

Raumati Blues News

The Gavin Muir triples gala was a huge success with 24 teams arriving from as far away as Palmerston North, Naenae and many clubs in between.

The weather was ideal and despite having a good bunch of players and organisers unavailable due to Covid, the day went exactly as Gavin would have wanted it.

Results: **Section 1** – 1st Neal Pritchard, Gary Lintott and Dennis Wills. 2nd Russell Hazelwood, Rex Baker, Trevor Knowles (Naenae). 3rd Ray Boffa, Rex Holmes, Bill Moffatt. 4th Spike Thomas, Trina Kerikeri, Frances Burgess (Paekakariki).

Section 2 – 1st Rob Ashton, Brent Stubbins, Lui Hare (Johnsonville). 2nd Peter Thomson, Dereck Taylor, Stacey Thomas (Paekakariki). 3rd Lib Zande, Barry Fairweather, B Field (Naenae). 4th Graham Corlett, Lisa White, Kiro Rokotakala.

Without naming everyone, a huge thank you to those who contributed to this splendid occasion.

What's Coming up in July and August?

Club Days are on every Sunday and a few keen bowlers are also rolling up on Wednesdays. Every Tuesday is our Triples Gala day.

July 9 – rep training.

July 15-17 is the National Ch of Ch triples at Naenae. Neal, Reg and John are representing Kapiti Coast and play qualifying games on Friday and Saturday afternoons. 3 wins from 4 will be needed for post section play on Sunday.

July 23rd is Shanghai Triples gala. Rules: 1st shot in an end 5pts, 2nd shot 3pts, 3rd shot 1pt. Play 4 games of 8 ends. Please add your team to the list in the club rooms.

July 30th – rep training.

August 6th and 20th – we will try for Winter Triples again.

Sat 27th and Sun 28th August is our annual Keith Elliott VC cup tournament. Entries are full with a short waiting list.

2022/23 Programme

The DRAFT programme for the coming season is on the noticeboard in the club rooms. The timing of championship events is generally determined by centre events and dates that are available. Flexibility is very limited. A few bits and pieces such as Bowls 3 Five need to be added. Early events to be aware of are 3 Sept – Opening Day, 10/11 Sept – Jnr 2-4-2, 17 and 25 Sept – Champ Mixed Pairs.

Entries for events

When the entry sheets are available please enter your name as required. It is important that you make notes in your diary so that we avoid the problems of last season i.e. players forgetting their commitments and withdrawing at the last moment.

Interclub and Pennants

Last season we had very successful interclub and pennants results. Sheets will be available for entering these competitions. Please check the dates when you are required and notify the selectors if there are any issues that they should be aware of.

Speeding Up Our Game

Some of you may have seen the sheets in the club house "Let's move along on the green". The purpose of these posters is to bring to players' attention some ways to speed up the game. In the coming season some centre events will be having time limit games in the qualifying rounds. This has come about because some games have been in excess of 3 hours and the consequences have been some very late finishes. Our club would like to discourage slow play and have put together some suggestions so that we can avoid time limits in our championships.

Congratulations

The announcement that our club has been named Kapiti Bowls Centre **Club of the Year** is a reflection on the combined efforts of every club member. We certainly are heading in the right direction.

Special congratulations go to Michelle and Chris Macdonald whose hard work has resulted in them being named the Centre's Junior Players of the Year.

Best wishes, Reg & John