



THE TOUCHER

Raumati Bowling Club

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News from the President - John McBeth

A large crowd at the club on Friday night.



Members now fully realise that the club has changed. New name and, on Friday night, the distribution of the new shirts.

If you weren't able to collect your shirt on the night you will find yours in your locker with an invoice (if you ordered more than 1)

The club has now appointed club member Craig Barr to the role of Club and Bar Coordinator. This is the position which was established and tweaked by Don Trevethick. Craig will move into the position almost immediately.



A new club flag is being produced and will be viewed for the first time when it is hoisted on Opening Day. You're all encouraged to attend this official start to our initial season as The Raumati Bowling Club on Saturday 7th September.

The club's sponsorship team led by Jane Bradbury has received outstanding positive reactions from the business community. It hasn't just been their willingness to support the club - many have indicated a desire to get involved with us and some are quite keen to play! Let's encourage them. Don't forget that if you visit one of our sponsors, tell them you appreciate their support.

History of our trophies & events - the club has a large number of these trophies which have been generously donated over the years and are played for throughout the year and in each newsletter we will include a short 'history' of those coming up for play in the next month for your information.

The VC Cup was first played for in 1987. It was presented to the Raumati South Club by Keith Elliott VC who was president of the club in earlier years. This year is the 33rd year that it has been competed for. Surprisingly it has never been cancelled. It is an invitation tournament with, historically, players from far and wide. This year we have 3 teams from Taranaki, 1 team from Hikurangi and a team from Blenheim. The winners over the years include such famous names as Kerry Clark, Peter Shaw, and Phil Skoglund. Unfortunately a Raumati team has never won the magnificent trophy but they have been runners up on at least 10 occasions. We hope to put this issue right in 2019.

Hyder Cup - Played for on Opening Day - Men vs Women. This cup was donated by Mr & Mrs Hyder in the 1964/65 season. Mrs Hyder was the 1st Patroness of the Kapiti Women's Bowling Club in 1953 and held this position until the 1971/72 season.

Bowling Programme 2019/20 - the new programme is now on the big notice board in the clubrooms.

Friday night social time: Bar open from 4.30pm. Raffles. Lucky draw at 6.00pm - got to be there to win.

Lucky number draw - Remember you need to be there to win - 6pm every Friday at the clubrooms.
N/S - not struck if no \$'s beside the name. 5/7 Alan Bulleyment ; 12/7 Hari Jackson; 19/7 Trevor McCarthy;
26/7 Jack Robertson. Next week \$70

Entries for Club Championships

Men's entry sheets are on the board in men's room beside the bar. Women's entry forms will be up by next weekend in women's room.

UPCOMING EVENTS Club Days - Wednesday & Saturday 1.15pm start (discs in by 1.00pm please) *Centre events are in italics*

August 31 & September 1 - VC Cup - spectators welcome

September 8th - Opening Day - Hyder Cup - Women vs Men.

Player profile written by John McBeth



A new member of the Raumati Bowling Club, in fact a new bowler, is Mike Simeonoff.

Lower Hutt born, Mike has lived in Kapiti for the last 44 years.

He attended Wellington High School where his life-long interest in sport was developed. He dabbled with a variety of codes before eventually settling on football which took him on a very successful journey.

Having no idea what sort of career to follow when he left school, he was persuaded by a friend, Arthur Brown, to apply for a position as a storeman at Whitcombe and Tombs. It was clearly a wise decision because Mike remained with the firm, which later became Office Max, until he retired.

It was in the early years of his time with Whitcombe and Tombs that Mike met a young Teachers' College student named Karen. She had scored a part time job there and the two of them quickly hit it off and were married in 1973. They lived in Wellington for two years before shifting to Raumati Beach.

By this time Mike was a regular player in the National Football League for Wellington Diamond United. He was a New Zealand representative (these days called an All White) from 1976 till 1981. He retired from football in 1985.

Mike and Karen have three children and six grandchildren who all live handily.

Mike is a first year bowler who loves the sport even though he plays with Bob Darragh quite a lot!

NEWSLETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED after each committee meeting

Next newsletter - Monday 2nd September 2019

If you have any items for this or have suggestions as to what you would like to see in the newsletter - please let Sue McFarlane know at smcfarlane@slingshot.co.nz or 974 1314 by the Saturday night prior to publication