his background. Thank you so much Robin.



Hi Folks,

As a new member to the Board Peter has asked me to write a brief biography of myself and family, certainly not one of my favourite tasks but let's just get on with it .

Gaye and I were both born and raised in the Maniototo where our families farmed for many years, educated at Kyeburn school which has long since gone, Otago Boys High as a boarder at Campbell House and then of course the 'Great School of Life' which continues on.

The family farming operation shifted to Lauriston Mid-Canterbury in 1964 and Gaye and I were married at First Church in Dunedin in July 1965. We have a family of three - Belinda, Andrew and Barbara and eight grandchildren who continually delight us.

Both my parents were keen bowlers and members of the Ashburton Domain Bowling Club. They persuaded me to take up bowls for a summer sport around the mid eighties. I played for a number of years and then had a break away from the game while we were busy converting and developing farms .

I eventually got back into bowls some years later as a member of the Rakaia club. Gaye joined me soon after where we continued to play until 2009 when we semi retired from farming and shifted to Akaroa. While we had been members of the Akaroa club on a casual basis for a number of years, we both soon became involved in all aspects of the club. I served as President for a period of three years and project managed the rebuild of the earthquake damaged clubrooms during the winter of 2012 . We both thoroughly enjoyed our time at the ABC, competing in the Ellesmere Sub-Centre competitions, making

many lasting friendships and great memories. In 2013 I was very honoured and humbled to be made a Life Member of the club. In 2015 we joined the Wanaka Bowling Club .

I am looking forward to being a member of the Wanaka Bowling Club Board and being able to make a contribution to maintaining the existing high standard of the overall operation and governance processes . Given that the Wanaka population is expected to double in the next 30 years and that the demographics are likely to include a high percentage of active retiree's, certainly augurs well for the future of the Club . It will of course come with its challenges of continuing to maintain and upgrade the facilities and as we are experiencing unprecedented change in our daily lives which are rapidly becoming the new normal. The Club will need to further consider the welfare and safety of its members while continuing to provide a welcoming and enjoyable environment to meet and compete in. I'm sure we are all looking forward to and excited about the pending commissioning of the new mat and actually getting to play on it . Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable and successful bowling season .

Kind regards

Robin Griffiths

STADIUM EVENTS RESULTS

Neil Studholme Trophy

It's been a great competition this year and such a shame that the last two 'finals' days were unable to be played because of the present Covid lockdown.

Final Points: Meadowstone 71, Mt Albert 71, Hawea Blue 67, Beacon Point 49, Pembroke Heights 49, Rippon/West Meadows 49, Hawea Gold 32, Village 25

As you can see, points as on 14 August after 20 games were an organiser's nightmare to find the top 5 teams, with the top place being shared by Meadowstone and Mt Albert on 71 points and three further teams, Beacon Point, Pembroke Heights and Rippon/West Meadows locked together at 49 points.

A meeting was subsequently held where a committee worked through all the statistics from the 20 games and decided on the rankings of the 'tied' teams and produced a draw for the 'playoffs' - that have not happened.

TOP FOUR

1. Meadowstone v 4. Beacon Point
2. Mt Albert v 3. Hawea Blue

BOTTOM FOUR

5. Pembroke v 8. Village
6. Rippon West Meadows v 7. Hawea Gold

Edgewater Cup

Monday Evening Club Night: Generously Sponsored by Edgewater Resort.

Organisers Ken Mitchell and Tom Malcolm report that this winter 16 nights were played, only missing the last night with the interruption of the Covid Lockdown.

There was a good attendance of members, with a waiting list each night. In all 54 Club Members participated during the season.

Only one person attended all 16 evenings.

Ken and Tom thank all those who have helped in any way, .. and once again have made Monday Night Stadium bowls a success.

The winner of the Edgewater Cup will be announced at Prizegiving on Closing Day.

Regards

Ken & Tom

Men's Fours Tournament (Faulks Trophy)

One of the winter season's major tournaments was held on Tuesday 3 August- the Men's Invitational Fours for the Faulks Trophy sponsored by Honda Wanaka. This involved eight men's fours teams from Clyde, Cromwell, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Hawea and Wanaka.

The results were extremely close and differentials of scores had to be used to separate the top two teams. Only 4 points separated the top 4 teams.

In the end, the composite team of Don Urquhart(skip) (Hawea), Ken Allison (Wanaka), Bob Steel (Wanaka), Neville Roberts (Hawea) ran out the winners with 86 points - differential + 29



Donald Urquhart, Morgan King (Honda Wanaka), Bob Steel, Ken Allison, Neville Roberts

In second place was the Wanaka team of Don Cameron(s), Murray Finn, Ewan Miller, George Cameron. They also had 86 points but a lesser differential of 19.

Third place belonged to Peter Bannerman's Clyde team of Geoff Hurst, Jeff Bell and Trevor Wooller who scored 85 points.

