



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greeting Everyone

The Bowling Calendar in October was very full, and I'm sure many members were very glad when they had a day off the green.

Men's and Ladies Club Days have been very well attended, and those attending Pennant and Interclub events have represented our club with good results.

The ladies championship events are underway, and if all the championships are as keenly fought and provide such a great standard of bowls as the Ladies Fours final, which was held on October 28th, then we are in for some very good encounters.

I watched most of the two days bowls as the teams progressed through the 2 life system, and it was so very pleasing to see many participating for the first or second time, displaying very good bowling techniques and providing some very good competition for all opponents.

The Men's Fours are underway on Sunday 7th November and I wish all competitors good bowling and keenly fought games.

Notes from the last Board Meeting:

The club house now has Wi-Fi so we can use our devices there

Wi-Fi Name: SPARK -X2XC23

Wi-Fi PASSWORD : BashfulQuail94JJ



The new Mat was stretched on 21st October. The seams, which are causing some concern for the contractors, will be re assessed in the near future, but in the meantime it should be played on as much as possible.

Green keeper Stu Hurley will be keeping us all informed.

Booking Liaison Officer Margaret Young and her helper Raewyn Robertson have a very full calendar of social events booked for the next six weeks. Please try and make yourself available to help if you're asked.

The Studholme Trophy Stadium finals events have been cancelled and final placing's have been established, and advised and vouchers will be awarded to these teams. Due to Covid this popular event came to a sudden and unwelcome finish.

The Board welcomed the offer from Marilyn Steel to manage a coaching programme for the ladies members. This plan was to encourage members to become more involved in the clubs activities. Marilyn said it would be low key and fun.

The Board has agreed to the purchase of a new and larger chiller display cabinet for the bar. This will be stage one of the Bars refurbishment. The delivery is some way off, but it's pleasing to report this progress.

The new Member's Handbook, which again has been delayed due to Covid, will be available at the beginning of November. It's on its way to Wanaka, left Auckland Friday 29th October. Having seen the proof I'm very excited to actually see it, and hope you all see the new look professional quality as a huge improvement. Grateful thanks to Val Ransom for the huge hours she has dedicated to this project.

The Kia Toa Bowling Club, from Hawkes Bay, visited on 29th October and this was a huge success. The visiting club played against and with our Friday Progressive bowlers, who did an amazing job of hosting. The weather was perfect and the compliments about the scenery surrounding our amazing facilities were a plenty, not to mention the compliments about the five star afternoon tea spread supplied by members, plus sandwiches by Jan and Kate. The cakes, squares, and baking delights looked equal to any bake off TV entry. Thanks to Gordon, Jim & Pat, & all their members for organizing this event and for showing tremendous southern hospitality.



The Hawkes Bay spokesperson in his complimentary speech made special mention of Gwen and Ron Hannam who were keen members of their club before retiring. Ron is a Life Member of our Wanaka Club and Gwen's name appears frequently on our honour boards.

Last month I started including a separate piece from our Strategic plan, I hope you enjoyed last months information on the Club's Awards Criteria? This month I'm not including anything because the Board are having a Special Meeting to work to finalise many sections.

In conclusion I'm sending a special message to a special lady on a very special 90th birthday she will celebrate this month with friends and family, HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dorothy Ollerenshaw.

Kind wishes to you all

President Gaye



FROM THE GREEN'S SUPERVISOR

Stu Hurley has provided the following report on steps being taken to improve the performance of the new mat.

On Thursday 21 October Steve from Berrys and myself stretched the new mat to try to increase the playing speed and the amount of draw as it has been disappointingly heavy and narrow.

Both the pace and the draw have improved a little but there is still some way to go yet, and still several straighteners and bumps to hopefully remedy.

The stretching equipment is here on site and the plan is to have a further attempt on a hot day soon. With the right conditions I feel we can make a significant improvement.

In the meantime we are still able to play what needs to be played.



Trades Bowls Teams Wanted

Further message from Stu Hurley:

Trades Bowls starts Tuesday 16 November at 6pm with six evenings before Christmas and six more from mid-January to late February. \$10 per head includes barbecue and prizes.

Unlike most years, we are two teams short.

If any club member knows of a group, business or individual person who would like to become involved in this very enjoyable way to spend a Tuesday evening, please contact Stu Hurley - 021 0270 7753

FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Championships

- Entries for the Men's Champion Fours close on Sunday 31 October.
- A reminder that all men's matches must be played by the due date.
- Junior Singles and Pairs draws are up on the wall

Saturday Pennants

Please ensure that your names for Saturday Pennants are up by 5pm on Wednesdays. You can also text Fin (027 286 6926) if you want your name put up for any Saturday.

