



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Everyone

February certainly brought our long awaited summer weather, but I'm sure you have all noticed the cooler autumn like mornings also.

February also saw another busy and full programme for both Men & Ladies, and this culminated with a "first" for our club, the hosting of one days play for the NZ Nationals Mixed Pairs.

Our neighbours, Hawea Club hosted three days, and many of our members visited there to enjoy seeing some of New Zealand's top and up and coming bowlers in action.

Our day for hosting was on March 1st, and it started at 8.30am with a fine drizzle rain, fortunately it quickly stopped and the heat increased as the day progressed, and provided perfect playing conditions.

We were fortunate to have playing at Wanaka some of New Zealand's top players, & development players, so this provided great viewing for those able to.

Players & officials enjoyed some of the amazing food provided by our talented caterers Jan & Kate, & their many helpers.

Many of the visiting players & officials were extremely complimentary about our club's wonderful facilities, the friendliness they experienced, and the amazing hospitality and food on offer.

When the day was completed at approx 6.00pm, I certainly was a very happy President, & would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone that helped make this day such an amazing success & showcasing our wonderful club to its very best.



**Mandy Boyd & Lance Pascoe
both National Champions**



I am hoping that all of you reading this newsletter have been observant enough to have noticed the Clubs brand new logo approved at the February board meeting, showing at the top of the newsletter.



After viewing ideas presented by a local company, all of which were rejected, Ewan Miller used one of his many talents and contacts to provide ideas. The final selection was chosen from three revisions from this lady, and approved unanimously.

Raewyn Hall recently offered her services to take over from Raewyn Robertson the position of person in charge of Trophies and Honours Boards. I was delighted to see a brand new member of our club so willing to offer her services. Thank you Raewyn.

I met with Mt Aspiring College's Sports Coordinator to arrange a small group of their students attending our facilities for one hour weekly for lessons and guidelines of bowls, finishing with an assessment grading test at the end of term.

I was, along with Nikki the coordinator, delighted & appreciative, that two of our coaches Ewan and Peter so willingly offered to run these weekly classes. Reports I have received from everyone involved is that they are a very enthusiastic group.

We hope many of our club members will be present at the clubrooms to farewell Trevor Tovey and his wife Jane on Friday 5th at 5.30pm, for nibbles and drinks hour. Trevor's willingness to undertake many tasks he has volunteered for our club, are going to leave a big gap, along with his wonderful cheery smile, he will be sorely missed. Please make sure you come along and say goodbye.



We have no progress reports on the new mat, but many other clubs in NZ are in the same position, hence we are adding our vocal support to endeavour to get Berrys to commit to a spring laying.

Publicity Peter will have documented the finals that have been decided throughout the last month. The matches I have been able to attend have been wonderful exhibitions of very good local bowling. Well done to all finalists and congratulations to the winners.

Enjoy your outdoor bowls for the remainder of Summer / Autumn.

Yours

Gaye Beattie (President)

FROM THE BOARD

Mount Aspiring College Bowling Group

President Gaye has already reported that our club is hosting a group of 7 Mount Aspiring College Year 12 students for 7 weeks on a Thursday afternoon 2.15 - 3.15pm This is part of their NCEA studies and there will be two sessions of assessment. Nikki Cameron is the teacher in charge of the group.

Club coaches Peter Herbert and Ewan Miller are working with the students each week. The first session was held last Thursday 25th February and will continue until 15th April. In the event of a clash with a scheduled event or bad weather, sessions will be held in the Stadium.

Some examples of the assessment tasks may be of interest to members.

Bowls – Lawn and Indoor – this activity requires students to demonstrate performance in competitive ends of bowls.

The student will bowl 5 ends and be scored at each end according to the following criteria:

1. Deliver 4 bowls down the rink/mat within the legal boundaries. Each legal bowl scores 5 points
Total out of 20
2. Deliver 4 bowls as close as possible to the jack on a **long end** with the **forehand**
Total out of 20
3. Deliver 4 bowls as close as possible to the jack on a **long end** with the **backhand**
Total out of 20
4. Deliver 4 bowls as close as possible to the jack on a **short end** with the **forehand**
Total out of 20
5. Deliver 4 bowls as close as possible to the jack on a **short end** with the **backhand**
Total out of 20

Points for delivery of the bowl within the given measurements from the jack

Score	Lawn Bowls	Indoor Bowls
5 points	1 metre of the jack	30 centimetres of the jack
3 points	2 metres of the jack	60 centimetres of the jack
1 point	within the boundaries of the rink	within the boundaries of the mat

Grades

Level	Points
Achieved	60-74
Merit	75-84
Excellence	85

Ed. Here’s a challenge for you. Score yourself on the above tests and find out what your NCEA Grade would be !

