



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Everyone

As we near the completion of our summer programme, we are so very fortunate to experience and welcome the beautiful Autumn season here in this area.

Perfect for bowls with calm, crispy, cloudless, clear days, albeit sometimes changeable and chilly.

The colourful tree colour changes, even viewing from our green as we play are so varied, bright, and breathtakingly beautiful.

As usual Publisher Peter, keeps us up to date with all the results and he also did an interview on Radio Wanaka with John Jones prior to the National Mixed Pairs. I was sorry to have missed this, and was disappointed it wasn't replayed at a later time, after the live interview at 8.00am on a Saturday.

It has been so pleasing to see so many watching events recently - a really great sign the Club is producing bowls of an excellent viewing standard.

Again the tournaments run, have been organised by our controllers, many thanks to these people who so generously give of their time to ensure the success of these tournaments. Fantastic to see Judy Davey back playing bowls, and her name showing in the prize list at the Herbert Trophy.

It was extremely pleasing to have so many members attend the farewell function the Club hosted to farewell Trevor and Jane Tovey.

Trevor, in reply to tributes from myself and Scotty Culverwell, spoke of his joining of the Club was the best thing he did after shifting to Wanaka, even though by a mistake when he thought he entered a croquet Probus tournament only to be assured by Peter Herbert he was definitely going to be playing bowls.

He assured Peter and everyone it was a great mistake, and how much he enjoyed the Club and its members and all it had to offer.

Trevor and Jane were presented with a gift token of appreciation.

The Board Meeting on March 25th, heard that the new mat was due to arrive in NZ shortly, and, as soon as the borders open between Australia & NZ, workers will be allowed in to complete the new greens which they are contracted for. Maybe possibly prior to winter.

In conclusion I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours

Gaye Beattie
(President)



FROM THE BOARD

Closing Day / Opening Day - Sunday 2 May 2021

- 5.00pm **Drinks** - Raffles as usual
- 5.30pm **Prize Giving** - President Gaye Beattie will present cups, trophies and certificates.
- * A group photo of all 'winners' will be taken so if you are one of these please try to be present**
- 6.00pm **Pot Luck Dinner** - everyone is asked to bring their choice of dish - meat, fish, salads or vegetable



*please
join us*

Subscription For Stadium Membership

Treasurer, Marilyn Steel will be sending out Stadium Membership Subscription notices on April 1. The subscription will remain at \$60.00

Note: The subscription paid by Full Members of the Club already covers Stadium membership.

FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

March has been very busy with tournaments and championships.

Women's Final Interclub Results

The Final Interclub Day was held on 30th March and Wanaka finished 4th in both the Pairs and Fours.

Upcoming Events

- Wellman Tournament on Wednesday 7th April - \$10 with drinks and nibbles to follow.
- Godby Trophy against Hawea at Hawea on Tuesday 8th April 3 bowl Triples at 1pm.
- Our final club day on Wednesday 14th - Journeys End - come along and see if you have improved on your Journeys Beginning.

Also on the last day we are going to discuss how many Interclub teams we are going to enter next season. This year we have had 3 teams all day and 1 team half day. Give it some thought and come along with your ideas especially if you are an interclub participant.

Representatives

Congratulations to Marilyn Steel and Jo Stock who played for the victorious Central Otago team in the Lex Kimber tournament at North Otago on 6/7 March.

Champion of Champions Events

Our women's Triples and Fours teams played at Hawea. Both teams played well but were not successful.

In the Champion of Champions 1-5yr singles at Alexandra on Sunday 21st Jo Stock got to the semi-final and played well.

Val Ransom (Convenor)

FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Saturday Pennants

Division One (% of games won)

The final standings for Division 1 are:

Omakau 71, Alexandra 58.9, Clyde 58.6; Arrowtown 58.3; Bannockburn 55, Cromwell 47, RSA 43, **Wanaka 38**, Queenstown 35, Hawea 26.

Congratulations to Omakau who win the Clyde Trophy for 2020-21 season.

Division Two (% of games won)

As at 21st March the standings are:

Bannockburn 60, Alexandra 59, **Wanaka 57**, Queenstown 52, Omakau 50, Clyde 48, Arrowtown 47, Cromwell 46, RSA 42, Roxburgh 39, Hawea 34.

