

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER, 2014

Presidents update

We are now well into November and the season is very much under way. I only wish that the weather would settle down so that we could have more certainty with regard to our bowling programme. However, apart from the vagaries of the weather we are progressing along reasonably well and the following is an update as to what has been and will be happening.

- The fashion parade took place on 15 October and was well attended by both members and friends, The garment providers were well satisfied and have suggested another parade be held during the winter with the appropriate winter garments and accessories – well done, Ros Benton and Barbara Bowyer (plus our lovely models).**
- We had a good attendance on 4 November for the running of the Melbourne Cup and Ian McKenzie ran a very successful “combo” sweep. In the past, the race has been broadcast on TV1 but this year it was on Prime which (to our embarrassment) we were unable to receive at the club. We managed to activate a radio and heard a commentary with plenty of static – it took one back a few years!**
- A flyer has been circulated to members with regard to a Quiz evening to be held on Friday, 28 November. This should be a real fun night and will commence from around 5.30 pm with a drinks and a sausage sizzle with the quiz getting under way at about 6.30ish. Again, Ros and Barbara have been the key organisers with Lorna Donald as the quiz master supported by Ian McKenzie. The suggestion is to have groups of 4 to 6 people per table and each table to have a fun name of their choice.**
- Last Thursday and Friday (13th and 14th) we hosted the NZ Open qualifying pairs and singles which included players from around the Country. We had many favourable comments as to our facilities and hospitality – many thanks to those members who helped with greens, marking, kitchen and Bar etc.**
- Our greens have also been selected for qualifying rounds of the Nationals which are being hosted by Bowls North Harbour. Ours will be required 28th, 29th, 30th December and 5th and 6th January. We need to ensure that we have sufficient markers plus volunteers to help prepare the greens and assist in the kitchen. If**

you can assist please talk to Kathy (markers), Ian (greens), Norma (kitchen) and Margaret (bar)

- **As our Insurance was due to expire at the end of October the Board appointed a new broker to review our policy plus carry out a certified valuation of the building, fixtures and equipment etc with the view of obtaining the best value for money policy. Clive has worked closely with those concerned and the new policy is now in place. Security is also a critical aspect of insurance in today's environment and as a consequence, the keys that were sitting on a floor joist under the building are now housed in the office with coloured tags indicating what lock they fit. Those members who house their bowls in the locker room only need to ask our Secretary for the main door code so as to access the locker room key.**
- **As you are all aware, we are indeed fortunate to have in excess of thirty juniors within the club and as already mentioned we have a responsibility to ensure that we have the appropriate infrastructure to provide the necessary support, coaching, competition and encouragement to these members – they are the future of this club! I am pleased to advise that Don Niven has accepted the role of Junior Development and in this role will ensure that the above objectives are achieved. Don has more than 50 years coaching experience (not only bowls) and his teaching background has involved the development of many and varied types of programmes. He is also currently the Coaching Convenor for Bowls North Harbour.**
- **As a result of the above appointment, Don has relinquished the Bar Manager's position and I am pleased to advise that Margaret Shelley has accepted the role – many thanks Margaret. She will also be looking for more volunteers for the Bar so please help if you can.**
- **The Men's and Women's single championships were held last weekend with Ros Benton winning the Ladies with Val Kehely runner up and Robbie McGrane winning the Men's with Clive Howard as runner up – well done Ros and Robbie.**
- **The Milford 5000 is being held on the weekend of 7th/8th February and is the premier tournament for junior bowlers. It is any combination 2 bowl triples and our objective is to host 32 teams which will mean 2 full greens. Robin Taylor is the Convenor and is assisted by Robbie McGrane. Their key objective at the moment is to make contact with as many clubs possible in order to gain entries.**

A small working party has been formed to assist Robin and Robbie in the areas of green preparation, catering, bar, recording and registrations etc. Don Niven is confident that Milford will be able to provide at least 4 teams.

- At some stage in the past it was decided to change the rink numbering system for our 2 greens, Marac 1 – 8 Founders 9 – 16. Both Bowls NZ and Bowls NH advocate the 1 – 8 rink numbering system regardless of the number of greens within a club. In order to conform, we are going to revert back to the original numbering system.

Finally, we all have a responsibility to ensure that we leave our clubrooms in a tidy condition. This applies especially after roll ups and Friday night happy hour. It only takes a few moments to reposition tables and wipe them down plus getting the dust buster from the kitchen for the cleaning up of crumbs etc.

LEXOPHILES: - a play on words

- *To write with a broken pencil is pointless*
- *When fish are in schools they sometime take debate*
- *A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months*
- *A professor discovered his theory on earthquakes was on shaky ground*
- *The batteries were given out free of charge*
- *A dentist and manicurist married and they fought tooth and nail*
- *A will is a dead giveaway*
- *If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed*
- *With her marriage she got a new name and a dress*
- *A boiled egg is hard to beat*
- *Acupuncture – a jab well done*
- *When she saw the first strands of grey hair, she thought she would dye*
- *He had a photographic memory which was never developed*
- *You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it*
- *When you have seen one shopping centre you have seen a mall*
- *When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds*

Good Bowling

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