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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings everyone, and Happy New Year to you all.

I hope the Christmas and holiday season treated you all well, and happy times were shared with family and friends.

The weather played its part by dishing out a few cooler days, to allow us to enjoy a relaxed read or watch TV or play game challenges.

When the hot days arrived intermittingly it saw some of us ducking for cover, with not being used to the higher temperatures.

Still we are so fortunate to live by a lake and see so many enjoying it, and also the surrounds out biking and walking, and for some a 'roll up' down on the green.

The Board met on Friday 17th of December, to finish up the business side for the year, and at the completion enjoyed a lunch together at the Lake Bar.

This was a nice way to round off the year, which has been a bit challenging with Covid restrictions to put in place at the Bowling Club, and also the complications of laying our new mat during covid with the Australian company Berry's unable to be here to handle the final stretching and sign off.

Again the board has expressed gratitude to Green keeper Stu for undertaking these tasks.

At the meeting it was noted that our thoughts were with our Treasurer Marilyn and Bob and her family. Marilyn suddenly losing her Mother, and Bob losing his sister prior to Christmas. Our condolences, and thoughts were sent from the club and its members.

We were also sad to note the loss of member Judi Barton, and sent condolences to her family.

Margaret Young and Raewyn Robertson and their helpers had a very busy time with Christmas events using our facilities and playing bowls. They reported so much fun and enjoyment is expressed to them about their experiences of playing bowls, mostly for the first time.

Thank you Margaret, Raewyn and their helpers.

We are grateful to all the helpers and controllers who have stepped up to help out with the scanning of the covid passes, it's a time consuming task for these people, but a very important one, to ensure keeping our green and clubhouse as safe as possible. Thank you all.

One volunteer that has silently been holding a very important task in our club is Health & Safety office Brian Holmes, who we sincerely thank for his years of service and wish him well with his move to the Wellington area to live nearer his family.

As with all clubs and businesses, unexpected expenses can arise, and last month the beer system failed in the bar. After consideration it was decided to replace it rather than repair it.

It was noted that it perhaps was timely as it fits in with the new bar chiller which is on order, and also the proposed bar refurbishment in the future.

Before the Club's normal programme resumes, we will be welcoming all visitors and players and supporters to the Wanaka Classic Men's 4's Invitational two day tournament on Jan 5th and 6th.



Due to being out of town during this time I leave in charge of this event our Vice President Tom Malcolm, who I am sure, will represent our club extremely well and make everyone welcome.

It is a very busy time for the Club's Tournament Secretary Val Ransom and her helpers, and we thank her for the time given so freely to undertake this job.

Also our caterers, Jan and Kate who have the huge task of keeping the food up to everyone attending. Thank you both for undertaking this, along with your many helpers.

Until we meet up again in the New Year, stay safe and well.

Kindest regards

Gaye Beattie President.

Wanaka Bowling Club Vaccination Certificate Policy

Our Treasurer Marilyn has worked hard to provide the club with a register at the club rooms which all members must either scan into via their phone verification or manually give proof of their Vaccination status.

The Club is trying to limit those involved in collecting and reporting the verifications, so at this stage only those Convenors in charge of the various club days and events will be collecting this information as you enter the clubroom.

There is also a register for visitors, particularly those taking part in Interclub, Pennants and tournaments as well as trade nights.



REMEMBER YOU STILL HAVE TO SCAN IN FOR ENTRY EVERY TIME AS WELL AS GET YOUR VACCINE STATUS VERIFIED (ONCE)

FULTON HOGAN CLASSIC MEN'S INVITATIONAL FOURS TOURNAMENT

The Fulton Hogan Classic Men's Invitational Fours Tournament is to be held on Wednesday/Thursday 5th/6th January here at Wanaka. Tournament Secretary Val Ransom reports that sixteen teams have entered consisting of players from Nelson to Invercargill.



This is the club's premier tournament of the year and it would be great to see our members come along to watch some great bowling and cheer along our Wanaka players.

FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Drawn Fours Tournament

Reminder that the entry form for the Men's Drawn Fours is on the board in the shed. Entries close on the 9th January with three rounds being played on Sunday 16th January starting at 9.30.

Central Otago Representatives

Congratulations to Todd Swain and Mark Daniels who have been selected in the Central Otago Development Team to play in the Southern 6 Tournament to be played at Balclutha on 29th and 30th January, 2022. Teams playing are Southland, South Otago, Dunedin, North Otago and South Canterbury.

