

## MILFORD BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2011

### **Presidents Update:**

I think the old saying – “*as the days get longer the cold grows stronger*” is very appropriate but never mind, Spring is just around the corner with opening day approximately 8 weeks away on Saturday, 24 September.

So far, the winter period has been reasonably busy and active for many of our members. Prize giving with the achievement of numerous Centre titles plus Bowler of the Year was well attended and enjoyed by all and the subsequent Club of the Year award capped it all off. The election of Officers at the AGM has introduced a degree of new blood and initiatives which will bring positive results to the club. This applies to the various sub committees also. The only slight hiccup has been the non appointment of a Secretary. Two of our members have stepped forward and are prepared to fill and share the role on an interim and temporary basis. Claire Mitchell has offered to prepare agendas and minutes. Her health precludes her from doing more – thank you Claire, it is very much appreciated. Lorna Haslam who has been a previous Treasurer has stepped up and offered to fill in on the administrative side. Where would we be without our dedicated volunteers? We have already had our first Executive meeting and reiterated that our achievements and excellent status can only be sustained by improving revenue and/or increasing membership. With this in mind, the Committee agreed the following: *If any member introduces a new person who becomes a full member, then the existing member shall receive a subscription rebate of \$20.00*

As mentioned previously, the coaching initiatives introduced by Centre and embraced by Milford have been greeted with enthusiasm by many of our members – even though it is winter. Our new Coaching Convener, Barbara Davis is being well supported by her team of coaches and over the last number of weeks coaching for Junior players has been held at Hobsonville on Saturday mornings. We have 10 Juniors attending plus our 5 coaches. Coaching is also being conducted at Belmont Park every Monday morning from 10.00 am. This is open to all members so if you are interested, please contact Barbara on 478-6770.

Most of you will be aware that Tim Preston is on our Executive as the club delegate to Centre but what you probably don't know is that Tim has stepped forward and volunteered to be the – facilitator, liaison, mentor etc for our Junior players. Already this has resulted in the Hobsonville coaching, two teams participating in the Sorrel Cup at Browns Bay, the Shanghai junior singles at Takapuna RSA – Aug 7, 3 teams in the Phil Stanaway Trophy at Manly – Aug 14 plus the Latimer Cup at Browns Bay – Aug 21. What a great way to develop competent and competitive players!

Graham and Tim are in the process of compiling the new bowling diary and I am sure you will be pleased with the “new look” format. Our new Match Committee Chair, Una Selwood and her match team have put a great deal of effort into compiling an effective bowling programme for the new season which will be incorporated into the diary. A lot

of thought has also gone into considering our working members by providing more weekend and twilight bowling etc.

You will recall that Colin Crocker advised the Executive that he would be stepping down from physical green keeping duties but would be prepared to be the Greens Superintendent overseeing a green keeper etc. The Executive gave Colin and Tony Rickerby the mandate to seek a suitably qualified and experienced person. I am pleased to advise that Stan Galloway has signed an agreement as an Independent Contractor in order to carry out specific green keeping duties. Stan is well qualified with a depth of experience and an impeccable background in green keeping. As mentioned on many occasions, without sufficient members and quality greens, you do not have a bowling club.

You will have noticed that the office has been extended so as to better accommodate Admin and the Match Committee. In retrospect, we should have done this at the time of the refurbishment. Our thanks must go again to Eric and Ralph for their efforts. The outside surrounds are also looking very tidy with a number of trees and shrubs being pruned and groomed – a great job Pat.

Please support the following activities:

- **Indoor Bowls:** - Every Tuesday and Thursday, commencing at 1.00 pm. \$3.00 entry which includes afternoon tea – prizes and raffles and the Bar opens at conclusion of play
- **Mah Jong:** - Every Friday at 1.00 pm - \$3.00 which includes afternoon tea. If interested please contact Joyce Bongard – 410-3644
- **A Night at the Movies:** - To be held at the club on 5<sup>th</sup> August and will include fish and chips. We will be screening an Australian bowling film called – *Crackerjack* - which is a story about a person who joins an inner city bowling club for the sole purpose of securing a car park close to his employment.

Price: \$10.00 per person (friends welcome) – which includes entry and fish and chips. Popcorn plus an ice cream on a stick will be additional.

Bar will be open from: 5.00 pm

Fish and chips served at: 6.30 pm

Movie commences at: 7.30 pm

It would be great to get an idea of numbers for catering purposes so if you can, please advise Barbara Bowyer – 478-2320

Note: Barbara is now Social Convener and has met with her team to discuss a social programme for club members. The Movie evening is their first item and they are looking at – Roast Dinners, Quiz Evenings etc so watch this space!

**Book Sale:** - Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September from 8.00 am – 12.00 pm. We require quality books so please spread the word – **but please, no magazines**  
Any queries please contact: Margaret Shelley – 418-4076 or Stuart Glanfield – 410-4141.

**Bill Gates (Microsoft) recently gave a speech at a High School about eleven (11) things that they did not and will not learn in school. He spoke about how feel good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.**

***Rule 1: Life is not fair – get used to it!***

***Rule 2: The world doesn't care about your self esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.***

***Rule 3: You will not make \$60,000 a year straight out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone until you earn both.***

***Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.***

***Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.***

***Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents fault so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.***

***Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.***

***Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not! In some schools, they abolished failing grades and they will give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.***

***Rule 9: Life is not divided into terms. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself – do that in your own time***

***Rule 10: Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to work.***

***Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you could end up working for one.***

Good bowling and have a great season

Trevor Duffy  
President