



NEWSLETTER

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Publicity Pete's Final Newsletter

Thank you Gaye for giving me the opportunity to share a few thoughts with you all as I retire from being your Publicity Officer after 11 years. I really do appreciate the opportunity.

What an awful day this is - the day that I hoped would never occur. It so happened that I really have loved my 'retirement job' and the lovely people I have worked with and I'm going to miss working with you all hugely!

I nearly didn't take up bowls as my knees did not allow me to deliver anything recognisable as a 'bowl'. Had I continued I would have been called 'Super Dumper Pete' and run off the premises by the green keeper.

Peter Herbert, though, told me about 'bowling arms' and before too long I was often addressed as 'Stick Man'! or something even less polite. At first I felt a bit different and sometimes heard comments like 'gives him an advantage', 'should be banned'. Oh Yea! As more and more bowlers have turned to 'bowling arms' there now seems a more tolerant attitude towards their use.

Mads and I joined the club in 2011. The Club appeared to run smoothly, however, as a career educationalist, it seemed to me that it wasn't always that easy to find information. To me ensuring that members were kept up to date about all aspects of the Club's operation, programmes and activities should be a priority.

President Norman Hewett said 'give it a go' and shortly after, a fairly 'rough around the edges' newsletter was produced after all sorts of technological problems had to be sorted out. That was 110 editions ago - all produced with the help of my wonderful proof reader / censor Mads.

At that time as far as feedback from members was concerned, the most common one was "I liked the joke" but overall it was pretty encouraging. Talking of jokes, I am so grateful to our good friend Roy Tempero for his regular supply of jokes from which I have selected for



the newsletter - and Mad's sometimes rejects with a very definite "NO!".

A few years later President Ewan Miller suggested that we needed a mid-week news-sheet for urgent notices and the upcoming week's bowling programme and "Roll Up" was born.

Shortly after Kerry Suckling and I started to develop a website for the Club and when Kerry left Wanaka I continued to develop the various sections. Over the next few years the development and maintenance of the website became a sizeable job in itself and it was a big relief two years ago when Barbara Wilson agreed to take over the responsibility - and what a great job she has done.

There is so much I have enjoyed about the job, but one stands out. Bill Hodge, who was a wonderful coach, encouraged me to put together a handbook for newer bowlers as there was little available for them. A year later 'Getting Started' was published, and now in it's 4th printing and hundreds of copies have been sold to clubs and individual bowlers throughout the country. Our new bowlers all receive a free copy as part of their first year's subscription.

So why I am retiring? Over the past four years I have had an almost continuous run of health issues that have had the effect of increasingly 'distancing' me from the Club and you good people. By not bowling, travelling away in cars for Pennants, socialising etc I have lost contact with 'what's happening'.

Writing the Newsletter has become increasingly difficult because I have simply 'lost touch'. Only because I have had huge help from friends in the Club have I been able to put together the Newsletter, but the time involved in putting it all together has multiplied. Take into account my health issues and a vastly reduced energy level and you'll appreciate my struggles.

Simply said, 'my tanks are empty'.

I just want to say that I have loved the job and found it so incredibly rewarding - and that feeling remains. It has been 'a job in the million' and even though all our club workers are unpaid - the richness of the experience is pay enough.

To Gaye and the Board and my 'bowling buddies' who I have worked so closely with - and who have kept me afloat in more recent times - you are just the best people and I would not have survived this long had it not been for your help and encouragement.

Unsurprisingly, I must put my partner in life - Mads - at the very top. As well as being a very busy Secretary, she also increasingly has worked 24/7 to keep me going through thick and thin. I am truly spoiled rotten.

Now I will have more time to savour the joys of being spoilt rotten.

All the very best to you all, especially the new Publicity Officer, who we hope will get every support from members.

Good bowling !

Pete



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Everyone

It is an anxious time for us all as we hear of the large number of Covid cases in our area, but also a good reminder to us all when going to play bowls , to practise recommended outdoor non-contact practice.

Please don't attend if unwell, practise safe distancing, & although the Board stopped short of making masks indoors mandatory, please **do wear your mask** if you are not having any refreshments.

ALSO remember to scan in on your phone or manually.

At the February Board Meeting, it was pleasing to hear from our Treasurer how well the Club has been performing, considering big expenses i.e. new Mat, and despite Covid restrictions.

The Board has approved a further step in the bar refurbishment, by updating and replacing the cooling system, which is very outdated and could fail at any time.

