



Bowls Napier Newsletter

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Hello from your new Chairperson

I have a hard act to follow but will be doing my best to keep up the standard. Perhaps I might do things a little different so here's hoping I can continue the great work Bob has done and make a success of the role.

We have a great committee again this year and we will be doing our best to make sure things run well. It will be another challenging year so we will all have to be on our toes and continue to search outside of the square to find new ways of making sure we continue to be a great and successful club. Remember the committee would love input from anyone who has constructive ideas.

We also have to make sure we acknowledge our volunteers, as they are a very important part of our club. I personally want to thank you all in anticipation for the work you will take on during the coming season.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new Green Keeper, Mark Brownlie and ask that you all make him welcome also. He has a lot to learn and

will need support from those around him.

I will finish by wishing good luck to all who enter tournaments and championships this season. Let's make this a great year.

Robyn

*We need all your old
"odds and sods" for our
Garage Sale!*

**Saturday 3rd September
8.30 am at the Club
Rooms**

Now is the time to start on the spring cleaning and to clear out all the unwanted clutter and odds and sods that have been accumulating around home or items that you no longer have any use for.

Please bring any items for the Garage Sale along to the Club, they can be stored in the back room until sale day.

Items should be clean and in usable condition.

Opening Day 2011/2012 Season

Saturday 17th September



Polish up your shoes and dust off your bowls, the new summer season is about to begin.

We will start the season with lunch at 12.30 pm – this year it will be a shared “Finger Food Lunch”

We would appreciate it if members could bring along a plate of tasty finger food.

Bowling will start at the usual summer time of 1.30 pm, names must be in the draw by 1-15pm please.

We are making the opening day a bit different this year with some fun, some prizes and the opportunity to play in mixed teams.

The format will be progressive two bowl triples. Three games of 50 minutes. We will stop for an afternoon tea break part way through.

This is a mufti day.

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her

visit, we take her back to the airport.

Subscriptions are now due.

Subscriptions can be paid by Eftpos at the Bar or by cheque/cash to the Treasurer.

Subscriptions rates are:

Full member	\$179
Restricted member	\$115
1 st year player	\$ 65
Associate member	\$ 30
Social Member	\$ 15
Ex Napier club members	\$ 49

Coaching for new and existing members

Doug White has advised the Executive that he will no longer be available to offer regular coaching sessions, however he will be available for “one on one” coaching of new or experienced bowlers. Please contact Doug direct to arrange a suitable time.

As a new bowler I would like to say a big thank you to Doug for all the hours of training and support that he has given us over the past few years. I am sure that his words of wisdom and experience will remain with us every time we prepare to bowl.

Thanks a lot Doug,

Times and dates for ongoing coaching sessions for new and experienced bowlers will be advised shortly.

Keep an eye on the notice board in the Club Rooms.

News from the Bar

Bill reports that the bar sales have been fairly quiet over the winter months, but with the warmer days and the start of the bowling season just a few weeks away this is likely to change.



Winter Taupo Bowling Trip

We set off to Taupo on 1st July for a bit of bowls and fun, meeting up at the Taupo Bowling Club on the Friday night for drinks. A bit of an invasion for the locals I think. Dot and Ron joined us at “Breakers” for dinner and then it was back to the Resort for drinks. Nine people stayed at the Lakeland Resort and the other nine stayed with relatives and friends.

The sun came out for us on Saturday morning so it wasn't too cold playing bowls. The club put on hot soup for lunch, which was very much

appreciated. Our six teams won 13 draws then we hammered the club rooms once more for drinks.

Then it was back to the Resort to get changed and to wait for the courtesy coach to pick us up to take us out to dinner at the Cozzie Club. We had a lovely meal and had a good time, some even played a bit of pool.

The next morning was freezing but the brave ones went to play mini golf while the rest of us came back to sunny Napier.

Claire

Welcome to our new members

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

Social: Neville Marsden, Elizabeth Leys, Liz McLagan.

