

Bowls Napier Newsletter

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2011 Season is about to finish

Another season of bowls is just about to finish.

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to all our members who have entered the competitions throughout the season.

A special thank you to the members who work quietly in the background organising the competition drawers, the umpires, the markers, the greenkeeper for maintaining the greens, the helpers for marking the greens, putting out mats and scoreboards etc. And of course for putting everything away afterwards. Without this small team of workers we wouldn't have competitions.

Please don't just sit back and watch them all working, get in and help with all these tasks and help to spread the workload.

Some highlights of the last few months include the Art Deco Triples held in February, a really fun tournament with some great Art Deco outfits being worn. Visit our website to see some of the photos that were taken on the day.

The Cis Winstanley Memorial Classic for Women was held at the beginning of March. Due to a clash of dates with some other competitions the number of

entries was down to 12 this year.

The Bruce Ballinger Memorial Classic for men was held later in March and attracted a full entry of 24 teams.

At the beginning of April we hosted the "Junior Open under 5 years" tournament. The mainly "grey haired juniors" had a great weekend and most seemed eager to return next year.

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12th June @

1.30pm at Bowls Napier.

It would be great to see another good turnout of members this year.

We are looking for nominations for the Executive – President, Chairperson or members etc.

Nomination forms are available at the club.

All nominations should be with the Secretary 14 days before the meeting.

Notices of motion should be sent to the Secretary by Monday 23rd May 2011.

Chairman's Report - Time for change

We all know that change of personal in anything at all is very beneficial. Governments, businesses, organisations and clubs need new blood to keep them fresh and vitalised.

After approximately 15 years on the Executive at different times, the past 6 as President then Chairman, its time for a change.

The club is going extremely well, and is strong in many. An ideal time for some new blood to enter the scene.

I will retire as Chairman and from the Executive from the AGM.

I intend to explore the coaching side of things, especially for new bowlers. So if I like that side of things, you will see me on the green with new bowlers in the future.

Whilst a deal of frustration, annoyance, even anger at times comes with the job, a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction is also gained. This very important job is soon vacant.

Cheers and thanks
Bob Strahl

Greenkeeper retires

It is with regret that the committee has accepted the resignation of our Greenkeeper Graeme King.

After 5 years as the Head Greenkeeper and several years prior to this assisting with the greens Graeme has decided that

it is time to enjoy actually playing bowls and the slower pace of life the comes with retirement.

Over the years Graeme has done a great job of maintaining our greens. Occasionally they may not be to every ones liking, especially if they are not winning! But perfect weather and growing conditions do not always coincide with tournament dates.

Graeme we will miss your bright and cheerful smile and all the additional work that you have done for the club. We will certainly miss your fresh bread and wonderful savoury scones. Visitors and the ground staff will miss your special bacon and egg pies. The PD workers will miss your morning teas and lunches.

Graeme will finish his Green keeping duties at the end of June.

We wish him all the best for his retirement.

Dinner Dates

Just what you need to cheer you up in the middle of winter:

- ❖ **“Scottish theme”
Lunch - 26th June**
- ❖ **Winter Christmas
Lunch followed by
Trivial Pursuit - 17th
July**
- ❖ **Greek dinner and
dancing for the
energetic – 13th July**

Cost probably around \$10 - 12 per person. Watch the white board at the club for times and booking details.

Closing Day & Dinner

Saturday 7th May

1.30pm Bowls

After bowls we will have a meal, the Bart awards and presentation of club awards.

6pm Dinner

Please put your name on the whiteboard at the club rooms if you would like to enjoy a great three course meal

Dinner cost is \$10 per head.

Join us to celebrate our “1951 Birthday Bash” evening,

27th May Friday, 6 pm

Dress up and come along and enjoy a fun night out as we celebrate the 1950's with our baby boomers.

Ladies and gentlemen a plate of finger food please.

No need to book just come along, wet or fine.

Bereavements

It is with sadness that we report the death of the following members:

Jim O'Connor

Kevin Bradley

Bowls Napier Website

Have you checked out our website?

www.bowlsnapier.co.nz

A big thank you to Pat Rice-Moule one of our social members for taking on the task of developing and maintaining

the website. It is starting to look really great however there is still some fine tuning that we would like to do.

We would welcome your feedback on how we can continue to improve the website and what other information you would like to see on it.

Frank Hosegood is keeping it up to-date with the competition results and Pat has been adding in photos and videos of recent events.

Please let the committee members know what else you would like to see on the website or contact Jan Larrington at jlarring@xtra.co.nz or use the "blog" on the website to give us your feedback.

Club Champions

2010/2011

Congratulations to all our winners.

Men's Fours

Ken Greeks, Malcolm Snowling, Maurie Dudding, Ron Palmer.

Women's Fours

Olga Taylor, Raelene Cronin, Josie Lang, Michelle Robinson.

