



# MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2014



### **From Your President**

The holiday season is now past and activity has returned to our club, especially on the greens. Three championships have been completed since Christmas but the biggest event of the year is about to happen. Yes, it's the

### **Milford 5000**

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February

### **Sponsors' Night**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - 5.00pm**

The event will take off on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February with a Sponsors' Night starting at 5.00pm. Without our sponsors we could not hold the Milford 5000 so it is very important that we support them on this evening and come to the club to express our appreciation to them. Heartland Bank and Harcourts Milford will be represented and we are hoping that some of the competing teams will also attend.

As we go to print, we are putting the finishing touches on the arrangements including arranging for the catering. Ladies, we need your help to provide the 20 salads that are needed each day. If you have not been contacted yet, please let Joy Preston know how you are able to help.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Three Pairs Championships have been completed this month. Congratulations to our winners:-

Ladies Open Pairs:

Rosalie Horne & Lorna Donald

R/Up Barbara Davis & Bev Stanford

Men's Open Pairs:

Russell Hocking & Robbie McGrane

R/Up Tony Rickerby & Alan Clist

Mixed Pairs

Pat Bourke & Barbara Bowyer

R/Up Logan Bridgens & Di Steel

The standard of play in all three finals made for thrilling viewing. A good crowd was present on each occasion with spectators being treated to some sublime draw bowls and weighted shots. Title-defending skips were represented in each of the winning teams. Championship entries have been up on last year with a really good field participating in the Mixed Pairs Championship. Our junior bowlers continue to be well represented in the finals and winning teams, with all three finals teams having at least one junior representative. Congratulations to both the winners and the runners-up.

### **Corporate Success**

We asked our regular week day roll-up members to change their arrangements during December so that we could hold a series of corporate events. These events are especially important as they generate the much needed income that makes all the difference to our financial situation. Ian McKenzie arranged a number of events during this period, and several members assisted by providing the catering requirements or helping to run the bowls. Our thanks go to all those people who gave of their time and expertise and thus ensured the success of our corporate event fundraising. Clive Howard, our Treasurer reports on the degree of financial success later in this newsletter.

### **Corporate Bowls Day**

Ian McKenzie is currently organising a Corporate Bowls Day on

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Nearer to the date we will be asking for volunteers to assist with the organisation. A significant contribution to our finances is

anticipated from this event, so it is important that we run an event that becomes the buzz of the corporate world. This event will generate bookings for our December 2014 corporate Christmas events which, as you know, are very important to our club finances and introduce potential players to our fabulous game.

On your behalf, I would like to say a huge "thank you" to Ian McKenzie and to all those who have helped with the success of this season's corporate events.

### From our Treasurer

The operating profit for the 8 months ended 31 December 2013 was \$393 against a budgeted loss of \$3,700.

Thanks to Ian McKenzie & his team there were increases in sponsorship income, club hire over the festive season and naming rights. Expenses have been reduced and all these factors have enabled the Club to be in a positive situation despite the lowering of the subscriptions to \$149. We have \$61,295 invested with Heartland on term deposits and \$25,990 in our ASB Bank account. We will review the ASB account once the Milford 5000 has been completed on 9<sup>th</sup> February and place some of these funds in short term investments.

Thanks to the many club members for their ongoing involvement in the various functions & events that have kept our club in a sound financial state.

Clive Howard - Treasurer

### Junior Inter-Club

Our Junior Inter-Club team is continuing to do well. Whilst not top of the ladder at this point in the competition, they are nevertheless doing well, giving us reason to feel very proud of their efforts. The rounds are played at Milford and Browns Bay and I

know that our teams will appreciate our support. We wish them well for the final rounds.

### Umpires Needed

With only Una Selwood, Lorna Donald and Maurie Young as our club umpires, we are in rather desperate need of new umpires to come forward. Our Mixed Pairs Championship



proceeded without an umpire present and whilst this and the other championships had little or no call for an umpire (except to answer questions about the rules), we cannot always rely upon the fact that they will not be needed. The Umpires' Association will soon be calling for players who are willing to undertake the training so if you feel that this is a way in which you can contribute to your club, please let Lorna Donald know. Just knowing your rule book well gives you a distinct advantage.

### Friday Night Bowls

Our Friday Night bowls competition will be starting soon after the Milford 5000 has been held. We will make sure that you get more details as soon as they are available because we would like to see as many members as possible playing and enjoying their twilight bowls. In the meantime, we will be starting the card draw competition, so come down to the club on Friday night and be in to win a good prize.

### Remembering Our Members

We continue to send out best wishes to Claire Mitchell, Norma Duffy and Trevor Duffy and express the hope that they will soon be able to join us again at MBC.

This is the busy time of the season when the weather is at its best (believe it or not!!) and there is plenty of championship and tournaments on. Enjoy them all.

LORNA DONALD,  
President