



Bowls Napier Newsletter

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This is our final newsletter for the playing season.

Well, it's been yet another busy bowling season on our wonderful greens. Thanks to Graeme and his helpers.

Committee members and helpers have had lots to do also. There hasn't been a dull moment.

Our bar has been busier than ever and Bill and his team have put in valuable hours. Our club would be much the poorer without their time and effort.

This year Robyn and her team introduced 'Mates in Bowls' to the club and that has been an exercise well worth doing. What a social lot we had!!!!

Everyone should be pleased that the Business Plan and the resulting projections that were put into place have been met and in several areas exceeded. It's a great result for the club and means our future is now looking a lot brighter.

We have been working alongside Bowls New Zealand developing our club strategies and this

should be considered the way of the future. Bowls New Zealand will only support those who show initiative and modern ideas. And their support will be imperative if we want to continue to be successful in gaining funding.

Membership is looking healthier with some prospective keen bowlers coming along outside normal club playing times to get some practice in. Watch out for them next season!

We now have a corner of the club dedicated to our new partner – Napier South Football Club. They have a notice board up and will be using the club for their social activities. We welcome them and look forward to a great future together.

Talks have also been going on between Napier City Council, Bowls Napier, Port Ahuriri Bowling Club and Bowls Wairere. The future of all three clubs has to be addressed with the hope of finding common ground to make sure we all survive harder times. More on this later in the newsletter.

Ed.
The Bart Awards

It's time to dob someone in!

Bart is now looking for suitable recipients for his annual awards.

I'm sure there must be more than a few of our members who have done something to warrant receiving one of Bart's Annual Awards.

Get your thinking caps on and let Bart know about your nominations.

Missing

Does anyone know where two club photograph albums are. Please let Bart or Raelene know.

Fish 'n Chips

The Fish 'n Chip nights are still proving very popular.

Don't forget it's the FIRST FRIDAY of each month. Names must go up on the whiteboard in the clubrooms.

A special thanks to Graeme, John and Josie. For \$8 we get a great meal.

Indoor Bowls

Anyone interested in playing Indoor Bowls on a Wednesday afternoon, please contact Lawrie Robinson Ph.843-4161

Play will commence once the outdoor season has finished.

Definitions

Absentee

A missing golf accessory

Awe-struck

Being hit with a paddle.

Detest

The West Indies plays India

Autobiography

The car's logbook.

Gay Milkman

Dairy Queen

Humbug

A singing cockroach.

Monologue

A discussion between man and wife.

Lactic

A grandfather clock which doesn't work.

Faucet

What you have to do if the tap won't turn.

Balance

Something you lose if the bank pushes you.

Cabbage

The fare you pay a taxi driver.

Ecstasy

It's the feeling you feel when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before.

Winter Bowls

Winter outdoor Bowls commences:

Saturday 16th May

Club Roll up

Starting Time: 12.30pm

Names in by 12.15pm

Roll ups will be played weekly weather permitting.

Sunday 17th May

2 x 4 x 2 Hetero

Charge \$5.00

Starting Time: 12.30pm

Names on the blackboard

A 2x4x2 tournament will be held every week weather permitting.

Wednesday Night

Indoor Bowls & Darts

If there is enough support for this evening a competition will be organised weekly once the official outdoor season has finished.

The MIB crew are starters

Who else is?

Please phone Robyn

Ph: 843 0098

Closing Day

Day: Saturday

Date: 9th May 2009

Roll up will commence as usual at 1.30pm

Names in by 1.15pm please.

At the conclusion of play a **three course** dinner will be provided at 6.00pm. This will be held rain or shine.

Cost: \$10

Names on the whiteboard please.

Dinner followed by presentations and Bart Awards

Old Jake was alone in his Hotel room watching television when there was a knock at the door. He opened it and a buxom young girl walked in.

“Oh, I’m sorry” she said, “I must be in the wrong room.”

“No love,” said Jake. “It’s the right room, but you are just 35 years too late.”

What is the difference between a scotsman and a canoe?

A canoe sometimes tips.