Representative players from the Club are to be advised when selected of the Club's rules of eligibility for grants when travel is involved.

Club Championships continue to be completed.

Congratulations to Barbara Wilson who won the Central Otago Junior Championship Women's Singles.

To local Junior Women's Pairs winners Jo Stock and Holly Davies - "congratulations" and well done Margaret Parker and Raewyn Hall, the runners up.

Many thanks to Jan and Kate our wonderful catering team and their helpers who stepped in to help out with morning tea refreshments after the funeral of our club member Kathleen Sutherland.

Also Robyn Griffiths and his team for all the chair and tables removal and replacement, thank you all, for a job well done.

We were all very saddened to hear of Kathleen's passing, another of our wonderful stalwart members, who gave much to our club .

When I first started playing, Kathleen, was the specialist Lead for what the local ladies called "the local's dream team", consisting of Kathleen, Fran Duncan Rhonda Hurley and Delma Guy, and they were indeed a formidable team.

Kathleen regularly attended club day, was often seen in the kitchen and even if unable to play, arrived to maintain and share her wonderful friendship with everyone.

It was with much sadness that the Board accepted Peter Wilson's resignation from his position of Publicity Officer, due his failing health.

This was a particularly difficult decision for Peter, as his amazing dedication and passion he held for this job was undeniable.

He undertook it all extremely professionally and his contribution to our club through this position has been enormous.

We wish Peter all the best for achieving and being able to enjoy better health, in the near future.

We now must move forward, with full realization that our Newsletters and Roll Ups will never be the same, **BUT**, there need be no comparison at all, for any new holder of this important role, as they will bring their own style.

An urgent plea has gone out to all members to give sincere and earnest thought into helping out in this position which is vacant immediately and also other positions that will require filling at the next AGM.

In conclusion, I ask you all to be reminded that what you get out of life you should put back.

You all will be able to be kept informed after this last Newsletter produced by Peter, via your extremely well detailed Handbook and Central Otago Programme, and **PLEASE** all look at the wonderful Wanaka Bowling Club website created by our Web Master Barbara Wilson. www.wanakabowls.org contains everything you really need to know on club activities, programmes etc. Till next time, take care

Gaye Beattie President



FROM THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY

The Herbert Trophy 5pm 2x4x2 Mixed Pairs Tournament

This is set down for Thursday evening 17th March. As it is St Patricks Day we will make it a fun night. Please come dressed in something green and we will have 'green' prizes and who knows maybe 'green' food.

A sheet is on the main notice board for names. Grab yourself a partner or just put your name up and I'm sure somebody will put their's beside yours. \$10 entry fee.

2016 St Patrick's Day
Photograph

FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Women's Match Committee Convenor Val Ransom has the following reminders for all lady bowlers:



Club Days

- Club Days are now back to the afternoon 1.15pm for 1.30pm start, beginning on Wednesday 2nd with Ferns.
- Club Day on the 16th is Women's Triples playing for the Hodge/Godby Trophies starting at 12.30pm with a subway lunch. Hawea join us for the Godby Trophy.

Veteran Ladies (Over 70's) tournament is on Thursday 24th at 1.30pm with high tea to follow. Sheets on the board for these tournaments for names please. Both are club house draws.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jo Stock for being selected to play for Central Otago in the Lex Kimber Tournament at South Canterbury on 5/6 March.

Interclub

We have two interclub days this month on 8th at RSA/Cromwell and 29th at Wanaka/Queenstown/Clyde.

Results to 15 February

Pairs

1. Queenstown	30.50
2. RSA	23.00
3= Wanaka	22.67
3= Alexandra	22.67
5. Omakau	22.00
6. Roxburgh	21.00

Fours

1. Queenstown	15.50
2. Roxburgh	14.00
3. RSA	10.50
4. Wanaka	9.75
5. Arrowtown	9.00
6. Hawea	8.00

7. Hawea	17.00	7. Cromwell	7.67
8. Clyde	16.50	8. Alexandra	6.67
9. Maniototo	16.00	9. Clyde	5.50
10= Arrowtown	12.00	10. Omakau	5.00
10= Cromwell	12.00	11. Maniototo	4.00

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Championships

- Championship Junior Singles are still under way with a potential final to be played on Sunday 6 March at 9.30am between Barbara Willson (2 lives) and Bev Mee (1 life).
- Games are still to be played to finalise the Women's Open Pairs.
- The Women's Open Singles are set down for 1st and 3rd March

Championship Junior Pairs 1-5yrs

Margaret Parker and Raewyn Hall (2 lives) and Jo Stock and Holly Davies (1 life) were the last two teams left in the competition but Jo and Holly had levelled the ground when they beat Margaret and Raewyn in the Potential Final.

