

## **MILFORD BOWLING CLUB – NEWSLETTER – NOV/DEC 2011**

### **Presidents update:**

**We have arrived back fully refreshed from our South Island sojourn to find the Club and members in good heart – many thanks to Graham, Diane and members of the Executive for doing such a fine job holding the Fort etc. So much has been happening that it is difficult to keep up!**

- **Apart from being a regular attendee at the Club, another very effective and rewarding way to being well informed of club and bowling matters in general is to refer regularly to the club website: [www.bowlsmilford.co.nz](http://www.bowlsmilford.co.nz). Tim Preston is doing a tremendous job in keeping the site fully updated with news plus our club bowling programme etc.**
- **As you read in the last newsletter, we were nominated as a finalist for “Club of the Year” in the Massey University, Sports North Harbour Sports Excellence Awards. Well, on Friday 18 November at North Harbour Stadium, Milford Bowling Club was awarded – Club of the Year! We were one of eight finalists which included: Murawai Golf Club, Takapuna Hockey Club, Takapuna Boating Club, Red Beach Surf Lifesaving, North Shore Swimming Club, North Harbour Water Polo and Hibiscus Coast Raiders League and Sports Club. To be considered the best club across all of those sporting disciplines is a great honour and coupled with the Bowls North Harbour and Bowls New Zealand achievements, caps of one of the greatest years in the clubs history – it is a tribute to all of you for your effort and support.**
- **As mentioned in a previous newsletter, sponsorship is critical to the prosperous well being of our club. During these difficult economic times, clubs across most sporting arenas are struggling to retain and/or develop sponsors – we are no exception and it is due to the determined and persistent efforts of people like Graham Dorreen and Alan Clist plus others that we are in a reasonably healthy situation regarding our own sponsors but I have to say it is not easy, so please place a special value on our sponsors and support them in any way possible.**
- **The coaching team is ready willing and available but are a little disappointed at the lack of response. The winter period was very busy for our coaches particularly with the coaching programme for juniors at Hobsonville plus general coaching at Belmont. Our coaching convener, Barbara Davis has**

reiterated that any one interested in coaching (whether new or an existing Bowler) please give her a call (478-6770) to arrange a suitable time. Coaching is also available after Thursday rollups.

- **Junior Twilight Interclub is due to commence on Monday, 5 December at 5.30 pm and will be held on a fortnightly basis i.e.: 5/12, 19/12, 9/1, 23/1, 13/2, etc. The venues will be – Orewa, Browns Bay, Milford and Northcote. Seventeen of our juniors have put their names forward for selection which is extremely encouraging. Tim Preston will be organizing and coordinating our two teams – *Go the Milford Juniors!***
- **Our Social Committee supported by the Executive have decided that the *Super Sunday Fun Day* on 11 December will also be our Christmas Party – the year is concluding so quickly that we are running out of time. The format will be as follows:**

**3.00 pm - start with 2 games of approx 6/8 ends each**

**5.30 pm - Pre dinner drinks and social interaction**

**6.30 pm - Dinner, Ham/Turkey, new potatoes, peas and salad**

**7.15 pm - Secret Santa Ho, Ho, Ho (a present for all – if you are good!)**

**7.45 pm -Dessert, Pavlova, fruit salad and ice-cream followed by Christmas cake.**

**Requirements: All members to bring a small gift to the value of \$3.00 to \$5.00 – Ladies wrapped in pink, men in blue: \$6.00 entry for men: Ladies entry \$3.00 plus a salad: For planning and catering purposes, please put your name on the sheet provided.**

- **Some of you may have noticed that there is an excellent selection of ladies T shirts currently being displayed in our clubrooms. These garments are being sponsored by Lifespace Ltd who is a top fashion company within New Zealand. They have made us a very generous offer with regard to the return on gross sales. There are a variety of colours plus a comprehensive size range. THE PRICE IS: - 3 T SHIRTS FOR ONLY \$10.00. We will only have them for a few more days.**
- **Please, please look in your bowling diaries and at the various club championship events on the tournament board. This coming weekend we have both the Ladies and Men's singles championships but very few entries. Surely we can do better than that!**

**Good Bowling**

**Trevor Duffy  
President**

**Three Rugby Coaches – Robbie Deans, Martin Johnson, and Graham Henry are invited to Heaven to watch the World Cup Final with God. God decides who will sit next to him by asking each of them the same question.**

**God asks Deans first – “What do you believe?” Deans replies: “I believe in hard work and staying true to family, team mates and friends”. God is impressed and offers him a seat to his left.**

**God then turns to Johnson and asks. “What do you believe?” Johnson says: “I believe loyalty, discipline, courage and honour are the fundamentals of life”. God is again impressed and offers the Englishman a seat on his right.**

**Finally, God turns to Henry. “What do you believe?”  
Henry says. “I believe you are in my seat”.**

**There is the story of the Minister who stood up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: “I have good news and bad news”. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is that it’s still out there in your pockets”.**

**People want the front of the bus, the back of the church and the centre of attention**