Wednesday Pennants (% of games won)

Final Results for the 2020-21 season

Bannockburn	63%
Arrowtown	54%
Queenstown	47%
Cromwell	38.7%
Hawea	38%
Wanaka	30%

Champion of Champions Events

The Men's Triples team played well at Waipiata qualifying for the semi-final where they were beaten 15-14 by the eventual winners Alexandra

The Men's Fours also played at Waipiata the following day and also made the semi-finals before being beaten by Clyde who went on to win the Championship.

RESULTS

Men's Championship Singles

Richie Muir (2 lives) played Tom Malcolm (1 life) Monday morning on 8 March.

Tom got away to a very good start and with a 3 on the 3rd end he led 8-4 after 10 ends. However, Richie quickly struck back with a 4 on the 11th end and further points on the next two ends gave him the lead 11-8.

Tom won the next two ends to trail by 10-11 but that was the end of Tom's scoring with Richie winning the next six ends to win 21-10.

Everyone knows what a fine 'draw' player Tom is, but Richie's pin point accuracy was most impressive.



This is the fifth year in a row that Richie has won the title which is no mean feat and fully deserved.

Richie will play in the Champion of Champions Singles at Bannockburn on Saturday 10 April. Go Richie !

Men's Championship Pairs

Richie Muir and Tom Malcolm (2 lives) played Ken Mitchell and Bill Turnbull (1 life) on Wednesday 10 March in very pleasant conditions.

The game was very tight for the first 7 ends with neither team being able to score more than one shot on any end and the score being 5-2 to Richie and Tom.

Ken and Bill tightened up their game and fought their way back to lead 8-7 after 12 ends. At this time Richie and Tom took charge and scored heavily on the next four ends to lead 19-8 after 16 ends and at 19-11 after 17 ends when the game was concluded.

This the third time that Richie and Tom have won this title. Since 2006 Tom has been in the winning Pairs nine years. That is some record.

Richie and Tom now go on to play in the Champion of Champions Pairs at Bannockburn on Sunday 11 April.

Ed: Despite the game being well advertised to members, it was very disappointing that there were only a very small number of spectators as the standard of bowls was excellent with almost every head being extremely tight with frequent changes of 'the shot' occurring.



Richie Muir, Tom Malcolm

Women's Championship Singles

This potential final was played between Marilyn Steel (2 lives) and Barbara Wilson (1 life) on Monday 29 March in perfect bowling conditions.

What a wonderful game it was, a very worthy final and so enjoyed by the spectators who were glued to the action. To a greater extent it was a game of three 'halves'.

After 6 ends Marilyn led by 6-3 but Barbara won the next 3 ends and even the score at 6-6. Barbara really settled into her game and played excellent draw bowls and won nine of the next 11 ends to establish a significant lead of 18-11.

Marilyn, club women's singles champion for the past two years, wasn't done and really found her touch. Once Marilyn had won the mat she drew accurately and put a lot of pressure on Barbara to the point that her previous consistent and accurate draw play fell away somewhat and Marilyn steadily closed the gap and by the 25th end the score was even on 18-18.



Although Barbara won the 28th end to trail 19-20, Marilyn drew accurately to get the one shot required to win the Women's Singles Championship 21-19. Congratulations to Marilyn who has won this title for the past three years and will now go on to play in the Champion of Champions Singles at Clyde on Saturday 10 April. All best wishes to her for that day.

It was so good to see Barbara Wilson, who is a Junior bowler, bowl so well and, for most of the game, so consistently. It was a most impressive effort and she was a very worthy finalist. Well done Barbara.

Women's Championship Pairs

At long last this final between Rhonda Hurley / Pauline Hope and Marilyn Steel / Kathryn Mitchell was played on Friday 26 March in front of an appreciative group of about 20 spectators.

Rhonda & Pauline got away to good start winning the first 3 ends but Marilyn & Kathryn came straight back to tie the score up 3 - 3 after 5 ends. Rhonda & Pauline took the ascendancy by winning the next 5 ends to lead by 10-3 after 10 ends.

Marilyn & Kathryn made a spirited comeback to trail 8-11 after 14 ends but Rhonda & Pauline tightened their grip on the match by winning the next 3 ends and lead 16-8 after 17 ends and the game was conceded.

