

## MILFORD BOWLING CLUB NEWS LETTER – OCTOBER 2011

### MENS VICE-PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

Trevor and Norma are having a well deserved break in the South Island, so I am handling this month's news letter on Trevor's behalf.

- September was a very sad month for the club, with both Albie Birss and Noel Orr passing away. Both Albie and Noel made a huge contribution to the club and served in many capacities. Our thoughts are with their families.
- Milford Bowling Club was announced as the runner-up in the Bowls NZ Club of the Year Awards held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a reflection on the outstanding year we had, both on and off the green. The winner was the Burnside Club from Christchurch.
- Our Club opening day on 24<sup>th</sup> September was well attended. Diane Steel handled things very well on the day, in Trevor's absence.
- The club hosted the 18 World Cup Referees for a couple of games of bowls on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>. We gave Andrew Saville the scoop and he arrived with a camera man in tow. The Referees were so delighted with the day, they presented a signed Rugby World Cup jersey to the club. Have a look at our website to see a report and photos from the day.
- The Members Handbooks are available from the secretary to those members who have paid their fees. Further, the Centre Handbooks are also available from the secretary.
- The Corporate Day (originally scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October) has been deferred until April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, due to clashes with the World Cup.
- The improvement in our greens has been recognized by both Auckland Bowls and NZ Bowls. We have been asked if we will host games in both the NZ Open in November and the Nationals in December/ January. The improvement in our greens has been significant in each of the last 4 years and is a credit to the work of both Tony Rickerby and Colin Crocker and their supporting greens team. Clearly Stan is doing a tremendous job on the greens currently and we have all heard comments from players on how good our greens are.
- When the Centre are using our greens, Ted Davis will be running raffles on the day. This will give the club an additional source of income. Thanks Ted.

- Our first Open Triples Tournament was a success with 24 teams entered. Unfortunately our first Open Pairs Tournament (28 teams) for the season was rained off and as this was a sponsored tournament we will reschedule Highgrove Village to a Tournament after Christmas.
- Following Trevor's News Letter last month, Lorna Donald has agreed to handle the secretarial role. Zelda will continue to clear the mail, and Claire will continue to be the minute secretary.
- The Executive unanimously agreed at the August Executive Meeting to create two new membership categories. The focus was to encourage additional husband and wife members and family members to the club. After receiving a letter from two club members and taking legal advice, the Executive have retracted these categories, as the Executive was not empowered to do this. Those club members (husband and wife) who have paid \$300 will be charged an additional \$120 to bring the fees inline with what was agreed at the AGM. Any future discussion on new categories will be tabled at the AGM.
- Please ensure your Centre entries go to Lorna Donald with the entry fee. Lorna will send the entries off with a cheque from the club.
- Any teams who wish to wear their own team shirts for Centre play must have approval from the Executive. It is no longer a requirement to be approved by Bowls North Harbour.
- The Social Committee is organizing a Quiz Night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Andrew Saville and Tim Preston are the joint MC's for the night.
- Coaching at the club is every Thursday after roll-up. This is available to everyone. Please phone Barbara as she needs to know how many will be attending, so that coaches can be arranged.
- We need players from Milford to play in the Retirement Village Tournament. Please liaise with Barbara.
- The Have-a-go Day is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. Bring friends and family. We will have our coaches on hand.
- The Executive have designated the smoking area to be on the grass area adjacent to the water tanks. Signage, denoting this, is being organized and will be displayed both within the club and outside the club.
- The Milford 5000 due to held 4<sup>th</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> February has 23 confirmed entries already. Clearly, we are sure to have a capacity field again.

- A little story titled....."How to get to Heaven"

I was testing children in my Dublin Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

I asked them "If I sold my house and my car, had a big jumble sale and gave the money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the garden, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "No!" By now I was starting to smile.

"Well then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweeties to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, they all answered "No!". I was just bursting with pride for them.

I continued, "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A six year-old boy shouted out "YUV GOTTA BE DEAD.....STUPID!!"