Wednesday Pennants

Play will start at 1.15pm (not 1.30pm) and there will be one game of 1 hour 20 minutes then afternoon tea and then another game of 1 hour 20 minutes against a different team and you will not play against another Wanaka team.

Fin McRae (Convenor)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

As Women's Match Convenor Val Ransom reports, the women have had a very busy month with much more to come.

Pink For A Day

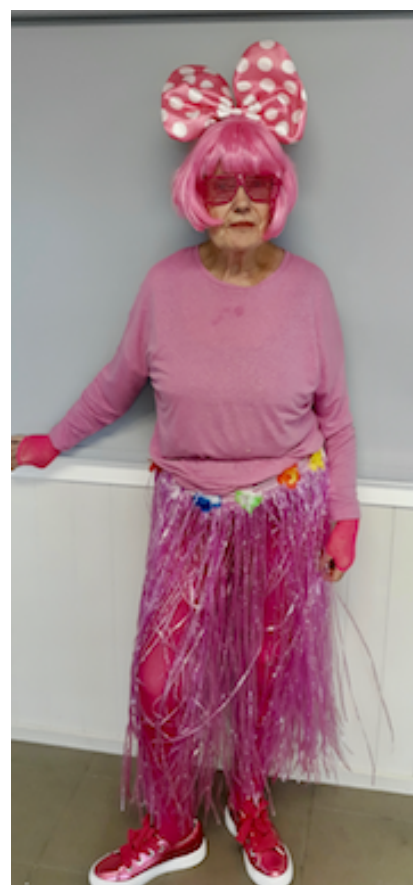
October has proved to be busy. We had 2 interclub days away and our last club day for the month was "Pink for a Day" to promote breast cancer where ladies dressed in pink with a pink afternoon tea and made a donation to breast cancer. Prizes were awarded for a few fun things while playing and Jill Hill won 'best dressed'. \$368 was raised. Well done ladies for a very worthwhile cause.



Nic McDonald, Shona Jarvie (Cancer Society), Kathryn Mitchell

Championship Fours

Championship Fours were also played during last week. See report on page 6.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Pip Kiddey and Jo Stock for being selected to play for Central Otago against Southland at Invercargill on 17 October.

In November we have 3 Inter-club days with the first one being at Wanaka/Omakau. Sheets are on the notice board for Tuesday 9th November Roxburgh/Cromwell and Tuesday 23 November Hawea/Clyde. Please don't hesitate to put your name up so we don't need to pester everyone.

Championship Pairs and Triples

Championship Triples are on 18 and 25 November and Championship Pairs are on 30 November and 5 December. There are lists on the notice board for teams.

Women's Club Days

Lastly remember Women's Club Days start every Wednesday at 1.15pm for 1.30pm. Please note that in December Club Days time will change to 9.15am for 9.30am for 3 months as it gets very hot in the afternoons to play.

STADIUM BOWLS 2021

Studholme Trophy 2021

Ed: Marg Young is undoubtedly the 'Big Chief' of Stadium Bowls. Who better, to tell us about how the last weeks of the season unfolded.

The Studholme Trophy got off to a quiet start, but as the games progressed more spectators came to watch and follow their respective area teams and enjoy the social hour at the end of the day.

The semi- finals and finals were all set up to be held on 21st and 28th August. Then 'Covid' arrived.

Bugger!!!!

When I spoke to everyone on the night of August 14, after Round 20, I was unable to announce the draw for the semi-final, only able to give the points of the teams.

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

Never before have we had points as close. This showed how close the first three teams were, and also, the following three teams. A great result.

The headache began. What to do next!!!! Thankfully I had all the cards.

Our committee met and the final scores were based on wins and bonus points. Added up, the final results are.

Meadowstone 1st, Mt Albert 2nd, Hawea Blue 3rd, Beacon Point 4th, Pembroke Heights 5th, Rippon West Meadows 6th, Hawea Gold 7th, Village 8th.



In the case of drawn results, attention will have to be given to the scoring system, No.13 in the Competition Format, before next year.

Now we are into the Summer Bowls Season and still in Covid Level 2, it has been decided to award the top four teams with their vouchers.

Meadowstone \$150, Mt Albert \$100, Hawea Blue \$75, Beacon Point \$50. I hope the teams enjoy their winnings in an enjoyable social setting.

I would like to thank my committee for their work and time during the winter season and to all bowlers for their participation, making each day run smoothly, and patience re the results.

Fingers crossed, 2022 winter season will finally get started and finished!!!!

Good bowling to all this Summer.