Rhonda & Pauline now go on to play in the Champion of Champions Pairs at Clyde on Sunday 11 April.



Pauline Hope , Rhonda Hurley

Men's Veteran Singles

When bowls make a track on the green you know it is autumn. So it was when Tom Malcolm played Scotty Culverwell in the final of the Men's Veterans Singles on Wednesday 24 March.

It was fairly even at the start with Tom leading 4-3 after 5 ends and with Scotty picking up shots on 6 ends it was 10-7 to Tom after 12 ends.

Tom then scored a 4 to move ahead by 14-7, followed by a 1, 3 and 3 to run out the winner by 21-7.



Tom Malcolm, Scotty Culverwell

Well done to Scotty though. He bowled very steadily for much of the match and ends tended to be pretty tightly fought.

Hodge Trophy

The ladies, including some from the Hawea Bowling Club, had a great afternoon of bowls following a Subway lunch. It was good to see Lorraine Pannett (nee Hodge) present the prizes.

1st Pauline Hope, Jenny Sawers, Kay Outram
2nd Kathryn Mitchell, Jan Allen and Nick McDonald
3rd Marg Young, Yvonne Gale and Shirley Dickson



Pauline, Jenny, Kay with Lorraine Pannett

Herbert Trophy

Tournament Secretary Val Ransom commented, "It was a great night. We played one game and had buns with ham and coleslaw then played two more games followed by sausage rolls. Stu turned on the lights during the last game as we had low light - so the first time for many under the lights."

"First place for the Herbert Trophy was Alice and Bill Turnbull who were the only team with 3 wins. Second was Judy Davey and John Rich. This was wonderful as Judy only returned to bowls on club day on Wednesday after a break of a few years. I was short of a lady player for Thursday night and asked her if she would like to play and she was delighted to be asked but was a bit unsure how she would go. No need for her to worry! A great way to get back into it. Third was Stu Hurley and myself one point behind."

Ed: Thanks Val for the report and the photo

- 1st Alice & Bill Turnbull
- 2nd Judy Davey & John Rich
- 3rd Stu Hurley & Val Ransom



Bill Turnbull , Alice Turnbull

Men's Midweek Tournament

The 10th tournament was held in Arrowtown on Wednesday 17 March

- 1st Queenstown
- 2nd Bannockburn
- 3rd Arrowtown
- 4th Wanaka : Murray Finn, Fin McRae, Ian McGregor and Roger Marshall.

Women's Over 70's Tournament

This was played on a very pleasant afternoon - Thursday 25 March - with eight teams taking part. A lovely high tea was served at the conclusion supplied by the Under 70's.



1st Delma Guy and Bonnie Grimmett.



2nd Ethel Templeton and Jan Allen

Old Mug Tournament 1 Feb 2021

1 st	29 points	Bob Steel, Charles Kiewiet (pictured)
2 nd	24 points	Dave Minson, Terry Outram, Norman Matheson
3 rd	21 points	Gordon Hall, Bernie Kane



Wanaka & Districts Club Mixed Fours Tournament

This was played on a lovely sunny 11th March with a number of visiting teams participating - and doing well.

1st: Wanaka: Ewan Miller(s), Peter Herbert, Gordon Hall, Barbara Wilson
2nd: John Lindsay's Arrowtown team
3rd: 'Thistle' - Bannockburn

Thanks to Val Ransom for the photo



Peter Herbert, Barbara Wilson, Gordon Hall, Ewan Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Events

Wednesday 7 April	Wellman Tournament
Saturday 10 April	Champion of Champion Singles at Clyde 8.30am
Sunday 11 April	Champion of Champion Pairs at Clyde 8.30am

Men's Events

Saturday 10 April	Champion of Champion Singles at Bannockburn 8.30am
Sunday 11 April	Champion of Champion Pairs at Bannockburn 8.30am

Club Events

Sunday 2 May	Club Closing / Opening Day (see notice on Page 1)
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OTHER NEWS

Summerset National Fours and Mixed Pairs

There was real excitement, and almost disbelief when Bowls NZ announced that the 2021 Summerset National Women's and Men's Fours and Mixed Pairs were to be held in Central Otago from Thursday 25 February to Wednesday 3 March. This was to be the first time the 'nationals' had ever been held in Central Otago as they tend to be allocated to the big centres.