Welcome to our new members

Players

Jeanette Neil

Brendon McIlroy

Boon McIlroy

Social Members

Teresa Murphy

Craig Nordell

Antionette Hutchinson

Elizabeth Campbell

Allan Potter

Tony McEwan

Daniel Kinney

Joshua Ogilvie

Emmet Craik

Cathy Dunn

Marion Sinton

Leanne Welsh

Jeff Davidson

Wendy Glen

Lillian Kinder

Brendon Pollet

Roger Price

John Sheridan

Perry Findanis

Welcome to you all. We hope you enjoy your time at our club and we look forward to seeing some of these social members put on the club colours one day.

A G M

Sunday 7th June

Time: 1.30pm

At Bowls Napier

We need to see as many of you here as possible. Included in this newsletter is a discussion paper, which will be presented at the AGM.

All members are asked to give the matters in this document time and thought. Then come along to the AGM with constructive comment. We need your input.

We will also need more nominations for committee. We have had two resignations from committee this year. Sally Cann has filled one of these vacancies but will not be able to continue next season.

Watch for details on the white board in the club.

Club Website

At long last work has started on our website.

This will take some time to finalise but the aim is to get it up and running as soon as possible.

If anyone has any ideas or input please contact Robyn Pritchard. Robyn is working with Pat (who is a web designer) and want to produce an easy-to-use site.

2009 Club Champions

Congratulations to all the winners and those who competed.

Mens singles

Paul Sorensen

Womens singles

Raelene Cronin

Mens pairs

Ken Smith

Bob Strahl

Womens pairs

Olga Taylor

Raelene Cronin

Mens Triples

Graeme Wagg

Dave Stevenson

Ken Smith

Womens Triples

Kay Goldsworthy

Vickie Crystal

Robyn Pritchard

Mens Fours

Ken Smith

Dave Stevenson

Malcolm Stockwell

Merv Quinn

Womens Fours

Olga Taylor

Raelene Cronin

Brenda Zorn

Josie Lang

Junior Pairs

Pauline Cooper

Megan Hopson

Junior Singles

Pauline Cooper

HB Centre Winners

Mens Pairs

Paul Sorensen

Peter Cronin

**Champion of Champion
Womens Singles**

Raelene Cronin

Mixed Pairs

Olga Taylor

Peter Cronin

Mens A Pennants

Doug White

John Hosegood

Brant Robinson

Clifford Marshall

Gardner Shield

Well done all players.

A **Prosperous** man was accosted by a disreputable looking bloke who asked for some money for a meal.

“Here have a cigarette.” said the businessman.

“No I don’t smoke.” Replied the tramp.

“Then let me buy you a drink.”

“No, I don’t drink.”

“Then let me give you this lottery ticket.”

“No thanks, I never gamble. Couldn’t you spare some money for a decent meal?”

The businessman looked at him. “I can do better than that.” He said. “You come home with me and I’ll cook you the biggest meal you ever saw.”

“Wouldn’t it be easier if you just gave me the money?”

“Easier, yes,” replied the businessman, “but I want to show my wife what happens to a man who doesn’t drink, smoke or gamble.”

Advertisements

For Sale: Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica. Never been opened. Wife knows everything.

Lost dog. Has three legs, blind in one eye, right ear missing, broken tail, no teeth, recently castrated. Answers to Lucky.

Future of our Clubs

To date: Bowls Wairere, Bowls Napier and Port Ahuriri Bowling Club have met to discuss the future of bowls in Napier.

A group of six have met with the City Council, who are willing to assist in all areas. We have met again to formulate the format for this newsletter, which will go out to all members of the three clubs. This is for the purpose of obtaining a mandate on the future of the three respective Clubs to take back to Council for further talks.

Responses will be required from each Club's Special (General) Meeting with a two third majority (No Proxy Votes) of members attending their own Special (General) Meeting.

All three clubs have the same problems:

Aging membership

Fewer competitive bowlers

Fewer volunteer workers

Too Many Clubs

Escalating costs

Less sponsorship and dwindling funds available for grants

We would like your opinion on the following

Should one or more clubs merge.

If so should they:

1. Merge as one Club on an existing site
2. Keep each Club's identity on one existing site
3. Move all as one Club to a new site? (Council has suggested to moving to a new green site (Parklands), incorporating other sporting Codes.)