Fourth place was taken by Peter Herbert's Wanaka team of Derek Hope, Pat Traynor and John Maddison on 83 points. Going into the last game Peter Herbert's team looked well placed to win the tournament but their game fell right away and so did the title. That's bowls!

Mixed Fours Tournament (Hebbard Trophy)

Wanaka Bowling Club Stadium tournaments are always extremely well supported, so it was not surprising that the Hebbard Trophy Mixed Fours sponsored by Alison & Bruce Hebbard, held on Thursday 12 August had a full entry of 10 teams.

What a great day the bowlers had. Some games went down to the wire being decided by the last few bowls, or even the last bowl.

After the four games were played, Marilyn Steel's team was one of two teams that remained unbeaten. They were in some trouble in their second game, but managed to snatch a win from Bill Turnbull's team by scoring a 2 on the last end to win 6-5.

Kyle McGowan's Hawea team was also unbeaten with 3 wins and a draw. A very consistent effort.

Murray Finn's team just clinched third place by one point from Donald Urquhart's Hawea team.

- 1st: Marilyn Steel (s), Bob Steel, Val Ransom, Bob McLeary (104 points)
- 2nd: Kyle McGowan (s), Ethan Flynn, Jeanette McGowan, Karen Woolley (95 points)
- 3rd: Murray Finn (s), Ken Mitchell, Madeleine Wilson, Kathryn Mitchell (75 points)



Bob McLeary, Val Ransom, Alison Hebbard, Marilyn Steel, Bob Steel

BOWLS NZ

North v South Bowls Postponed

The North (Te Ika-Māui) versus South (Te Waipounamu) Bowls Challenge has been postponed.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty around the country's Alert Level status, the North v South event that was to have taken place September 3-5 in Dunedin has been **POSTPONED**.

Auckland will be in lockdown (Alert Level Four) until at least Wednesday 1st September meaning that a September 3-5 event in Dunedin is not possible.

Bowls New Zealand is currently working on a rescheduled North v South event (to take place at Hopes Dunedin Lawn Bowls Stadium, Dunedin) mid-late November 2021 or early December 2021

TEST YOUR BOWLS KNOWLEDGE

Rhonda Hurley is a qualified Umpire and she has provided a series of question and answer sheets that have been used at past NZ Umpire courses. When you have decided on your answer you can look at the official answer on the last page of the newsletter.

Q.1: After 7 ends of a Pairs game the players cannot agree on the score. The skip in team "A" and the lead in team "B" have been keeping the score cards. They call for the Umpire. How should the Umpire handle the problem ?

Q.2: A player plays an opponent's bowl by mistake. The bowl touches the jack and both the bowl and the jack enter the ditch. What should happen ?

Q.3: A bowl delivered on rink 3, while on its original course and running on a correct bias, collides with a bowl which is at rest on rink 2. What should happen

TIME TO LAUGH

Dolly and the Queen

Dolly Parton and the Queen end up at the Pearly Gates on the same day. They are both met with an Angel to find out if they would be admitted to Heaven.

The Angel said, "Unfortunately , there's only one space in Heaven today so I must decide which of you will be admitted".

The Angel asked Dolly if there was some particular reason why she should go to Heaven. Dolly took off her top and said, "Look at these, they're the most perfect breasts God ever created and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day for eternity."

The Angel thanked Dolly, and asked the Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the same question. The Queen merely walked over to a toilet , pulled the lever and flushed it without saying a word. The Angel immediately said, "OK, Your Majesty, you may enter Heaven."

Dolly was outraged and asked, "What was that all about...? I showed you two of God's own perfect creations and you turned me down. The Queen merely flushed a toilet and she was admitted to Heaven...! Would you please explain that to me...?"

"Sorry Dolly", said the Angel, "but even here in Heaven, a 'royal flush' beats 'a pair' - no matter how big they are....!"



3 Irish men in a pub called Mick, Pat and Tat. The barman says "Are you all related?" Mick said "Yeah we're triplets!" Barman said "Triplets!, how come you and Pat are 6ft tall and Tat is only 4ft tall?", "Well!" said Mick "Me and Pat were breast fed so there was no tit for Tat!"

THE LAST WORD

ANSWERS TO BOWLS QUESTIONS

Q.1: Try to resolve the problem by going through the cards with each skip to identify where any discrepancies occur. When the discrepancies have been identified, try to get the skips to agree on how to resolve them. **Note:** Either both Skips or both Leads should have been keeping the score card

Q.2: Replace the opponent's bowl with the player's own bowl and mark it as a toucher. Then place indicators on the bank to mark the positions of the jack and bowl

Q.3: The procedure on rink 3 should be :-

- If the bowl has not disturbed the head, it should be replayed
- If the bowl has disturbed the head, the skips should agree how to replace the head and then have the displaced bowl replayed. If they cannot agree, the end should be declared dead

A FINAL WORD TO MEMBERS

If you have any interesting material that we could possibly use in future newsletters please give it to Peter or Madeleine Wilson. You can contact us on publicity.wanakabowls@gmail.com or secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com or you can see us personally at bowls or phone us on 443 4045.