Now it is all over ! What a great opportunity it was for us all to see many of the best bowlers in the country and what a great opportunity for many of our own bowlers to compete against these 'guns'. Locally, one day of the Mixed Pairs was held at Wanaka on Monday 1 March and Hawea were the host for three days.

Men's and Women's Fours

To qualify for the playoffs teams had to win 4 games.

There were 15 Wanaka Bowling Club members taking part, with club singles and pairs champion Marilyn Steel skipping a 4s team with Marg Young, Rhonda Hurley and Alice Turnbull. Some others like Val Ransom, Barbara Wilson, Tom Malcolm, Brett Simpson and Richie Muir played in composite teams.

In the Women's Fours Marilyn Steel's 4s team did well to win three games - one short of qualifying for the playoffs. Val Ransom was in a composite team and they also had three wins.

The composite 4s team that Richie Muir was in also made the playoffs with 4 wins but they were defeated in the round of 64.

Mixed Pairs

To qualify for the playoffs teams had to win 2 games.

In the Mixed Pairs two 'all Wanaka teams' were Tom Malcolm and Marilyn Steel and Stu and Rhonda Hurley.

Tom and Marilyn played at Patearoa and qualified with 2 wins but were defeated in the round of 128. Likewise Wanaka's Jo Stock played with Neil Buchanan of Queenstown and qualified but come up against two top NZ bowlers Sheldon Bagrie-Howley and Selena Smith in the round of 128.

Richie Muir teamed up with Queenstown's top woman bowler Christine Buchanan but they failed to qualify.

There were also a significant number entered from the Hawea Bowling Club in both championships including Donald Urquhart, Dion and Pip Kiddey, Alison Brown, Barbara McKenzie, Alyson Roxby, Colleen Carr, Jen and Kyle McGowan, Lulu and Neville Roberts, Jackie Brook, Karen Woolley and Glennis McMillan.

It was a great shame that because of Covid-19, the latter days of the competition were limited to players and organisers and officials with no spectators present. Many of these 'finals' were 'live streamed' but it wasn't the same as being there.

As you will have read in the papers, some 800 bowlers, plus their supporters, organisers and volunteers were in Central Otago with 11 clubs being used for games. Alexandra Bowling Club was the headquarters of the event and all 'finals' were played there.

Following the event, feedback from Bowls NZ, players and host clubs has been consistently positive and as a result it is hoped that Central Otago, might again, host the championships in two years time.

Bowls New Zealand CEO Mark Cameron said the event had been fantastic. *"Everyone was really positive, so much so that there's a real desire, energy and enthusiasm to get it back to Central Otago as soon as possible"*

"These nationals down in Central Otago, we were nervous about it, as we've never had a nationals in Central Otago before".

"We were worried about whether people would travel, but the numbers have been the biggest they've been in 15 years".

"It is the best nationals we have had in terms of support from the clubs and the community"

Of the 800 bowlers who played at the event, 30% of those had travelled from the North Island. Mark Cameron said for some it had been their first time to Central Otago, and they had enjoyed the experience.

The tournament alternates between North and South Island each year. That meant next year's would not be in the South, although there was a good chance it would be back in Central Otago in two years' time.

Note:

All the finals can be viewed by finding the links on the Bowls NZ website or the Wanaka Bowling Club website. These are well worth watching.

New Members

Welcome Rose & Phil

A big warm welcome to Rose and Phil Nicholson who are new bowlers that have taken out full membership:

We do hope that you both enjoy being members of our wonderful club and that you take part, not only in our bowling programme, but social events as well so we can get to know you.

Cardrona / Treble Cone Booking

As you will know our club hosts many groups that come to bowl, eat and socialise. Margaret Young and Raewyn Robertson bear the brunt of the sizeable workload that these bookings create.

Over the past few years groups of Cardrona staff have become regulars and, indeed very welcome groups, because they are so well organised and really get involved in their bowls.

With the merger of the ski fields this year's group was a Cardrona & Treble Cone - 55 in all of all ages. They were a great bunch of people, and were good listeners and therefore had an enjoyable evening playing some good bowls. Obviously all fit people, as the number of bikes displayed against the fence bear witness (see photos).