Men's Triples

Paul Sorenson, Fred Ellison, Perry Fidanis

Women's Triples

Kay Goldsworthy, Vickie Chrystall, Chris Telford.

Women's Pairs

Olga Taylor & Raelene Cronin

Men's Pairs

Frank Hosegood & Doug Beveridge

Women's Singles

Raelene Cronin

Men's Singles

Mark Stevenson

Junior Ladies Singles

Megan Hopson

Junior Men's Singles

Karl Sandbrook

Junior Ladies Pairs

Liz Campbell & Chris Telford

Junior Men's Pairs

Ron Palmer & Clifford Marshall

Mixed Pairs

Vickie Chrystall & Paul Sorenson

HB Centre Competitions

Congratulations to the following members who have won centre events.

HB Men's Open Singles

Frank Hosegood

HB Champ of Champ Junior Pairs

Chris Telford & Liz Campbell

HB Mixed 2-4-2 (Div 1)

Mary Evans & Malcolm Stockwell

HB Mixed 2-4-2 (Div 2)

Vickie Chrystall & Paul Sorenson

Fish and Chip Nights

These nights have been very popular over the summer months however numbers have dropped down now that daylight saving has finished. So unfortunately the Fish and Chip nights are on hold for a few months.

A big thank you to Graeme for giving his time and especially for his fish cooking and bread making skills.

Thank you also to Josie and John Lang for the time they give assisting Graeme in the preparation, serving and washing dishes on Fish & Chip nights.

Mates in Bowls

We only managed 8 teams of triples this year, but those teams had lots of fun playing speed bowls and came back week after week for more. They enjoyed it so much that we were forced to run a Twilight Bowls evening each Wednesday, for another 6 weeks, and we had 9 teams of pairs in that. This time they all played 2-4-2, and because they enjoyed the competitions so much, we now have a couple of new social members and come the new season in October, we will be getting at least 3 new full members. We were able to raise over \$1200 in entry fees over the 12 weeks, so we can safely say that these social tournaments are well worth while to the club. These evenings are a lot of fun for all involved – but we need the help of volunteers to keep them running. Thanks - Mary Evans

Indoor Bowls

Due to the reduced number of members playing Wednesday afternoon Indoor Bowls this group may have to go into recess.

If you are interested in playing on a Wednesday afternoon (starting time is usually 1pm) please contact Brian Collin on Ph 843 2785.

Hopefully sufficient numbers will be available to keep the group going.

Mahjong and Cards

The Monday afternoon mahjong and cards (500) group continues to be very popular.

Most Mondays we have around 30 – 40 members chatting, laughing and playing their way through the afternoon.

Thanks to Dot Thomas for her ongoing guidance and leadership of the group.

New players and new members are always welcome. Just come along to Bowls Napier by 1.15pm on a Monday afternoon. Experienced players are happy to support and teach new players.

Winter Bowls

Weather permitting there will be winter bowls every Thursday and Saturday afternoon through to the start of the summer season in September

Names in by 12.45pm please

Remember the earlier start time of 1pm from 12th May.

Welcome to our new members

Since our last newsletter in December the following people have joined as:

Social members: Barry Hanlen, Glenys Lockwood, Mathew Cooper, Jo Hayes, Margaret Roil, Angela Boon, Heather Collins, Kathy Reid, Andrew Tweedie.

Wanted – your email address!

When Robyn Pritchard left us last year to head south to Christchurch the committee struggled to keep the newsletters coming out regularly.

Jan Van der Weele stepped in to produce the December edition and now Jan Larrington and Claire McGregor have “volunteered” to take on the task.

We are keen to send out most of the newsletters by email as this will save the club the cost of photocopying and postage.

However don't panic if you don't have access to email as we will continue to send out copies to you.

Please check that we have your current email address.

Please email your address to bowls.napier@xtra.co.nz

Gardens, lawns and surrounds

Our Club is indeed fortunate to have so many members who willingly volunteer their time and energy to help maintain the

overall presentation of the surrounds and facilities. For this I thank all of you who have contributed in so many different ways through out the season. The Club is looking great at the moment.

We are planning a working bee on **Monday 2nd May** (in the morning from 9.00 am) to do a general tidy up before winter and any help would be appreciated. So bring your gardening tools and with any luck we will be well finished by lunch time.

Thanks Malcolm Stockwell

Taupo Trip 2nd / 3rd July

Join us for a weekend of bowls and fun. Travel to Taupo on Friday evening by car, then bowls at the Taupo Club on Saturday.

Names on the board at the club and please indicate if motel accommodation is required.

Bar Business

For many years Bill has done a great job in managing the bar as well as a myriad of other roles around the Club.

Bill is now seeking an enthusiastic person to take over the role of managing the bar and having more retirement activities and hopefully bowls.

Please contact Bill if you are interested or would more information about the work involved.
