



THE TOUCHER

Raumati Bowling Club

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News from the President

The fact we were forced to postpone our Annual General Meeting reinforced the Covid situation- this will be a part of our lives for the foreseeable future. It has been upsetting for many of you who've been forced to put visits to family on hold, had families cancel long awaited trips home, and even experienced the frightening situation of being at 'places of interest' associated with the latest scare and undergoing Covid tests.

None of us need reminding of the need to follow all the guidelines.

Also, of late there has been an increase in the number of cyber-attacks. While these are generally aimed at big organisations, anybody with a computer or mobile phone needs to be aware of the potential risks. The club has arranged for someone to visit the club and advise members about some basic security tips which will make your lives less stressful and give you some confidence in your computer work.

On a positive note, we were privileged to host top national coach, Sharon Sims, for a valuable session. From your comments it is likely we will continue with this. Sadly the visit by Gary Lawson has been postponed until the start of the new season.

Our annual VC Cup Tournament at the end of August has received a full entry already and the TigerTurf Mixed Triples will be held early in the New Year, so watch for details.

You might have noticed a couple of new mats being trialled. Having met with general approval, the club has now received delivery of enough for one green and will likely purchase more for the start of the new season.

With an increase in the use of the greens for casual rollups, the need for ready toilet access is obvious, so a new door handle has been installed on the outside loo block. This means these toilets will not be locked. There is much planning being done behind the scenes for the upcoming season's programme and my thanks go to Anne Burrage and Reg Goston for their tremendous effort in this. The Howard and Co. Winter Galas are exceptionally popular and successful. Mike Simeonoff and the team are setting a high standard. We have now received the new Raumati BC Honours Boards. The current boards will be repositioned, and the new ones installed on a (hopefully) repainted wall.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM. John.

Mid-winter Christmas Lunch



Perfect weather for this on 20th June. Wet, cold and nasty but inside was a great atmosphere with delicious food courtesy of our caterer, Ivy, and entertainment. Singing, by our own Harry Shawcross & Bob Ashman, quiz with Don Trevethick and lucky card numbers with Bruce Lang. Great raffles. Thank you to all our enthusiastic social team.

Three of the organizers, Moira, Bruce & Bev still cheerful even after the clean-up.

REMINDER: Annual General Meeting – new date - 9.30am on Saturday 17th July 2021

Thank you to everyone who has updated their contact details – at the AGM the members list for the handbook will be available for you to check that your details are correct before the handbook goes to print. Anne Burrage will be there to record any corrections.

David Burrage has sourced a sleeveless jacket to be part of our uniform – from all your feedback from the samples we had at the club this was the preferred option. It will be at the AGM for you to view and to place an order. (Anne sporting the XL vest 😊 for us)

Kapiti Centre trophies and certificates will be presented at the AGM



Winter Bowls – Thanks again to our amazing sponsors – if you are selling or have friends or neighbours selling – please recommend and give Ceinwen & the team a chance to quote.



Coaching with Sharon Sim

Over 40 members took advantage of the excellent coaching sessions by Sharon on 12th June. A good day, so both indoor and outdoor sessions as planned could be held. From the feedback, players of all experience levels took away pointers & techniques after the session. Thanks to Sharon for your time.

Bill Moffatt's 90th Birthday



Our Patron, Bill Moffatt very generously celebrated his birthday eve with club members at a special gala. A group of members played progressive triples and winners and runners up were presented with wine prizes by Bill. Thanks to Patricia Swanepoel for organising the birthday cake.

Thanks, from us all Bill – a great afternoon of bowls and sharing of the celebrations with you with your 'shout'.



Not one to seek the limelight – but David Bond was ‘caught’ finishing up the painting on the back of the scoreboards. Just the day before at the coaching session I had talked to David about this. It will allow the teams/participants to be chalked on the back of the boards, particularly when we have centre events, so spectators can keep up and avoid looking over the front to see who is green/red. David wrote BP on his hand (blackboard paint) which he bought on his way home and the next day – all done.

Don't we have the greatest club with so many willing volunteers.

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 \$20 and increases by \$10 a week if not struck. When it reaches \$100 it must be won. NEXT Friday - \$90 As we now have over 200 members ‘the barrel’ no longer meets our needs so we have begun to use a phone app and are just working on getting this onto the big screen.

Results of the last month – 4/6 Mareta Galloway, 11/6 J Gallocher, 18/6 Mike Simeonoff, 25/6 Bob Ashman, 2/7 Shirley Staff, 9/7 Reg Tomkins.

Welcome to all these new members

Ronnie Crone	19D Dunstan Street, Otaki	06 36453343 027 6865704	Full
Marite Tweeddale	33 Telford Way, RB	04 2992251 027 4471174	Social
Karen Simeonoff	23C Margaret Road, RB	021 1410627	Full
Jilianne Thomson	37A Nimmo West Ave, Waik	022 1973499	Full
Neil Berry	203 Matai Road, RB	022 1645708	Full
Nancy McPherson	1 Hicks Cres, WB	022 3673607	Assoc
Graham McPherson	1 Hicks Cres, WB	022 0354029	Assoc
Karen Blakey	328 Manly Street, PB	021 2661147	Social

WINTER CLUB DAYS - Wednesday & Sunday afternoons – discs in by 12.45 for 1.00pm start please

Member profiles- 2 new Executive team members



Heather Simpson might have lived in the capital for many years, but she is a Southlander. Hailing from Invercargill, she was the middle child of 7 so there was no shirking from household chores. She attended Southland Girls College, then graduated from Otago University where she later lectured in Economics. This might almost qualify her for the Treasurer's role in the club.

While her favoured sport these days is bowls, she was a provincial representative at both Squash and Judo. In her work career, her most notable position was as Chief of Staff for Prime Minister Helen Clark throughout her tenure. When Clark was appointed to the United Nations, Heather reluctantly agreed to a two- year role with her in New York. She was there almost ten years! Heather recently headed a review into the health system in NZ.

She has a superb sense of humour which must have been vital for her to emerge relatively unscathed from her political roles!

Initially, with partner Sue, she took up bowls because she heard the beer was cheap, but, she actually thoroughly enjoys the game and the people at the club. That is the reason she 'readily' agreed to be involved as a member of your executive.



Ross Fletcher (Fletch) is seldom called Ross, except when in trouble, and reacts to Fletch more often than not. His house is a stone's throw from the club. He has lived locally for the last 18 enjoyable years and joined the Club last year with the brilliant bunch from The Boundary Pub.

Born in Foxton and raised and educated in Wanganui, Fletch is the second to last of 5 children. He dabbled in sports like cricket, rugby, squash, golf, tennis, game fishing and now bowls.

Fletch's first marriage ended in divorce and sadly Jos, his second wife of 19 years, died from cancer two years ago. Stepchildren and step grandchildren have taken up plenty of his time and unfortunately one of Fletch's stepsons died in April this year with multiple cancers. He's a great advocate for regular health checks.

He has travelled widely with his career and more recently fulfilling a premature bucket list with Jos with a highlight being to see one her boys playing Rugby for Scotland.

Fletch has worked in the Oil Industry in a variety of management roles including managing fuel terminals and distribution networks, Joint Ventures and emergency management systems. He reckons he might have developed some skills which can assist the bowling club!

Fletch loves his bowls and appreciates the warm welcome given him and his fellow newbies. He apologizes for any occasional lack of etiquette and decorum. There is no malice in their actions, so remember "You can take the boys out of The Boundary but you cannot take The Boundary out of the Boys."

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