Full playing: Sue Mairs, Shane Rubay.

Club Library

If you feel like a quiet read sometime remember that the club has a small library of books mainly novels that all members are welcome to borrow.

The book shelves are on the eastern side of the club rooms towards the front of the building. It runs on a "honesty system", just borrow any book that you are interested in and return it when finished.

We are always looking for a few new books so if you have any spares at home that you no longer require please bring them along and add them to our collection.

Welcome to Asi

Noa Pou has advised us that she has changed her name back to her Samoan birth name and would now like to be known as Asi To'omata.

Club Tournaments for 2011/2012

The new programme is currently undergoing its final "tweaking" ready for printing in the Club booklet.



The first tournament of the season will be: the **Graded Triples to be played on Sunday 18th September starting at 9am.**

Lunches will not be available on club championship days.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth!

He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

Kitchen Corner

Forty three members enjoyed our Scottish lunch in July.

For many it was their first taste of Haggis served with "neeps and tatties." Most were surprised just how tasty it was and many came back for a second helping.

Thanks to Raelene for organising the piper, John Hosegood for the piano accompaniment and to all the kitchen helpers.

Our Clan Chieftain Bill looked resplendent in his Scottish Regalia.

At the beginning of August 47 members enjoyed a midwinter dinner (it was a bit late to celebrate mid Christmas). This was followed by an afternoon of friendly competition playing Trivial Pursuit.

Congratulations to the "Half Price" team for winning and "We Know Nothing" who came second.

Thanks to Paul Sorenson for all the work putting the quiz together and working hard to keep the teams under control.

Greek Dinner Night

Our last theme dinner night is on **Saturday 20th August at 6.30pm.**

Perry and Nick are the chefs for the night.

If you would like to attend please put your name on the board asap. Places are limited.

Caps for Canterbury

Bowls Earthquake Appeal

19 bowling clubs in Canterbury have been devastated by the regional earthquakes, with many reporting that opening for this next season is highly unlikely due to the repair work required on clubhouses and greens. Rebuilding the affected bowling clubs to their former glory is a key priority, but it will be a lengthy process.

With this in mind Bowls NZ together with GRD Marketing have put together the "CAPS for CANTERBURY" campaign.

For just \$12:95 Bowlers can purchase a "WE ARE ONE" cap.

If you would like to order a cap please put your name on the list on the club notice board. Payment and orders must be made to Raelene by 29th August.

Club Captains

Our Club Captions for the new season are:

Josie Laing (women)

Clifford Marshall (men)

Our thanks to Paul Sorenson who has decided to step down from the role this year and to Clifford for accepting the position. Our ongoing thanks to Josie for all her work often behind the scenes, at the club

Mahjong and Cards Group

The cards and mahjong group continue to meet at the club rooms every Monday at 1.30pm

On most days the group has around 30 members chatting and enjoying their games.

The numbers dropped a little on the really chilly Mondays, but most continue to brave the elements and are appreciative of the warmth from the fire that Bill lights and stokes up for us.

New members are always welcome and assistance is given to those who are new to the game.

Thank you Yvonne

Most of our members have probably never met Yvonne Black. But we all know that she has been there!

Yvonne is our very hard working cleaner extraordinaire who comes in each Monday in winter and on Monday and Fridays in summer during the bowling season.

She does an amazing job of cleaning, polishing and tidying our club rooms and the outside facilities every week and keeps them all immaculate.

Wanted – an electric frying pan!

Does anyone have an electric frying pan hiding away in the kitchen cupboard that they no longer use.

We currently have two very old ones in the kitchen that are really "past their use by dates". A newer, cleaner model would be a big help.

Please contact Jan Larrington if you have something suitable that you would be willing to donate to the club kitchen.

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past.

Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

Don't forget to check out the clubs website at:

www.bowlsnapier.co.nz

Pat Rice-Moule one of our social members manages the site on a day to day basis for us.

Thanks Pat.