Marg Young (Convenor Studholme Trophy

RESULTS

Women's Club Championship Fours

What an absolute cracker of a competition this was with a pleasing eight teams participating over two days (Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 October). It was so good to see some of our less experienced players involved and really enjoying the experience. The big bonus was the beautiful weather on both days, although for those playing through on Day 2 it was a real physical challenge under the Wanaka sun.

In the end it came down to two teams, that ended up playing each other three times over the two days. They were:

- Marilyn Steel(s), Amy Swain, Judy Briggs and Sally Angus
- Alison Hebbard(s), Val Ransom, Elaine Herbert, Yvonne Gale

After post section play Marilyn was unbeaten and Alison had one life left so the next game was a potential final.

What a 'turn around'. Alison's team worked so well together winning a succession of ends to be up 9-2 after 8 ends and clinching the game 14-8. All square !

The 'final' as it was, can only be described as being 'riveting' with Alison building a lead of 8-1 after 6 ends. Marilyn's team then galvanised into action winning the next three ends to lead 9-8 after 9 ends. Game on ! So it came to the last end with the score 11-11. It could have gone either way with Yvonne Gale's shot bowl the target. At first Amy then Marilyn tried to move the jack through to their waiting bowls. It wasn't for the lack of trying, but all their efforts came to nothing and Alison's team retained the title they won in 2020 and are Women's Champion Fours team for 2021-22.

For those good people who had sat and watched this and other games this was a reminder that bowls is a very exciting game and these two teams are to be congratulated on turning on such a wonderful final that can only be described as a cliff-hanger.



Elaine Herbert, Alison Hebbard, Yvonne Gale, Val Ransom

Centre Women's Triples

The Central Otago Centre Women's Triples Championship were held over the weekend October 9-10 at the Alexandra Bowling Club. Twelve Central Otago teams were entered, including some very experienced teams and previous title holders making for very hard fought games and a tough competition.

Congratulations to our two local Wanaka teams who excelled themselves, by one team bringing home the Central Otago title and the other Wanaka team being placed 3rd equal.

Amy Swain skipped the title winning Wanaka team with Jo Stock and Barbara Wilson and played the very accomplished Queenstown team of Deb Lloyd(s), Andrea Dowman and Kath Mann in the final.

Wanaka got off to a great start, scoring 9 points in the first three ends. The game evened up somewhat in the middle part of the game but Wanaka again opened up the gap and Queenstown conceded on the 17th end with the final score of 23-12.



Amy Swain (s), Jo Stock, Barbara Wilson
Photo per Central Otago Bowls

This was a very special moment for Amy, Jo and Barbara, each receiving their first Central Otago Centre title. They played extremely well against a more experienced Queenstown team, keeping up the pressure. They kept their composure and worked very well as a team - and now they are deserving title holders with their names on the trophy.

The other Wanaka team of Marg Young(s), Rhonda Hurley and Marilyn Steel also made it as far as the semi-finals, finishing equal third with Alexandra. This same Wanaka team had actually won the title in 2019. A big 'Well Done' to both our teams. *Thanks to Marilyn Steel for her assistance in making this report.*

Omakau Bowls3Five Tournament

Our very busy Treasurer Marilyn Steel provided this report. Thanks Marilyn and well done the 'Wanaka Rockets'.

At Labour Weekend Richie (Muir), Tom (Malcolm) and I took part in the annual Bowls3Five tournament held in Omakau, well sponsored by Vincent Farms. The tournament originated 3 years ago and we have been to each year. This year we had our best result, coming runners-up.

The format keeps everyone involved for two whole days. Six games on the Saturday, after which we were 8th in the standing out of 16. Another two games Sunday morning and we had advanced to 4th which put us into the top section of 4 for a 'round robin' contest in the afternoon. We ended up in the final against Trevor Drake, Lynley O'Callaghan and Trevor Ludlow (all Alexandra) which they won on a tie-break.



Tom Malcolm, Marilyn Steel, Richie Muir

The weather, the hospitality of the Omakau Club, the company, and of course the bowls, made for a very enjoyable weekend.

Men's Mid-Week Tournaments

The first mid-week tournament of the season was held at Cromwell on Wednesday 6 October.

- 1st Bannockburn
- 2nd Wanaka (R.Muir, S.Hurley, K.Mitchell, F.Beardsley)
- 3rd Cromwell
- 4th Wanaka (M.Finn, A.Moore, I.McGregor, B.McLeary)

Bannockburn was the venue for the second mid-week tournament held on Wednesday 20 October.

- 1st Wanaka (R.Muir, S.Hurley, K.Mitchell, F.Beardsley)
- 2nd Queenstown
- 3rd Hawea
- 4th Cromwell

Men's Saturday Pennants

Standings as at 16 October.

