



THE TOUCHER

Raumati Bowling Club

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News from the President

The feeling that this has been a very busy month was reinforced by Bar Manager Don when he quipped that March had been more hectic than the pre-Christmas period. Everyone associated with functions and events has been working overtime but, while it's been tiring, there is no doubt the benefits to the club have been extremely rewarding- not just financially, but from the large number of membership applications we have received. The impact of Community Bowls and Business House Bowls has been significant, so thank you to all involved.

Our Patron, Bill Moffatt, has ended his lengthy association with the production of the Club Handbook. Bill, your tireless work has been greatly appreciated and the end product has always been superb. The club has engaged a company to produce the handbook in the future. The benefits of this are that it will cost the club nothing- (it has previously cost about \$2000), and that there will not be the need for the Sponsorship Team to pester our advertisers.

On the subject of sponsors, Howard and Co's decision to continue with their generous support of the Winter Galas is to be applauded. They are our most significant sponsors so I would ask that you always approach them for a quote if you are considering selling, or recommend them to friends. "Give Ceinwen and her team a chance"- it will continue to benefit your club. It does not need to be said that we should endeavour to support all our sponsors whenever possible and mention to them how much the club appreciates their support.

Information on the proposal for a deck and revamped Honours Board system are imminent as are details of a coaching visit by two of New Zealand's most successful players- Sharon Sims and Gary Lawson.

Enjoy your bowls, John.

Flag Policy: The Executive has decided upon a policy for the lowering of the flag when a member passes away. "The Raumati BC flag should be at half- mast on the day of a member's death or on the day the club is advised of this, and again on the day of the member's funeral. The member's disc will be placed on the hook at the foot of the flagpole."

Winter Bowls – flyers are up, and the entry forms are in the clubrooms. Thanks to Mike Simeonoff, Rod Hill, Naomi Johnston and Kathy Roe for taking up the challenge of the organisation of the winter series which is again very generously sponsored by Ceinwen.



Congratulations to members selected in the North vs South team playing on 31/03/21 at Waikanae

Ted Marshall, Laurie Flynn, Bob Darragh, Sam Kwok, Gavin Muir, Lyndsay Osborne, Trina Kirikiri, Lesley Cooper, Lois Silvester, Sue Stevens, Kip Marshall & Chrissy Davis.

Casual Bowlers

As you are all aware Casual Membership is for players interested in having the odd game of bowls – coming down to the green when other club events are not on and having a game on their own. After various Christmas events, the community and business house bowls we have had quite a number of new casual members join who are very keen and getting in lots of practise.

A number of these bowlers plan to join as full members in the new season 2021-2022 and at the recent committee meeting it was agreed that the casual members be invited to join the full members at weekly club days for the rest of the season and in the winter.



A big thank you to Kathy Edney-Meechan and Harry Meechan for donating the superb BBQ. So generous of you both. It was put into use immediately on Friday night by Bruce and Colin. Never have we seen a grin so wide on Bruce 'BBQ' Lang's face.

Championship Events

Congratulations to finalists in these events which were completed in the last month



Junior Women's pairs played on 20th March

Winners: Kathy Roe & Naomi Johnston

Runner-up: Heather Simpson & Sue Veart

Men's Open Pairs – final played on 26th March.

Winners: Steve Sargent & Arnold Osborne

Runners-up: Rob Darragh & Bob Ashman



Centre events

Champ of Champ Open Singles – played in heavy showers at times at Paekakariki BC on Saturday 6th March – Congratulations to our players – Jane Bradbury was runner-up in the final and Reg Goston reached the semi-final.



Junior 2x4x2 – held at Central Levin over the weekend of 13th & 14th March. Congratulations to all participants and especially to the winners – Ron Olivecrona & Laurie Flynn and runners-up - Kathy Edney-Meechan & Harry Meechan. A clean sweep for Raumati BC members in this centre event.



Success for our teams in events around the region in past weeks



Raumati Bowling Club players did very well at the Bob Scott any Combo Pairs at Hutt Bowling Club on 21st March. There were two full greens on the day. Well done to our teams who entered in this event.