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.

Ladies Xmas Mystery Lunch

The ladies held their Xmas Mystery Lunch on Wednesday 8th December



Photos by Val Ransom

at Paddon's Paddock. We had 45 ladies attend sitting outside on a warm day. Lots of chatter, platters, pizzas, small cakes and wine along with 45 odd draws for the raffle which made \$440. The raffle prizes were mostly donated by members and extras supplied by the committee. Great fun with some members winning 3 draws and some none.



Club Championships

Championship Pairs began on 30th November and 5th December with only 2 games being played each day because of the stifling heat. Play in the Pairs will continue in the New Year with 4 teams remaining and one team with 2 lives.

The Women's Junior Championship Pairs will be played on Sunday January 30th and Thursday February 3rd.

Women's Interclub

Interclub days have been well supported with very good results. We have had 6 inter-club days so far this years with another 6 to be played in the new year. The standings are:

PAIRS

1. Q'town 22.0
2. RSA 16.66
3. Wanaka 14.33
- 4=Maniototo 13.00
- 4= Alexandra 13.00
- 4= Roxburgh 13.00
7. Clyde 12.5
8. Omakau 12.00
9. Hawea 10.0
10. Arrowtown 9.00
11. Cromwell 8.66

FOURS

1. Q'town 12.00
2. Roxburgh 10.00
- 3=Wanaka 7.00
- 3= RSA 7.00
5. Hawea 5.00
6. Cromwell 5.00
7. Omakau 4.0
8. Clyde 3.35
9. Alexandra 3.3
10. Arrowtown 3.0
11. Maniototo 2.0

Events Coming Up

- **Women's Club Days** commence on Wednesday 12 January 9.15am for 9.30am. This is also a Ferns Day to be followed by a Pot Luck lunch. Ladies - please bring savoury type finger food and the committee will bring along the sweets.
- The **Women's Inter-Club 7's** are to be held on Sat/Sun 15/16 January at Alexandra. The selectors have selected 8 women from which a team of 7 will be selected plus a Manager.
- The **Wanaka Grandmothers 4's** will be on Tuesday 18 January. Teams from around Central are entered plus teams from Wanaka to make up the balance.

Central Otago Representatives

Congratulations to Barbara Wilson, Amie Swain and Bev Mee who have been selected in the Central Otago Development Team to play in the Southern 6 Tournament to be played at North Otago on 22nd and 23rd January, 2022. Teams playing are Southland, South Otago, Dunedin, North Otago and South Canterbury.

RESULTS

Men's Championships Fours

Three rounds of Championship Fours have been played with three teams left in the competition.

Richie Muir's team is unbeaten and has two lives. Richie has Simon Nyhof, Tom Malcolm and Murray Finn in his team.

The two teams with one life will fight it out as to who plays Richie: They are:

- Ewan Miller(s), Ken Muir, Alister Moore, Frank Ruddiman
- Don Cameron(s), Mike Bridgland, Fin McRae, Bob Steel

Men's Championships Triples

Four rounds of Triples have been played and there is one team with two lives and one team with one life left.

This time it's Ewan Millers team of Mike Bridgland and Alister Moore who are unbeaten with two lives, having earlier defeated the one life team of Richie Muir(s), Simon Nyhof and Tom Malcolm.

Their next encounter will certainly be worth looking at.

Men's Interclub 7's

The Wanaka Men's Interclub 7's team qualified second in their section with the Fours, winning three games out five and the Single and Pairs winning four out of five. In the semi-final they had to play Alexandra and lost 2-1.

In all, a very creditable performance by our men.

Men's Saturday Pennants

Standings as at 27 November 2021.

Division 1: Clyde 78, Hawea 68, **Wanaka 67**, Arrowtown 67, Roxburgh 50, Alexandra 49, Bannockburn 48, Omakau 38, RSA 35, Cromwell 29.5, Queenstown 14

Division 2: Alexandra 66, Bannockburn 58, Clyde 53, **Wanaka 54**, Arrowtown 49, Cromwell 49, Roxburgh 46, RSA 41, Omakau 39, Queenstown 31, Hawea 28

Men's Mid Week Pennants

After round 6 at Hawea

Arrowtown	65%
Bannockburn	61.6
Hawea	53.3
Queenstown	50
Cromwell	31.1
Wanaka	26.6

Men's Mid-Week Tournaments

Queenstown (December 1)

1. Queenstown
2. Wanaka: Richie Muir(s), Stu Hurley, Ken Muir, Frank Beardsley
3. Wanaka: Fin McRae(s), Bob Steel, Ian McGregor, Murray Finn
4. Wanaka: Tom Malcolm(s), Mark Daniels, Mel Campbell, Roger Marshall

This was good day for Wanaka teams so well done.