FROM THE WOMEN’S MATCH COMMITTEE

Women’s Interclub Results

Placings after Game 9 on 16 February are:

Pairs	Points	Fours	Points
1. Queenstown	31.5	1. Queenstown	13.5
2. Alexandra	24.6	2. Maniototo	12.0
3. RSA	22.6	3 Alexandra	10.0
4. Omakau	21.0	4. Wanaka	8.5
5. Wanaka	18.0	5= Clyde	7.0
6. Cromwell	16.3	5= Arrowtown	7.0
7. Arrowtown	13.5	5= Omakau	7.0
8. Hawea	9.0	8=. Hawea	6.0
9 Clyde	8.5	8= RSA	6.0
10. Maniototo	5.0	8=Cromwell	6.0

Note: The Women’s Interclub scheduled for Tuesday 23 February was cancelled. There are two further interclub’s scheduled for this season on March 23 and 30.

Women's Club Days

Club days have been well supported with varying programmes for the ladies. From now on Women's Club Days will be at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start.

Representatives

Congratulations to Marilyn Steel and Jo Stock who have been selected to play for Central Otago in the Lex Kimber tournament at North Otago on 6/7 March

Val Ransom (Convenor)

FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Saturday Pennants

Note:

Saturday Pennants scheduled to be played at Hawea on 13 March will be played at Hawea on Monday, 15 March to accommodate those involved with Show Weekend

Division One (% of games won)

The most recent information received is that as at 13th February the standings are:

Bannockburn 64, Omakau 62, Clyde 59, Arrowtown 58, Alexandra 55, RSA 45, Cromwell 44, **Wanaka 43**, Queenstown 33, Hawea 25.

Division Two (% of games won)

As at 13 February the standings are:

Bannockburn 59, Alexandra 59, **Wanaka 56**, Queenstown 54, Omakau 53, Arrowtown 48, Clyde 47, Roxburgh 42, Cromwell 41, RSA 39, Hawea 33

Wednesday Pennants (% of games won)

No recent results have been received.

Men's Clubhouse Fours

The two teams left in the competition are:

- Trevor Tovey(s), Murray Ives, Alan Coupe, Charles Kiewiet (2 lives)
- Stu Hurley(s), Scotty Culverwell, Gordon Hall, Norman Matheson (1 life)

This potential final will be played next Sunday 7 March at 9.30am.

Fin McRae (Convenor)

RESULTS

Men's Open Fours Championship

After the preliminary rounds just two teams were left in the 2020-2021 Men's Fours Championship:

Richie Muir (s), Simon Nyhof, Murray Finn, Tom Malcolm (unbeaten with 2 lives)
Ewan Miller (s), Derek Hope, Robin Griffiths, Frank Ruddiman (1 life)

These two teams played each other on Friday 5 February in extremely hot conditions that saw spectators looking for a shady place to watch the game from.

Ewan Miller's team were quickly into their work and after 5 ends led 7-3 after playing some accurate draw bowls and supporting each other extremely well. At that stage things were looking good for them.

This pricked Richie Muir's exceptionally experienced team into action and they only lost one of the next 8 ends played to lead 19-8. With only one end to be played, the match was conceded by team Miller.

Congratulations to Richie Muir's team whose collective experience and skill proved too much for Ewan Miller's team who after their good start seemed to lose their confidence and accuracy. They must, however be commended for never giving up. They continued to build some good ends only to have a pin point draw shot or smashing drive by the opposition reverse the situation. Although any team can be beaten on the day it was always going to be difficult for Team Miller playing against what is known as 'the dream team' - but they gave of their best and that's all you can ask.

Richie Muir's team have collectively won many club and Centre titles over the years and have a wealth of experience, some of which follows.

Richie Muir, who was the skip of the team, has been the Club Men's Singles Champion for the last four years and been in the champion team for Men's Pairs (3), Men's Triples (2) and the Men's Fours (2). He is a regular member of Central Otago Centre representative teams, plays in the NZ Professional Bowls Association events and other National events and is a very highly regarded player.

