

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

MILFORD
BOWLING CLUB

DECEMBER 2012

The season is now well underway, and already we have some really good news to share with you all.

Several of our members played in the NZ Open held recently. Tony Rickerby, and Graham Dorreen both qualified in the Men's Singles, and Diane Steel and Rhonda Preston qualified in the Ladies' Pairs. Well done! Milford

Christmas party at Aubergine Restaurant, Takapuna. We hope that you will join us that evening and celebrate all that is wonderful about the Christmas season. Please let Nelda Knight (478-9393) know if you wish to be among the revelers. At \$35 per head for a three course meal, it is good value for money. The cost of drinks

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

AUBERGINE RESTAURANT
HURSTMERE ROAD, TAKAPUNA
6.00PM
3 Course Meal - \$35 per head

hosted singles and pairs events and has received glowing compliments for our facilities, organisation, and the quality of our greens. Our thanks are extended to all those people who contributed either on the green or in the club house.

Christmas is almost here, and this year we will be having our

is in addition to the meal.

On a sadder note, members will be aware that Colin Crocker is in hospital. Our thoughts are very much with Colin and Wendy at this time. We wish Colin a speedy recovery.

LORNA DONALD
President

Friday "Happy Hour"

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As the Christmas season approaches, our club rooms are being used more regularly by outside organisations. This is a wonderful source of much needed revenue for our club. Our Friday night "Happy Hour" functions are still able to proceed so please come down to your club and enjoy our regular weekly get together.

Twilight bowls will return as a regular Friday night feature in the New Year when the weather is warmer and barbeque meals will be available.

\$\$\$ JACKPOT \$\$\$

THE JACKPOT IS YET TO BE STRUCK. BE THERE AND YOU COULD WIN!



New Secretary

I am delighted to inform you that Jan Ellin has kindly offered to be our Club Secretary. This role, like all executive committee roles, is a busy and vital one and greatly relieves the pressure on our President who was not only chairing the meetings, but taking the minutes too.

Pennants Competition

Our Mixed Triples teams have made the finals of the BNH Pennants competition to be held at Browns Bay on Saturday 15th December. The competition itself has been challenged by the weather which has failed to cooperate, however the competition has been great and with so many members playing throughout the centre, Bowls North Harbour will no doubt regard the competition as a success. Our Selectors have done an outstanding job in trying circumstances, ensuring we have a full complement of players in each of our teams.

Mixed Champ 4's

The semifinal and finals of the Mixed Championship Fours will be held on 23rd March 2013.

Member Update

We extend a warm Milford welcome to new members Kathryn & Peter Spratley, Erich Oettli and Christine Rutherford.

We welcome back Clive & Jenny Howard who have

returned from South Africa hopefully permanently.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Norma Duffy following recent surgery and to Anne Dorreen who is recovering from a broken ankle.

Constitution

At the recent BNH Cluster meeting held at Takapuna, we learned that BNZ has recently released a sample club constitution. Your executive committee has yet to see the new constitution, however you may be assured that reviewing it, with a view to undertaking a complete rewriting of our own constitution will be a matter of priority in the New Year.

Partner Clubs

Bowls NZ are encouraging clubs throughout NZ to become Partner Clubs. Partner Clubs qualify for increased practical support from Bowls NZ. To date only one other BNH club (Manly) has become a Partner Club. Your executive intends investigating this further and making a decision that best serves the interests of Milford.

MS Charity Tournament

This year's MS Charity tournament was again an extremely successful day with a substantial donation of \$2,044 being made to the MS Society. This is excellent PR for our club and the cause is a most worthy one.

Bar Price Increase

The November Executive Committee meeting approved the purchase of a new and sophisticated cash register. This new cash register will enable the bar staff to offer "mates rates" on our regular Friday (Sunday) night happy hour, regular prices, and corporate prices.

New Year's Eve

Plan now to join us for our New Year's Eve party. A team will be preparing some bowling, Petanque, and a barbeque meal for us all to enjoy together.



THANK YOU to all those who contribute so much to the club; we owe you so much and without you the club would not function as well as it does. The success of the BNZ Open, the MS tournaments, and of course, our own tournaments, is due to the work done by so many generous members.

Your Executive Committee wishes you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



Merry Christmas