Division 1: Clyde 80, Arrowtown 75, Omakau 71, **Wanaka 71**, Hawea 50, Bannockburn 50, Alexandra 40, Cromwell 38, Roxburgh 21, RSA 21, Queenstown 0

Division 2: Alexandra 66, Clyde 66, Cromwell 59, **Wanaka 57**, Arrowtown 53, Bannockburn 50, Omakau 46, Roxburgh 45, RSA 36, Queenstown 0

Men's Club Day 'Old Mug' Tournament

The first "Old Mug" tournament for the season was held on Monday 4 October with 24 members playing Triples. Although there were a few spits of rain mid afternoon, all games were completed.

- 1st Ken Muir(s), Roger Marshall, Mel Campbell 72 pts
- 2nd Mike Bridgland(s), Jim Feehly, Roy Tempero 71 pts
- 3rd Mark Daniels(s), Terry Outram, Ian McGregor 50 pts (on differential)
- 4th Geoff Thomas(s), Dave Minson, Arthur Bryan (Peter Wilson game 3) 50 pts



Roger Marshall, Mel Campbell, Ken Muir

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.

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: A toucher n the ditch is moved by another toucher as it enters the ditch. What should happen ?

Q.2: A bowl in its original course comes in contact with several bowls in the head before coming into contact with one of the player's feet. What should happen ?

Q.3: During the course of an end, the players realise that the mat is not on the centre line of the rink - when positioning the mat the lead had aligned it with the support of the scoreboard instead of the centre-of-rink marker. What should happen ?

THIS AND THAT

Mark Daniels

Ed: Mark joined the Club as a Stadium Member this year and is now a full member. I have asked Mark to tell us all something about his background, how he got into bowls and what has brought him to Wanaka. Thank you Mark.

I grew up on a farm in Levin as the youngest of 3 boys. I started my sales and marketing career in Wellington for the very kiwi company - Watties. I moved to the UK and spent a good number of years living in London then later Italy and Spain. Having had my fill of Europe I took the long road back to Auckland. Back in NZ I took on the role as an account manager for Sky City Casino Group. Within a year I was moved to China to help develop integrated casino resorts in Macau. I did this for 10 years before moving to Singapore to head up the casino development team for Asia.



After 2 years my partner Mila and I decided we had enough of the corporate rat race so we hired a camper van and toured the South Island looking for our little piece of paradise - which was 'hands down' Wanaka. Covid stopped our plans to move here in 2020.

Sadly, during this period my father, who was an avid bowler, passed away, so I took up bowls to keep my mum company at Orewa Bowls Club. I soon got hooked on the game and the great people you meet.

Mila and I purchased a small section in Northlake this year and we will build our home next year. We love living in Wanaka as the community is full of great people who have a great story to tell. We wish we had come here years ago. I am about to open a small adventure business focusing on Ebikes and walks in and around our lovely region.

Mila and I would also like to thank everyone at Wanaka Bowls Club for making us feel so welcome.

Ed: The pleasure is all ours Mark as you have fitted into the Club like a glove and already you have been selected for the match between Central Otago and Southland. A big welcome also to Mila.

TIME TO LAUGH

SUBJECT: TECH SUPPORT

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend to Husband and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the Flower and Jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend.

In addition, Husband uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance and Personal Attention, and then installed undesirable programs such as Rugby, Football, Pub, and Continuous TV. Conversation no longer runs, and Housecleaning simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed, Desperate

Dear Desperate,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend is an Entertainment Package, while Husband is an Operating System. Please enter the command: 'http: I Thought You Loved Me.html' and try to download Tears. Don't forget to install the Guilt update. If that application works as designed, Husband should then automatically run the applications Jewellery and Flowers, but remember — overuse of the above application can cause Husband to default to Grumpy Silence, Garden Shed, or Beer. Beer is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-In-Law (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources). Also, do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband.

In summary, Husband is a great system, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. It also tends to work better running one task at a time. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Food and Hot Lingerie.

Good Luck,

Tech Support

THE ULTIMATE HEARING TEST

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."

ANSWERS TO BOWLS QUESTIONS

Q.1: The movement is valid. The indicator which marked the position of the toucher should be moved to its new position and the position of the new toucher should be marked

Q.2: Any part of the head disturbed before the displacement should not be replaced. The opposing skip should replace any part of the head disturbed after the bowl was displaced. The skip should also choose whether to:

- place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to restor....
- leave the bowl where it came to rest

Q.3: The mat should be moved to the centre line of the rink

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 or Peter on 021 260 2747.