Simon Nyhof played 'third'. He has also been the Club Men's Singles Champion (1), and in the winning champion team for Men's Pairs (2), Men's Triples (7) and Men's Fours (3). Simon also has won 9 Central Otago titles

Murray Finn played at 'two' and was Club Men's Singles Champion in 2011 and 2012 before leaving Wanaka for some years. He has now returned and is making his mark again.

Old hand and the team's 'lead' Tom Malcolm, who is Vice President of the Wanaka Bowling Club, had his first club title when he won the Men's Singles Championship in 2005. Since then he has been in the winning championship team for Men's Pairs (9), Men's Triples (7), and Men's Fours (8). Tom regularly plays in Central Otago Bowls events and has won 11 Central Otago Centre titles.



Tom Malcolm, Murray Finn, Richie Muir, Simon Nyhof

Team Muir will now go forward to play in the Centre Champion of Champions Event on 28 March at Waipiata when they will compete against champion teams from all other Central Otago Bowling Clubs.

Men's Championship Triples

Apart from an annoying wind, conditions were pretty good for this encounter on Thursday 11 February.

The teams, each with one life, were:

- Don Cameron(s), Ken Allison, Fin McRae
- Richie Muir(s), Simon Nyhof, Tom Malcolm

Richie Muir's team started well and by the 5th end were ahead by 8-1 Team Cameron started to make some progress and a '5' on the 9th end brought the teams together at 9-9. Team Cameron kept adding to their score and by the 15th end led 17-11 and looking dominant.

With only 3 ends to play Richie Muir's team lifted their game with a '2', then a '3' to close the gap to one point 17-16 with one end to play. To lose their significant lead so quickly appeared to have affected Team Cameron's play enough to give Team Muir the opportunity which they took to score the shot that tied the game up at 17-17 and require an extra end to be played. Don Cameron's lead, Fin McRae did well to put his two bowls near the jack only to see Simon Nyhof play a weighted shot that resulted in the jack being pushed close to the ditch. Ken Allison also did very well put his two bowls just in front of the jack, only to see Richie Muir play a beautifully weighted bowl that disturbed Ken's two bowls and edge forward just a few centimetres closer to the jack and hold shot. Don Cameron's last bowl was a good effort but unsuccessful, so Richie Muir's team were the Men's Triples Champions for the third year in a row.

This was an excellent final with a 'nail biting' finish and all the players have to be congratulated for their efforts. With the wind blowing down the green there was a big adjustment of weight to be made that all players coped with extremely well.

Those who came to watch were certainly treated to a game where each end was in doubt until the final bowls had been delivered.

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Richie Muir, Simon Nyhof, Tom Malcolm

Men's Junior Singles Championship

This year's final was played on Monday 8 February by Frank Ruddiman who was unbeaten with 2 lives and Alister Moore who had one life remaining.

The 'first to 21 points game' was evenly poised at 6-6 after 5 ends but Frank Ruddiman won the next 7 ends to lead 19-6. Alister Moore won 3 more ends to make it 20-11 but Frank closed the match out after 17 ends to win 21-11 and win his first club title after being runner up last year.

Congratulations to Frank.



Frank Ruddiman

Men's Junior Pairs Championship

Conditions for this match were almost perfect for this years final played on Friday morning 12 February. The teams were:

- Bob Steel, who had been the winning skip for the past two years (with Alan Coupe), was joined this year by Frank Ruddiman
- Pat Traynor(s) and Jim Feehly were a new combination

Pat and Jim settled quickly and led by 4-0 after 2 ends, but Bob and Frank responded with two '3's to tie the game up 6-6 after 5 ends.

The next 7 ends were all won by Pat and Jim who were simply more accurate than their opponents. This gave them a very significant lead 19-6. Although Bob and Frank won 3 further ends it was just too big a gap to close and the game was conceded after 17 ends 21-11 to Pat and Jim.

This was a most impressive effort by Pat and Jim who complemented each other extremely well and just quietly got on with the job. Jim led consistently well throughout the match and demonstrated how much his overall skill has developed. His play set a platform for Pat on almost every end and Pat played some stunning shots when needed. A very good team effort and a well deserved first club title for both players.



