



THE TOUCHER

Raumati Bowling Club

Saturday 15 February 2020

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News from the President - John McBeth

It's been a busy and productive January for the club.

We have welcomed ten new members and also played host to quite a few holiday visitors who enjoyed our hospitality while having the occasional roll up. With the success of our initial Community Bowls night last Monday we can confidently anticipate some more membership forms being filled in. Thanks to all who have offered to help at these events. Your enthusiasm rubs off on all the attendees and makes the decision to return an easy one for them.

The club held a bowls night for sponsors last Thursday and it was a huge hit. All the sponsors responded enthusiastically and want a repeat event and are also keen to for a "Business House' competition. To Jane Bradbury and all those who assisted, thank you- a terrific reward for much hard work and organisation.

But the biggest thrill so far this year has been the installation of the new green. It wasn't a straightforward process but the finished product looks superb and will be a major plus for the club. Thank you to all those involved, especially Arnold and Reg, whose expertise and drive has helped carry this through. There's still some work to be completed, including the removal of what was a petanque area, repairs to the fence and the purchase of some quality covered areas for shade.

It is intended that we will officially open the new green with a tournament in early April.

John



Some of the group of 30 members participating in the first club day on the new green today (12/02/20)

Arnold ensuring no sawdust from his work on the bank got onto the green



From the Suggestion Box this month this is on the table inside the front door - thanks for your ideas

Bubbles are now being served in flute glasses.

Council has been approached with a request to set aside the first three Car Parks at the front gate specifically to the club.

Club Hire: Any queries regarding the hire of the club facilities for bowls and/or functions should now be directed to Pat Taylor.

Bar: Don Trevethick is the Bar Manager. Don would dearly like to hear from any club members who are willing to work the odd shift behind the bar. Currently Kathy is the sole female, so please consider this.

Club Selection: There were recent instances of players not being advised of their selection in teams. This matter has been discussed and processes put in place to ensure this doesn't happen again.

WELCOME TO ALL THESE NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB DURING JANUARY - please add their names and details to your handbook

Milan Brajkovich	3 Forest Lane RS	905 7836/027 4575306	New full
Laurie Flynn	83 Cedar Grove PB	027 2978406	New full
Bruce Lang	5A Willow Grove RB	902 2048/027 4439881	New full
Bev Lang	5A Willow Grove RB	902 2048/021 2512355	New full
Stewart Wilson	1 Newry Road RB	027 5152791	New full
John McKechnie	2 Marilyn Close PB	298 1775	New full
John Sutherland	30 Matai Road RS	299 3572	New full
Ron Olivecrona	171A Langdale Ave PB	2971330/027 5685985	New full
Mark Shaw	53 Ocean Road PB	905 6726	Casual
Paul Gamble	2 Kirkway, RB	027 374 1783	New full

Clothing: John has met several times with Dynasty regarding the problem with the uniforms. Dynasty has responded very professionally:

“On behalf of Dynasty Sport we would like to offer a full remake of the initial order of Raumati Club Bowling Shirts and replacement of all Trousers. I’d like to thank the Committee for bringing this issue to our attention and working with us to identify the fault, ensuring that a satisfactory resolution to your Club and Members could be reached. To the members of Raumati Bowling Club, thank you for coming forward with your feedback, keep it coming good, bad or indifferent as we are always looking for ways to improve. Dynasty Sport is proudly 100% New Zealand owned and operated Company, and committed to our partnership with Bowls NZ and assisting Bowls Club’s throughout NZ to look their best” – Paul Latham Regional Sales Manager

Building: Dennis Wills has been busy and has a long list of maintenance jobs and improvements to do. The exterior ramp by the bar door has been replaced, improved lighting has been installed in the area in front of the bar and some kitchen repairs and painting will be completed soon. The new drinking water system is a big improvement too. If you notice things that require some maintenance could you please write on the new white board at the TV end of club rooms. This saves Dennis getting multiple phone calls on the same concern eg: ANTS

Business Cards: Please use these if you bump into someone who wants information on the club or to the many who watch over the fence. They contain the club contact details. They are in a box in the office on the shelf behind the door.

Finals of both Men’s Singles, Mixed Pairs will be played on Saturday 22nd February at 9.00am. Reg Goston vs Dennis Wills and Roger Matthews & Noeleen Smith vs John McBeth & Lois Silvester. From the pre-se ction play both of these are shaping up to be very close matches - great opportunity to come and view some good bowls and support your club members

Rotational Tournament 22 March 2020 @ 10:00am - Entry fee \$5:00 per player
Three bowl triples. Three games of 10 ends Entries on notice board please - close at 9:00am 22nd March
Team selection by disc draw. One power play in each game. Players play in different position each game
Club colors to be worn

Men’s fours championships will not be played on Anzac Day. Qualifying Saturday 18 April and Post Section Sunday 26 April.

Results over the past month - congratulations to the winners and all other participants



Champ of Champ Pairs

Congratulations to Sam Kwok and Dennis Wills winning the Champ of Champ pairs event at Waitarere Beach Club on 18th & 19th January.
Lois Silvester and Lesley Cooper were most impressive in their loss to the well-performed Paraparaumu Beach combination



Women's Junior Singles:

A 2-life competition was held for this event on Sunday 2nd February.

