

## NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN, 2012

### Presidents update:

Even though it is reputed to have been our wettest summer since 1989, we have still had a very full and busy season both on and off the greens and here we are, now just under a month away from closing day (May 5).

- **Corporate Day, 2012 was another huge success and again, this event would not have been possible without the incredible and tireless support of our loyal band of volunteers – organization, kitchen, raffles, bar, greens etc – you all know who you are just as those who don't come forward know who they are! This particular event is the single greatest revenue earner for the club for the whole season. Every entry is in actual fact a sponsor. Draft figures show a net surplus (after expenses) in the order of \$9,000 of which approx \$2,500 will be allocated to the BIAS fund (junior development, new initiatives etc) and the balance to the club's operating account – thanks again to everyone involved, this is what makes us the great club we are and why we are "Club Of The Year".**
- **You will recall in the last newsletter I made mention of relocating the flagpole which could/would make the area at that end of the clubrooms available for some form of development etc. We had Eric Moses carry out a costing exercise to redevelop the north east corner of the clubrooms which included – replacing the window at "Puff Corner" with a ranchslider, new decking, new roofing to cover existing open space, repairs to existing structure, redevelopment of the grass area etc. We then made a grant application to the Four Winds Foundation and I am pleased to report that we received approval and an amount of \$8,000 on 29 March. A project team is developing a programme currently.**
- **A number of Club championships have been played over recent weeks and as Bowls North Harbour host the Champ of Champ events which are based on individual club results, the following entries have been submitted to Centre:**

**Men's Pairs (Sat 21 April) Ric Lydford & Robbie McGrane**

**Women's Pairs (Sat 21 April) Yvonne Preston & Kathy Brown**

**Men's Triples (Sun 5 May) Russell Hocking, Graham Dorreen, Peter Ross**

**Women's Triples (Sun 5 May) Barb Davis, Diane Rundstrom, Anne Dorreen**

**Men's Fours (Sat 28 Apr) Rod Mahon, Shane Gibson, Graham Dorreen,  
Tim Preston**

**Women's Fours (Sat 28 Apr) Yvonne & Rhonda Preston, Sandra Hocking,  
Anne Dorreen**

**Men's Singles (Sun 12 May) Russell Hocking**

**Women's Singles (Sun 12 May) Lorna Donald**

**Men's 5 Yr Singles (Sun 12 May) Tim Preston**

**Women's 5 Yr Singles (Sun 12 May) Anne Dorreen**

**We wish all the above members every success in their particular events.**

- **Special congratulations to Jack Green. Jack as our youngest member at the age of eleven was selected to represent North Harbour in the Kittyhawk National under 20 Men's Singles. He went through to the Plate where he was beaten in the first round by Logan Amer of Titahi Bay who was the eventual winner of the Plate – Well done Jack!**
- **Regrettably, the Hospice tournament has had to be cancelled due to weather influenced diary changes plus a green having to be closed earlier than planned for maintenance. It is hoped that this important tournament can be re scheduled to be held early next season which would mean that it still could take place in the calendar year of 2012. As most of you are aware, over the last 11 years we have generated in excess of \$30,000 for Hospice.**
- **As you are aware, the Executive are charged with the responsibility and accountability of ensuring the ongoing viability of our club and in today's environment this is not always easy – we face ever increasing costs such as – fertilizers, chemicals, green keeping remuneration, insurances (have almost doubled), rates, electricity, R & M etc. We don't have additional revenue streams such as pokie machines or a drinking culture within the club and that is why we work so hard at maintaining a healthy balance sheet, promoting and retaining our sponsors, making effective grant applications, running profitable open tournaments, hiring out the clubrooms etc are all in the interests of our membership so as to be able to maintain fair subscriptions, well maintained greens, grounds and clubrooms and a good club spirit. Quite frankly, I believe our team is doing a great job and it can be quite disconcerting on occasions to hear some of our members criticizing various of these initiatives such as – why do we have to hire out our clubrooms etc. If you look at the statistics, most clubs – golf, bowling and so forth have declining memberships and facilities. Be thankful that you have a progressive Executive who have been keen and interested enough to keep the club “up there” on your behalf.**

- You will see from the diary that closing day is 5 May and that prize giving is Friday 11 May followed by our AGM on Saturday, 25 June. The nomination forms are already up on the main notice board and I again ask that you give serious consideration to what role you could play or indeed what contribution you may be able to make on a sub committee or whatever! We have a potentially serious situation in that the majority of the current executive will not be seeking re election – for example, as President I have served two terms and whilst I will be stepping down, the incoming executive can be assured of my total support and assistance. Both current Vice Presidents have indicated that they will not be putting their names forward for the role of President. As already mentioned, our club is in such a healthy state – financially, membership, socially, status, morale, condition of facilities etc. Do you want to let this go? – Frankly, it is in your hands!

Good bowling

Trevor Duffy  
President

*An elderly couple had been dating for some time and finally they decided that it was time for marriage.*

*Before the wedding, they went out for dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work.*

*They discussed finances, living arrangements and so on. Finally the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.*

*“How do you feel about sex?” he asked, rather hesitantly.*

*“Well,” she says, responding very carefully, “I’d have to say, I would like it infrequently”*

*The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment. Then looking over his glasses, looked her in the eye and casually asked – “Was that one word or two words?”*