Pat Traynor and Jim Feehly

Women's Junior Singles Championship

This final was played on Thursday 16 February in beautiful conditions between Jo Stock and Lyn Leary. It was good to see a number of lady members there to watch what was an interesting game.

Jo had the better of the early ends leading 5-2 after 5 ends but with some excellent draw shots Lyn trailed by just one shot 5-6 after 9 ends. Jo then scored 9 shots in the next four ends to lead by 15-5 and despite 2 good 3's by Lyn, Jo ran out the winner by 21-11



Women's Junior Pairs Championship

The weather could not have been better on Saturday 27 February for this final between Bev Mee and Heather Malcolm and Jo Stock and Holly Davies played in front of a group of about 16 plus interested spectators.

Bev and Heather started well with a 3 on the first end but Jo and Holly only trailed by one after 4 ends 3-4. Three consecutive wins on the next 3 ends propelled Bev and Heather to a 12-3 lead but Jo and Holly fought back to win the next four ends and trail 8-12 and 11-15 after 14 ends. Then came the cruncher when Bev and Heather combined beautifully to get a 5 on the 15th end and make the score 20-11. The game was conceded to them after the 17th end 21-12.

Ed: I was impressed to see the skills exhibited by the bowlers in the above finals. In my view they all bowled very well and exhibited skills beyond their years of bowling. With players like these coming through Women's bowls in Wanaka are in good heart. The level of support shown by the women's members was very impressive with their unreserved responsiveness to good play and general encouragement of the bowlers. Well done all of you who made the effort to come and watch.



Heather Malcolm and Bev Mee

Men's Midweek Tournament

The 8th tournament was held at Cromwell on Wednesday 3 February in pretty hot conditions. Unusually, no Wanaka teams featured in the top four. It would be quite a number of years since that last occurred.

- 1st Cromwell
- 2nd Arrowtown
- 3rd Cromwell
- 4th Cromwell

The 9th tournament was held at Bannockburn on Wednesday 17 February in very hot conditions but on a superbly prepared green.

- 1st Wanaka : Murray Finn(s), Fin McRae, Ian McGregor, Bob Steel
- 2nd Bannockburn
- 3rd Hawea
- 4th Wanaka: Richie Muir, Stu Hurley, Frank Beardsley, Neil Robertson

Old Mug Tournament 1 Feb 2021

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Events

Tuesday 9 March	Champion of Champion Triples at Hawea 8.30am
Wednesday 10 March	Champion of Champion Fours at Hawea 8.30am
Wednesday 17 March	Women's Triples - Hodge Trophy
Sunday 21 March	Champion of Champions 1-5yr Singles at Alexandra 8.30am
Thursday 25 March	Over 70's Tournament

Men's Events

Sunday 7 March	Centre 1-5yr Singles @ Alexandra 8.30am
Sunday 21 March	Champion of Champions 1-5yr Singles at Alexandra 8.30am
Saturday 27 March	Champion of Champion Triples at Waipiata 8.30am
Sunday 28 March	Champion of Champion Fours at Waipiata 8.30am

Mixed Events

Thursday 11 March	Wanaka & District Club Mixed 4's 9.00am
Thursday 18 March	Herbert Trophy Mixed Pairs 5.00pm

OTHER NEWS

New Members

A big warm welcome to the following new bowlers who have taken out full membership:

- Rae and Ross Hammond
- Mike Kreft

We do hope that you 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.

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: When does a team gain possession of the rink ?

Q.2: A player delivers a bowl belonging to a member of the opposing team. Another player immediately calls for the return of the bowl. What should happen ?

Q.3: A running bowl, which did not touch anything during its course, hits the face of the bank and rebounds onto the green. Is the bowl dead or alive ?

TIME FOR A LAUGH

Baptizing an Irishman...

An Irishman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher.

The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon, he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes, I am."

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus!"

The preacher, shocked at the answer dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, brother?"

The drunk answers "No, I haven't found Jesus!"

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up.

The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

(get ready for this)

The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher,

"Are you sure this is where he fell in?" (Thank you Roy Tempero)

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 As soon as their opponents bowl has come to rest, after allowing time for marking a toucher as soon as it comes to rest

Q.2: Wait until the wrong bowl comes to rest, then replace it with the player's own bowl

Q.3: It is dead