



# ***THE TOUCHER***

## **Raumati Bowling Club**

20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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### **News from the President**

The co-operation from everyone in the move back to Covid Level 2 has been fantastic. Thank you. The Greens Team spent a lot of time remarking the greens in time for last Tuesday's gala so that we could comply with the physical distancing recommendations. Many members who had not previously used the Covid Tracing App on their phones did so and found that it is easy. Signing the register is an alternative. I urge you all to use the App when you visit any public places.

The build-up to the Noeleen Smith Junior Pairs competition is going smoothly. With so many new players, the coaching and playing on Saturday mornings is providing just the sort of knowledge and experience that is required. The competition will be played on 12th September. 14 teams are entered.

Prior to that event, the club will be hosting the annual VC Cup tournament. This is an invitational fours competition and is in honour of a former patron of Raumati South, the late Keith Elliott, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his heroic deeds in the Second World War. The Social Team is organising a BBQ for all members on Friday night, the 28th August. Please put your names up on blackboard at club.

Bowls New Zealand representatives visited recently to film a story about the club. Those who were playing in the gala at the time will have noticed the roving camera! When we know the date of broadcast we will advise you, but it won't be until the Bowls3Five competition on SKY TV begins in October. Maybe we will receive and advance copy.

I'm delighted to welcome Forsyth Barr to our sponsorship stable. You will be seeing quite a bit of Lawrie Jensen over the coming season which has its opening on Saturday 5th September. The new season is almost here. Enjoy your bowls.

John McBeth

### **Congratulations to our new Life Members Russ Wilkins & Arnold Osborne**





**Congratulations to winners of the Cup played after the AGM & Prize Giving on**

Steve Sargent, Maureen Gestro & Carl Graham

### **Interclub, Pennants & Bowls 3Five**

With the new season almost upon us, the selectors are preparing to choose the teams which will represent the club at events such as Inter Club, Pennants and Bowls3 Five. If you wish to be considered please put your name on the lists provided in the noticeboard areas. Any queries please contact Reg Goston or Pat Taylor

### **Summer Galas**

Entries for the summer Men's Thursday Triples Galas (& the Waikanae Beach any combo gala) close at the end of the month. Get your teams sorted, fill out the form and place in Bob Darragh's locker. The more teams, the better the promotion for our club.

Lesley & Chrissy will be gathering teams soon for women's galas.

### **Club Championships**

Club championship entry lists are also on the noticeboards. Last season we fielded a record number in the club pairs. This season let's aim for record numbers in all events!

### **Sponsors**

Our sponsors appreciate the fact you support them. When you use the services of one of our sponsors please tell them you are from the Raumati Bowling Club and thank them for their support. There have been several instances recently when the owners of businesses have expressed real delight in this sort of comment. President John received very positive reaction from Gold Coast Mechanical and Coastal Mowers recently.

### **VC Cup entries**

One of the more interesting players to have entered the VC Cup is the former All Black player and coach, Alex Wyllie. He will be travelling from North Canterbury with his team. Those of you who watched the initial SKY TV Bowls3Five series will recognise the players. Returning for a second visit will be Don Cameron and his team from Hikurangi in the north. Don's son, Brett, plays for the Crusaders. Both Don and Mark Cameron, the CEO of Bowls NZ need to travel through Auckland to get here, so they are in some doubt until the next Covid restrictions are announced.

### **CLUB HATS**

A new order of club sun hats has now arrived and these are available for purchase. Payment can be made at the bar. They cost \$20 each and you may try for size.



A reminder to all - 'gathering point if evacuation is required is on or around the far green. Please familiarize yourselves with the instructions posted on the wall at both doors.

# Save the Date

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**



Could the first person who unlocks the door please tick the appropriate date on the sheet on the clipboard hanging on the wall round to the left from the front door - it is a KCDC condition that the use of the building is recorded in this way.

Thanks all

**Welcome to all these new members** - Full member: Rodney Hill. Social members: Robyn Hickey, Margaret Bridge, Robyn Burch, Heather Carter, Lorraine Carter, Lorraine Foubister, Judy Hill, Jill Kuch, Bev MacKay, Sue Manderson, Neil Milestone, Bronwen Ritchie, Barbara Snowden, Judy Tihema, Hugh Walsh, Howard & Co x2.

**REMEMBER** - The NZ Covid Tracing QR Code is on both the front and back door for your use & register if you are not using the app.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CLUB IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL OR IF YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT MIXING WITH OTHERS AT THE MOMENT.

SANITISER IS AVAILABLE AT BOTH DOORS OF THE CLUB AND IN THE BOX WITH THE MATS AND JACKS DOWN BY THE GREEN FOR YOUR USE.

**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 - the pool starts at \$40 and rises by \$20 a week - if not struck and it gets to \$200 it has to be won.

Results of the last month - \$ amount if struck. Woops none this time - 2 months worth next newsletter



**Entries for 2020-21 Centre events are now being accepted.**

To enter paste this into your browser - [www.bowlskapiticoast.com](http://www.bowlskapiticoast.com) to find the "Entries" tab.

The first Centre event is Mixed 2x4x2 pairs and Raumati is the host club - so please give it some thought and get your entry in - important we get good participation from our members to ensure we continue to have Centre events at our club which show cases our 2 great greens and facilities

**CLUB DAYS** Club days on both Wednesday and Sunday continue to be well attended. Discs in by 12.45 - ready to play at 1.00pm. These will continue to run until Opening Day on September 5<sup>th</sup> when Club Days will change to summer days - Wednesday & Saturday afternoons.

If you have any items or have suggestions as to what you would like to see in the newsletter please let Sue McFarlane know at [smcfarlane@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:smcfarlane@slingshot.co.nz) or 974 1314