Ben Warren and Allen Hutchinson won 3 from 4 in the 1-5 years section and finished 3rd.

Chris McDonald and Mike Harvey won 4 from 4 and finished 2nd in the 6–10 years section.

Tawa Men's over 60's Fours

Four teams from Raumati BC took part in this annual event with the team of Roger Matthews, Gavin Muir, Barry Garbett and Charles Agate taking out the 3rd place.

St Patrick's Day



Wednesday 16th March saw a good turn out for Club Day and as you can see some wonderful outfits.

Thanks to the Social Team for organising afternoon tea and they even planned for the final boat race to be broadcast where 'our' team won the America's Cup at the conclusion of the days St Paddy's celebration.

Barbeque & the 'spider; on Friday 26th March

Thanks to all the kitchen, social, bar, BBQ and spider helpers – a great night with guests from Raumati Sands who were attending a class reunion. Fabulous spread, great raffles – chocolates and meat. Positive comments from guests on the catering and our club in general for welcoming them in. Spider was won by a happy Russ Wilkins and a guest from Raumati Sands.





umpers

We are looking at jumpers – both sleeveless and sleeved for the club. This weekend there will be a sample there and also some pictures of others that are available. Comment sheet for your thoughts – please add.

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 increases by \$20 a week if not struck. When it reaches \$200 it must be won. NEXT Friday - \$40

Results of the last month – 26/2 was \$40: R. Johnston N/S: 5/3 L.Cooper N/S; 12/3 D. Steer N/S; 19/3 R. Nicholson N/S; 26/3 B. Garbett N/;. Closed 2nd of April Good Friday, next draw 9th April \$140.

Welcome to all these new members

Cliff Moore	139 Realm Drive, P	904 9641	Casual
Christopher Kennedy	83 Matatua Road, RB	027 6334768	Casual
Melissa Brown	83 Matatua Road, RB	027 2921006	Casual
Sue Reich	5/9 Alexander Rd, RB	022 6597406	Casual
Patrick McElligott	16 Weka Road, RB	021 0620657	Casual
Chris Burnes	23a Groves Road, RB	021 2228789	Casual
Carol McWhinnie	10 Matatua Road, RB	021 2412224	Casual
Bobby Duncan	17 Fleetwood Grove, Waikanae	2933794	Social

– please add these names and numbers to your handbook

Business House Bowls Thanks to the organising team – Roger Matthews, Jane Bradbury, Kip & Ted Marshall. Attached separate document with photos of this event.

Player Profile



Naomi Johnston is one of the club's many enthusiastic new members. She is on the Social Team and Bar Team and has now accepted the role of Club Cleaner. It was considered this position needed a more upmarket name. "Club Cleanliness Monitor" was suggested, but we'll stick with Cleaner!

Naomi was born in Palmerston North last century and is the eldest of four. She was educated at Woodville Primary School and Tararua College. The daily bus ride from Woodville to Pahiatua was fun but became quite wearisome and Naomi was quite relaxed about leaving college. She left Woodville for the big lights of Palmerston North as she embarked on her post college life. Then it was a stint in Napier before moving to the

capital in 1976. For the most part she was self-employed in the hospitality industry.

Naomi has been married and has produced two daughters and 6 grandchildren. She is one of the lucky ones who, in this Covid era, is able to see her family regularly because they all live in Pukerua Bay. Her daughters might argue at the use of the word 'regularly' however, because with her involvement in bowls becoming greater, they reckon an appointment is almost required if they're to see her!

Naomi became interested in bowls when she attended the Community Bowls programme last year and she has grown to love the sport. She delights in the friendliness of the club and the fact she has forged new friendships within. She really does reinforce the values of belonging to our club.

CLUB DAYS - Wednesday & Saturday afternoons – discs in by 1.15 for 1.30pm start please

Check your books & the whiteboard at the club for the competitions that will be played over that time.

NOTE: Champ of Champ Pairs are coming up soon – 10th & 11th April at our club. Our entrants are Pat Taylor & Janet Wills and Steve Sargent & Arnold Osborne.

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.

Thanks to members who have sent me photos for inclusion in this newsletter over the past month – please all feel free to send photos and any information you would like to be see included.

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