Marg Young acknowledged the assistance given by Club Member helpers on the night. These were Yvonne Gale, Don Cameron, Ewan Miller, Barbara Wilson, Judy Barton, Joss Hurring and her right hand man Raewyn, who is always an amazing help to her. Marg also thanked Alison and Bruce Hebbard in the Bar who gave excellent service.

The organizer of the visitors was Ursula Hartnell – Health, Safety & Wellbeing Co-ordinator and her great helper Megan. They provided an amazing array of food, of which everyone was able to partake of. They used the kitchen & BBQ leaving both perfectly clean.

Marg said, "This is a group that we hope will always keep coming both during summer and winter".





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. All newsletters from now on will pose members with questions that will challenge their knowledge of bowls. When you have decided on your answer you can look at the official answer on the last page of the newsletter.

Q.1: A jack in the ditch is moved by a non-toucher which enters the ditch. What should happen ?

Q.2: A player, while in the process of measuring, moves the jack with the end of the measuring tape. What action should be taken ?

Q.3: A third plays the first of their two bowls, then realises that the team's second has played only one bowl. What should happen ?

TIME FOR A LAUGH

One day, Einstein has to speak at an important conference. On the way there, he tells the driver that he looks quite a bit like him.

"I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over again".

The driver agrees: "You're right. As your driver, I have attended all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I think that I could give the conference address in your place."

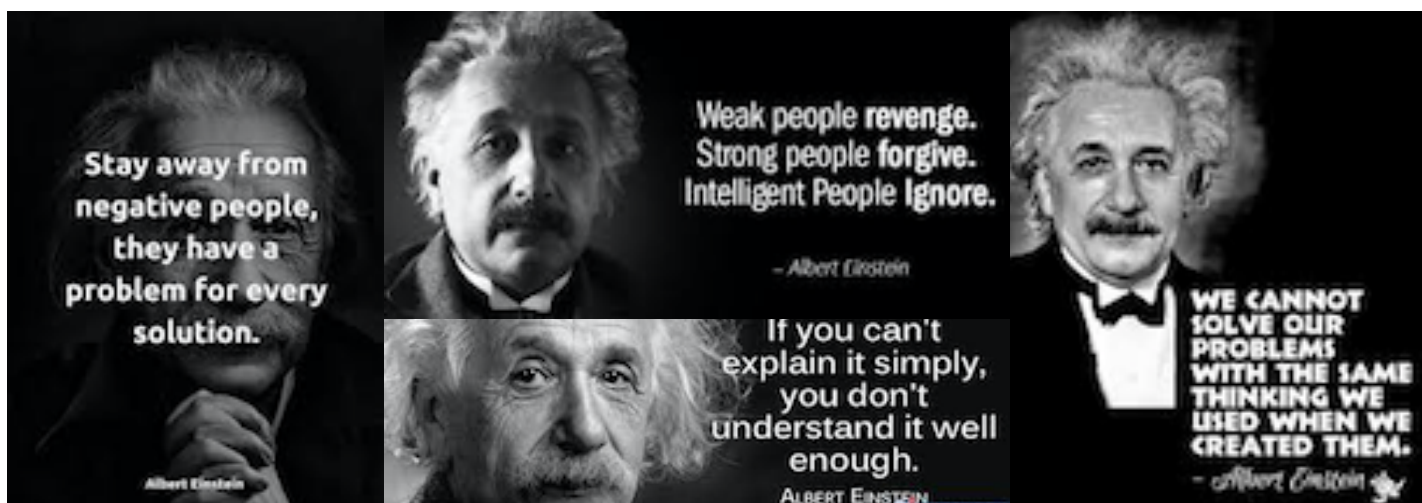
"That's a great idea!" says Einstein. "Let's switch places then". So they switch clothes and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the car driver, sits at the back of the conference room.

But, in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping that he will be unable to respond. So this guy stands up and interrupts the presentation by posing this very difficult question.

The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response. The driver looks at him dead in the eye and says, "Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I'm going to let my driver reply to it for me!"

Thanks to Sandy Morris for this gem

Following are a few of Einstein's famous sayings that are as true today as when he said them



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.

ANSWERS TO BOWLS QUESTIONS

- Q.1: It should be put back in it's former position by an opponent
- Q.2: The jack should be put back in its former position by an opponent
- Q.3: Because a bowl has been played by each team before it has been discovered that the second has failed to play a bowl, the second forfeits the right to play the bowl