Wanaka (December 15)

1. Wanaka: Mark Daniels, Robin Griffiths, Alan Coupe and Alister Moore.
2. Hawea
3. Wanaka: Richie Muir, Stu Hurley, Ken Mitchell, Frank Beardsley
4. Queenstown

Men's Club Day 'Old Mug' Tournament

A most enjoyable BBQ lunch was held on Monday 13 December followed by the last Old Mug tournament of the year.

Twenty-five attended the sausage sizzle - thanks to Master Chef Derek Hope, helpers and bar staff. As a warm up, a 'Spider' was won by Owen Wright.

Gordon Hall, Neville Dippie and Peter Hart were the winners of the 'Old Mug'. Peter absconded before a photo could be taken.

The first Men's Club Day will be on Monday 3 January at 1.15pm.



Trade Bowls

Fourteen teams have enjoyed playing 5 weeks of Trade Bowls before Xmas with the first night being cancelled because of the rain.

There are a few new faces popping up also and that is good to see. On the last night before Xmas, those who remembered came dressed in Xmas attire with the 3 best dressed being Roger Marshall, Linda Wallace and Jo Stock.

Trade Bowls nights begin again on Tuesday 18th January. (Photos by Val Ransom)



Centre Mixed Pairs

Congratulations to Richie Muir (Wanaka) and Christine Buchanan (Q'town) for winning the Centre Mixed Pairs Tournament for the second year in a row.

This was a great effort to win in successive years.

Photo by Central Otago Bowls



OTHER NEWS

Farewell to Brian and Fran Holmes

Brian and Fran are shifting to Wellington in the new year. Brian had his last game of bowls at the Wednesday Men's Tournament at Wanaka on Wednesday 15 December and from comments made by his team he played very well, with those red bowls regularly making a nuisance of themselves to the opposition.

Brian has been a great member of the Club since 1999. In the summer months he has nearly always been the first one to put his name down for Wednesday Pennants and most Mondays he is at Men's Club Day.



He has been Health & Safety Officer for the past few years - a pretty thankless task but absolutely an essential part of the Club satisfying QLDC Licencing requirements.

For some time in the winter months he was also one of the organising team of the Studholme Trophy on a Saturday afternoon.

In all, Brian's general willingness to 'muck in' when required is legendary. Brian - we will miss your cheeriness and good humour and that deep chuckling laugh.

We all knew Fran well as she and Brian attended virtually every Club social function and the two of them were always fun to be with.

We wish you both all the very best for your shift north.

Judi Barton

Ed: Judi passed away on 1 December and she was farewelled on the banks of the Clutha on 5 December. Raewyn Robertson was one of those who gave a tribute and I am very grateful to her for providing the following.

" Judi came to Wanaka to live permanently in 2005 to look after her Dad George Foote. She had spent every available holiday time at the family home on the banks of the Clutha

in Albert Town so coming back to Wanaka was not such a hardship.

When she retired it seemed natural that she would follow other family members into bowls. She joined Wanaka Bowling Club in 2018 and became a proficient player. Going on to be in the team which won the fours championship in 2020. Her name is proudly on the cup and the honours board. Sadly Covid came that year and the team never got the chance to play in a regional or national champs. The flag flew at half mast the week she died as a sign of appreciation of her contribution as a member.

The last few months were tough and I know Judi was strengthened by the flowers and messages conveyed to her from club members.”



Studholme Trophy Celebration

Meadowstone celebrated their win in the 2021 Studholme Trophy with an enjoyable luncheon at Terry and Kaye Outram’s residence.



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

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old? Well.....you'll love this one!

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dental diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, remembered a tall, handsome, dark haired boy with the same name had been in my secondary school class some 30-odd years ago.

Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, grey haired man with the deeply lined face was far too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park Secondary School.

'Yes, yes I did. I'm a Morganner!' he beamed with pride.

*"When did you leave to go to college?" I asked
He answered, "in 1965. Why do you ask?"*

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

*Then the ugly,
old,
bald,
wrinkled,
fat arsed,
grey haired,
decrepit,*

bastard asked....

'What did you teach?'



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL