



## NEWSLETTER

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### Red Light Alert Level Covid 19

**Our Bowling Clubs all require Vaccination Passes to gain entry and therefore our clubs can continue to operate but numbers within are reduced to 100, masks are encouraged especially indoors and we should all physically distance (1 metre)**



Greetings Everyone

It's hard to believe that this time last year we were part of hosting Bowls New Zealand Mixed Pairs.

Even under Covid restrictions it was an exciting time for the Club to be given this honour, and much was gained from the experience.

The experience the visiting players expressed has transferred in turn through to Bowls New Zealand, who are now contacting Bowls Central Otago and in turn contacting us and other local clubs, wanting expression of interest in again hosting the Mixed Pairs and along with Fours next season.

Naturally the Board has responded that we would be very open and willing to host an event again.

In January, we had a very full calendar, not only with local club days, interclub restarting, men's pennants and mid-week tournaments, also the 5's and 7's competition. It was a big weekend in Oamaru for those lady players selected to represent Central Otago, and for the men in Balclutha.

Also, the Ladies yearly Grandmothers tournament was contested, and again kindly sponsored by The Harris Family. Grateful thanks to Mary and Neville.

All these events were played for the most, in extremely hot weather, some of which I understand reaching temperatures in the thirties, which I'm sure took its toll on many players, and much hydration was need to survive.

The Board Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> mainly dealt with housekeeping matters. Even these tasks in a club like ours need regular reviews and discussions to keep everything up to the mark.

We are extremely grateful that even though Peter isn't enjoying the best of health, he continues with his amazing work to keep us all informed.

Val and Tom have kindly agreed to take over and organize the publicity of matches; tournaments etc. from Publicity Peter, and keep forwarding information and photos to him for publications in newsletters.

Reminds me of the old western movies "The mail must get through" scenario.

Recently the Bowling Club members heard with sadness the passing of one of our favourite lady members Noeline Turner.

It was only recently Noeline gave away being a very regular club player, always eagerly entering and playing in so many events, not just locally, but was a great supporter of outside tournaments.

I really got to know Noeline when we both were elected to be on the Ladies Match committee, and she was a joy to work and learn from. She was always enthusiastic and very good at getting younger bowlers involved in playing interclub and tournaments, usually by offering to take them on in her team.



Her lovely quiet way of encouragement made playing with or for her a pleasure. We will miss her.

I hope you are all enjoying the very hot January, and keeping cool.

Kind wishes to you all

Gaye Beattie (President)

### **Members Special Achievement Report**



#### **Ladies Southern Six**

The Southern Six is a Centre competition held between, South Otago, Southland, Dunedin, North Otago, South Canterbury and Central Otago yearly, this year in Oamaru.

Three Wanaka members - Amy Swain, Bev Mee, Barbara Wilson were selected to play in the Development team and one in the Seniors - Pip Kiddey.

All players played extremely well, Amy and Bev in the Fours won 2 games and drew 1. Barbara playing singles won 4 out of 5, losing the other game by 1 point, an excellent result. Pip playing in the senior squad triples team won all 5 games which also was an excellent result.

Central Otago won the Seniors and runner up in the Development and won the overall competition. All the players should be congratulated on a great weekend, well done everyone.

Rhonda Hurley (Manager)

## FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

### Central Otago Representatives

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

## FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

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

### Women's Club Days

Club days in February are still scheduled in the morning – just as well with all the heat we are experiencing.

Ferns are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February so those holding 'ferns' badges please return them.

### Women's Championships

- Championship Junior Pairs 1-5yrs on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9am – 3 games depending on the heat.
- Championship Junior Singles 1-5yrs on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9am – 3 games depending on the heat.
- Open Singles coming up on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March. An entry list is on the Board.

### Women's Interclub

The first interclub for the year was on Tuesday 25 January at Alexandra and Hawea. Wanaka had 6 wins and 2 draws.

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at Wanaka/Omakau/Arrowtown
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Clyde/Roxburgh/RSA.  
List on the board for names. Eight of our members will be bowling at the West Coast that week so please everyone else see if you are available.

### Kitto Cup / Morriss Tray

On Sunday 9 January 2022 4 members travelled to Waipiata for the Kitto Cup/Morriss Tray tournament.

### First Club Day

Our first club day for the year was on 12 January and a pot luck lunch followed the bowls with 18 members attending. On next club day we had 22 members playing which was

followed by drinks and nibbles for a farewell to two of our members Margaret Hay and Joss Hurring who are both moving back to Dunedin.

### **Women's Interclub 7s**

On January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> the Interclub 7s were held at Alexandra where Wanaka ladies finished a credible 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. This year a round robin tournament was played in scorching heat.

### **Grandmother's Fours**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January the annual Grandmother's Fours was held on another very hot day. Wanaka fielded 6 teams this year as some outside teams withdrew because of other commitments. Andrew Dowman's team from Queenstown won. This tournament is sponsored by the Harris Family which we are very grateful for.



**Wanaka Grandmothers 4's**



**Photos by Sally Angus**

## **RESULTS**

### **FULTON HOGAN CLASSIC MEN'S INVITATIONAL FOURS TOURNAMENT**

It's been said many times before, that when bowling at the Wanaka Bowling Club, it is easy to become distracted by the magnificence of the surrounding environment. Certainly, conditions couldn't have been better for the 9am start of the premier tournament of the Wanaka Bowling Club calendar on Wednesday 5 January - the 2022 Fulton Hogan Wanaka Men's Classic Fours.





Each of the 16 'Fours' teams entered were scheduled to play five games through this first day. As the day progressed the temperature climbed to about 30 degrees and much more when standing on the green. The Club's new artificial mat radiated heat to the extent that players were picking up a somewhat hot bowl. Containers of water were consumed at a high rate as players battled against dehydration.

It has been estimated that a player walks about 5-7 km during a days play of five games, bends over countless times to pick up and deliver their bowls, and some players, like the 'skips', are basically on their feet for the whole day in a tournament like this. On a hot Central Otago day this is no place for wimps.

Needless to say, there were some very weary, thirsty and hot bowlers at the conclusion of the first day of this tournament.

On the basis of the results of the first day's five games, the field of 16 teams was split. The bottom eight teams would play in the Plate Event the next day and the top eight teams would play off in the Main Event.

In contrast to the first day, the weather on Thursday 6 January was a bit of a mixed bag with the first game being played in jackets and jerseys. Then it warmed up, until later in the afternoon when a very cool wind gusted across the green during the final stages.

The last games of the tournament were the finals of the Plate Event and the Main Event.

In the Plate Event the final was between a composite team skipped by Ewan Miller (Wanaka), Peter Rutherford (Nelson), Alister Moore (Wanaka), Warner Barber (Ranfurly) and another composite team skipped by David Young (Tapanui), Robert Kane (Tapanui) , Jim Young (Taieri), Peter Hart (Wanaka).

These two teams played a 10 end match and what a good game it was. After 4 ends the score was 3-3 but team Miller won 4 successive ends to lead 8-3 after 8 ends. Team Young wasn't done though and they fought back and won the last two ends to just lose by 7-6



**Peter Rutherford, Warner Barber, Alister Moore, Ewan Miller(s)**

There were some very good bowls played in this match but special mention should be made of skip Ewan Miller who frustrated the opposition by repeatedly winning the head with his last bowl when it looked to be lost.



**2022 Classic Champions: Stu Hurley, John Leith, Murray Finn (s), Ken Mitchell**

The final of the Main Event was always going to be a tough encounter - and it was. Tom Malcolm (Wanaka) had put together a composite team consisting of Malcolm Van Rensburg (Cromwell), Leo Leonard (Kia Toa, Timaru), Winston McLaughlan (Gore). Their opponents, Stu Hurley's team, were all from Wanaka. The skip was Murray Finn and Ken Mitchell and John Leith completed the team.

The game was evenly poised at 5-5 after 4 ends but team Hurley bowled consistently well and scored a 3 and then a 2 to lead by 10-5 after 6 ends. This galvanised team Malcolm into positive action, who won the next two ends to even the game up at 10-10 after 8 ends.

Team Hurley took back the initiative by winning the next 3 ends to lead by 15-10 with one end to play.

The last end saw team Malcolm empty their tanks and hold 3 shots. Tom Malcolm's last bowl wasn't really on line but it ricocheted merrily through the pack of bowls and ended up the 4th shot. Game to Stu Hurley's men 15-14. Great stuff and highly entertaining for the gallery of spectators.

For Stu Hurley this was an extra special day in that he had been in the winning team of this tournament 20 years ago. That's a long time between drinks Stu !

## **Overall Results**

### **Main Event**

1. Murray Finn(s), Stu Hurley, Ken Mitchell, John Leith
2. Tom Malcolm(s), Malcolm Van Rensburg, Leo Leonard, Win McLaughlan
- 3= Richie Muir(s), Kyle McGowan, Todd Swain, Ethan Flynn
- 3= Simon Nyhof(s), Brett Simpson, Bob Wilson, Bob Smith

### **Plate Event**

1. Ewan Miller(s), Peter Rutherford, Alister Moore, Warner Barber
2. David Young(s), Robert Kane, Jim Young, Peter Hart

3= Peter Herbert(s), Derek Hope, Pat Traynor, Frank Beardsley  
3= Don Urquhart(s), Wayne Flynn, Ian Hall, Jim Cowie

## Catering

Wonderful morning and afternoon teas were provided by the catering team. On Wednesday an evening meal was provided of slow roasted lamb and pork with buns and coleslaw which was enjoyed by all. Well done Jan, Kate and all your wonderful helpers.

## MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Men's Championships Triples

These two teams will be sick of the sight of each other having played each several times in the course of the Triples Championships.

Ewan Millers team of Mike Bridgland and Alister Moore, having earlier defeated Richie Muir(s), Simon Nyhof and Tom Malcolm faced off again and very nearly pulled off what would have been a commendable win. However, that was not to be, with team Muir winning narrowly.

So it came down to the deciding game.

Team Miller started steadily winning four ends for 5 points. This, however had been countered by a 5 by team Muir.

The 'Muir Machine' then went into high gear and won the next four ends to establish a clear lead of 15-6 after 10 ends and progressively on to 19-8 at the end of the 15th end when the match was conceded to Team Muir.



**Simon Nyhof, Richie Muir (s), Tom Malcolm**

### Men's Championships Pairs

Richie Muir and Tom Malcolm played Murray Finn and Ken Allison in a pulsating game on 21 January 2022 where both teams were presented with chances, but not all were taken.



After 7 ends the score was 6-6. Then Team Finn took the ascendancy winning three consecutive ends to lead 10-6. Shared ends brought the two teams together at 13-13 after 14 ends.

Team Finn took the lead 15-13 with a 2 on the 15th end but Team Muir took charge of the mat, winning the last 3 ends to win this excellent match by 20-15



### **Men's Saturday Pennants**

Standings as at 29 January 2022

Division 1: Clyde 80, Hawea 67, Arrowtown 63, **Wanaka 56**, Roxburgh 48, Alexandra 46, Bannockburn 53, Omakau 43, RSA 37, Cromwell 36, Queenstown 17

Standings as at 29 January 2022

Division 2: Alexandra 62, Clyde 57, Bannockburn 56, Cromwell 55, **Wanaka 49**, Arrowtown 47, Roxburgh 43, RSA 44, Omakau 43, Hawea 30 Queenstown 29

### **Men's Mid Week Pennants**

Standings as at 26 January 2022

- Bannockburn. 65. %
- Arrowtown. 57.5%
- Queenstown. 43.75%
- Hawea. 42%
- **Wanaka. 33.75%**
- Cromwell. 33.3%

### **Men's Mid-Week Tournaments**

#### **Wanaka (19 January 2022)**

Event was cancelled because of rain.

### **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**

### ***Skipping Church*** (from Tom Malcolm)

*Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring Sydney day, decided he just had to play golf.*

*So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day.*

*As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone.*

*After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church. At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"*

*The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."*

*Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.*

### ***IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE***

***St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"***

***The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"***

***PEACE BE WITH YOU***