Jane Bradbury, the victor after 3 games, with Kathy Edney-Meehan winning the middle game. A marathon effort for both players maintaining their concentration and shot selection for the day.

Men's Junior singles - won by Mike Simeonoff, runner - up Carl Graham



Women's Singles:

Semi-final and final of the Women's singles was played on Sunday 9th February in brilliant conditions.

As you can see a very closely fought game with Jane Bradbury emerging the winner and Noeleen Smith - runner-up.



Mexted Cup:

Dennis Wills, Rob Nicholson, Arnold Osborne & Russ Wilkins - winning team in the Mexted Cup - this is a cup for each club in the centre + Plimmerton for selected teams of workers within their club.

The honour of the first wrong bias at Women's gala - the first event played on new green on 13/02/2020, was graciously accepted by Megan Andersen



CLUB CLOTHING / SUNHATS / BADGES

Last uniform orders for this season please on the board by the end of February.

Order forms for club sunhats and name badges are on the large notice board in the club house - please put you details up if you require these

Friday night social time - Bar open from 4.30pm. Raffles. Lucky draw at 6.00pm.

Lucky number draw - Remember you need to be there to win - 6pm every Friday at the clubrooms.

Not struck if no \$'s beside the name. 10/01 hPil Edwards, 17/01 Anne Shawcross \$40, 24/01 Pete Foothed, 31/1 Gavin Muir \$40, 7/02 Liz Crawford, 14/02 Betty Yoxall

Next week \$70.00

Club Days - a great opportunity to join other club members for a roll-up. Be good to see more people there - club days are social but competitive and are a chance to try some shots, play with club members who you may not usually play with and learn from others or share your knowledge and skills. Remember discs in by 1pm or phone to ask someone else to put it in if running late

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

15/2	Lions Charity Gala
18 & 19/2	<i>Godfrey Bowen Mixed Masters</i>
22/2	Finals of both Men's Singles & Mixed Pairs
28/2	BBQ, Corner to Corner
29/2	<i>Bill Gibbons & Carrell Knight Trophies - 10 year and under teams</i>
4/3	Club Day visit to Paraparaumu Beach Club
4/3	<i>Horowhenua Cup</i>
7/3	<i>Champ of Champ Singles</i>
8/3	<i>Champ of Champ Junior Singles</i>
14 & 15/3	<i>Junior Mixed 2x4x2 - we are the host club</i>

Player profile written by John McBeth



Invariably Trudy and Rob Nicholson are among the first members to volunteer to help at the club and can be relied upon to say "yes" to any requests to assist with club activities. This couple attended the same college in Durban but didn't know each other. That changed when Rob was whistled up to be Trudy's 'blind date' partner for her brother's 21st birthday party. They hit it off and, four years later, were married. Durban is a fabulous city and South Africa a beautiful country, but the political changes made life quite uncomfortable for many. Trudy and Rob

were among those to seek a better life outside of South Africa and they chose New Zealand because some family members were already here.

That was 1998. They lived for a while on the North Shore, then both found work in Taumaranui. From there they moved to Palmerston North where Rob was employed at Massey and Trudy at Palmerston North Hospital. Twelve years ago they made the wise move to the Kapiti Coast before both retired last year. Living here but working outside the area made it difficult to get to know people, but they often walked by the club and were among those who hang over the wall watching. They signed up for Community Bowls and have since become energetic and popular members of the club

WANTED

Organising group for Winter Bowls - please contact Roger Matthews for details

(you will not be starting from scratch the current team have a good system)

Person to type up lists for lockers and be responsible for keeping them updated and new lockers allocated to new members

- as long as you can use either word or excel this is a job for you

Contact Sue McFarlane for this one

Bar Persons

Women in particular but very pleased to have more men offer as well - training provided Contact Don Trevethick

Snippets from Steve Sargent and the Rule Book - each newsletter we will include something like this
- a rule/ point of etiquette got your information.

The Start of Play -

(1) Before the start of play in any game, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day players are entitled to trial ends (one in each direction), that must be played on the rink of play. Each player must not use more than the number of bowls being used during the game, but they can use any combination of bowls from different sets.

(2) Before the start of a game teams or opponents in singles must toss a coin. The winner of the toss must choose whether to place the mat, deliver the jack and the first bowl, or give that option to their opponent.

Tip: There are pros and cons in taking the mat and delivering the jack, in that if you take the mat you can put the jack to your preferred length of play, compared to giving the mat away and having the last bowl.

(3) Start of play in any game the delivery of the jack by the first person to play in that end.

Tip: In a time limit game it helps if the lead who is to deliver the jack in the first end places the mat and prepares to deliver the jack whilst waiting for the bell.

(4) The start of play in an end is the delivery of the jack by the first person to play in the team that won the previous end.

Tip: During a time limit game it helps if the lead gets the mat and the jack whilst the other players clear the bowls off the head. This speeds up the game as it avoids the need to go back to the bank to pick up the mat after all the bowls have been cleared.

There is no requirement to clear the bowls off the head before placing the mat and delivering the jack, however for the sake of safety bowls should be well behind the mat during the end.

NEWSLETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED after each committee meeting

Next newsletter - Sunday 8th March 2020

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 Saturday 7th March

Would love to receive your feedback on newsletter content - whats good/what's not/what else would you like/ is it too long/is the format OK ????. Either email me or put a note in the Suggestions box at the club