In the final playoff Jo and Holly got away to a flying start by leading 7-0 after 3 ends. Margaret and Raewyn came back strongly, winning the next 2 ends to trail 5-7.

Despite Margaret and Raewyn winning occasional ends and making every effort, Jo and Holly's ability to regularly score heavily took it's toll and at 23-11 the match was discontinued.



Jo Stock and Holly Davies

Photo by Val Ransom

CENTRAL OTAGO CENTRE TITLE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Barbara Wilson who won the 1-5yr Singles Centre Tournament at Queenstown on 12 February.

Barbara, Jo Stock and Bev Mee all entered in this tournament on the Saturday along with many other juniors from around Central. They played 4 games of 1hr 15min and then the top 4 qualified for the semi finals. The two winners of the semi finals then played each other.

Barbara won all her 4 matches in the qualifying rounds and then went on to win her semi-final and final.

Barbara played Donna Callaghan from Clyde in the final. It was a great game but Barbara was determined, fought hard and came out the winner. She had tears of joy at the end and couldn't believe she had actually done it. Well done Barbara. Barbara is down at our green every day and all that practice has paid off.

Barbara's photo by Val Ransom
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS



Fin McRae (Men's Match Committee Convenor) has provided a summary of where the Men's Club Championships are at the present time.:

Open Fours: Richie Muir has two lives and Ewan Miller has one but will not be played until Ewan recovers from his knee surgery.

Open Singles: These are at semi final stage. Muir has two lives and has to play Frank Ruddiman on one side and Todd Swain on the other.

Junior Singles: Bob Steel plays Mark Daniels tomorrow morning and the winner will play Frank Ruddiman in the final. All have one life.

Junior Pairs:

The next match in the Junior pairs will be a potential final with Bob Steel and Bob McLeary having two lives and Mark Daniels and Frank Ruddiman having one life.

Men's Saturday Pennants

Standings as at 26 February 2022

Division 1: Clyde 71, Hawea 66, Arrowtown 63, Bannockburn 55, **Wanaka 54**, Alexandra 51, Roxburgh 44, Omakau 40, RSA 38, Cromwell 38, Queenstown 23

Standings as at 26 February 2022

Division 2: Alexandra 61, Clyde 57, Cromwell 55, Bannockburn 54, **Wanaka 50**, Arrowtown 48, RSA 46, Roxburgh 44, Omakau 44, Queenstown 35, Hawea 28

Men's Mid Week Pennants

Standings after Round 10 at Bannockburn - 23 February.

- Bannockburn. 64%
- Arrowtown. 53%
- Queenstown. 48%
- Hawea. 46%
- Cromwell. 36%
- **Wanaka. 31%**

THIS AND THAT

NEW GREEN FLOODING

Early on in the year the new green was found to have pools of water after heavy rain and Men's Pennants had to be cancelled.

On Saturday, 19 February, it was an extremely wet day and a group of stalwarts applied detergent to the green to see if it would improve the drainage problem. It looked cleaner, but Stu is certain areas, which the contractors.

Arrangements are a trip by Berry's staff



unsure about the 'ponding' in is also a mystery to Berrys -

currently being formulated for to fix the problem.

COACHING

Club coaches Peter Herbert (Ph 443 4480), Ewan Miller (Ph 265 3010), Tom Malcolm (443 5266) and Geoff Thomas (443 2892) will be more than happy to offer coaching sessions for any members. If you want to arrange a coaching session please contact Peter, Ewan, Tom or Geoff.

TIME TO LAUGH

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid.

Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him there was a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea of her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the doctor, "stand about 15 metres away from her, and speak in a normal conversational speaking tone to see if she hears you. If she doesn't hear you, move to 10 metres away, then five metres away, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner, and her husband was in the den. He said to himself, "I'm about 15 metres away, let's see what happens."

Then in a normal tone, he asked, 'Honey, what's for dinner?' No response. So, the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 10 metres from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no response.

Next, he moves into the dining room where he is about five metres from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, no response.

So he walks up to the kitchen door, about three metres away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, there is no response. So, he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

"Glenn, for the FIFTH time, it's chicken !"

Stop Press: Rhonda Hurley defeated Marilyn Steel 21-17 in the final of the Women's Senior Singles. More details in the next newsletter. All congrats to Rhonda.