



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Just a short final report to finish off the 2020 year.

The Ladies Mystery Christmas lunch was very well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their lunch at Kato Restaurant.

This was followed by the Match Committee members being mannequins for a beautiful range of ladies fashion wear from local business "Bella"

What a lovely way to finish off the final outing for club days. Well done Val and her Match Committee, and thank you.

The Christmas combined dinner held last Sunday, saw the club rooms packed to almost capacity, with 116 people being served table service, nibbles, main course and dessert. An absolutely delicious meal !!!!!

To Jan and Kate and their many helpers, and volunteers on the night, we applaud your amazing efforts in producing such a beautiful meal.



Our Bar people had a very busy night and also coped extremely well with the large numbers. Thank you.

Prior to our meal we were well entertained by the Wanaka Ukulele Group, their music was a real delight and enjoyed by all.



The Social Committee certainly produced an amazing evening for everyone. Grateful thanks to everyone for your part in this highly successful function.

It was fantastic news to hear during this evening that three Wanaka players played off in the Centre Mixed Pairs final. Richie Muir & Christine Buchanan (from Queenstown), played off in the final against Tom Malcolm & Marilyn Steel. Richie and Christine won this after a very closely fought game. Congratulations to you all.

I urge you all to support the Fulton Hogan Wanaka Classic Men's Invitational Tournament on January 6th & 7th. This will be well worth watching.

Each newsletter I have endeavoured to make all members aware of the many voluntary contributions made by members of our club. If you refer to your Members Handbook on Pages 2/3 you will view the numerous people named there in 'Membership Services', 'Club Administration' and 'Property'.

Everyone of these people give willingly of their time and expertise, that enables our club to operate so efficiently.

The Board has just received notice from Raewyn Robertson, advising she wishes to relinquish her duties as person in charge of Trophies and Honours Board. Raewyn has done an amazing job and along with her predecessor Kathryn Mitchell, have created a well organised system and guide lines. **PLEASE** we welcome a volunteer for this position, and Raewyn's offer of help is an added bonus. Please contact me or any Board member if you're interested.

Our Board had their final meeting on Thursday, and will have a small break before gearing up for next year. Board members have had a difficult year with coping with the implication of Covid, and big decisions needing to be made.

Re the new mat. We are hoping to see some action in March. All things considered I feel we are in a very good position and the Club is in a very healthy state.

I close with the biggest thank you to every single Board member. The workload particularly of our Administrative Team of Secretary Madeleine, Treasurer Marilyn, and Publicity Peter, is so enormous that it is extremely difficult to express the enormity of their contributions.

Thank you all, enjoy your well earned break, and happy holiday times.

I sign off with 'Seasons Greeting' to you all.

Gaye Beattie President WBC



FROM THE BOARD

WBC Website

Peter Wilson has been the Webmaster since 2015 but he wants to reduce his workload and pass responsibility for this area to another club member.

The Board is delighted (and Peter particularly so!) to let you all know that Barbara Wilson has kindly offered to take over from Peter.

Barbara is a very active bowler involved at all levels. Most days she can be found practising at the Club.

Barbara is very computer literate and for some time she was involved with the Wanaka Art Society website. Over the past month Barbara has been working with Peter and familiarising herself with the website, sorting out the various procedures and watching appropriate training videos. Already she has pinpointed areas that could do with some work and we look forward to seeing the website being refreshed. Barbara will be very pleased to hear any suggestions from members.



The website is very important to the Club because it presents 'our club' to the world so it needs to be attractive, easy to use and accurate. It is also the way people and groups can contact the Club. A lot of our bookings have resulted from enquiries made through the website.

It is also the main source of information for people wishing to find out about any aspect of the Club's operation, such as membership, fees, bookings and bowling programmes.

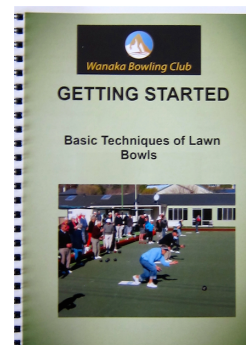
Probably many club members have never looked at our website. One feature that stands out is that reading the Club's newsletter on the website is sheer delight. Give it a go !

'Getting Started' Booklet - A Revival Of Sales !

'Getting Started' was compiled in 2015 by Peter Wilson at the request of the late Bill Hodge, who was a truly wonderful coach. He initially provided Peter with many coaching papers, with the request for Peter to put it all together in to a booklet for new bowlers.

Peter searched the web for additional up-to-date suitable material and also consulted with then Bowls NZ Chairperson Cushla McGillivray who referred Peter to the then National Coaching Director Kaushik Patel who provided a lot of material that could be used in the booklet.

So 'Getting Started' was put together and checked by Kaushik and other Bowls NZ staff to make sure it truly reflected current practices in NZ.



A marketing plan was actioned and sales of the booklet were steady throughout the country. After an initial print of 200 copies, two reprints of 100 copies have been made. With stocks getting low, in November 2020 the Board decided to have another reprint of 150 copies and Peter sent out marketing brochures to all Bowling Centres in NZ and all southern bowling clubs..

Bingo! In just over two weeks 19 orders totalling 117 copies have been sold to club's and individual bowlers throughout the country, but mainly in the North Island. As a result, a further reprint may be imminent. This has been a totally unexpected level of sales. Some clubs have just purchased a couple of copies and have said that they may be back to make a bulk order.

Secretary Madeleine is looking sideways at Peter saying that he has created a monster as she deals with all the correspondence re orders and packaging of the booklets - plus almost daily trips to the Post Office. Not to mention Marilyn, who sends out the invoices...Pete, you're in trouble !

As well as being a good fund raiser 'Getting Started' has put the Wanaka Bowling Club very much on the map. All new full members of WBC receive a free copy of 'Getting Started' and that practice continues today.

FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Drawn Fours Competition

A reminder that the 'Drawn Fours Tournament' is to be played on 26th January. There is an entry sheet on the wall in the shed for entries which will close on 19th January.

Pennants

Pennants are going well with good numbers available most weeks. Saturday First Division are in the middle of the field and Second Division are in the lead. In Wednesday Pennants we are at the rear. (see results below)

Men's Saturday Pennants

Division One (% of games won)

The most recent information received is that as at November 21st the standings are:

Arrowtown 71, Bannockburn 64, Cromwell 53, Clyde 53, **Wanaka 48**, Alexandra 46, Queenstown 42, Omakau 42, RSA 45, Hawea 32.

Division Two (% of games won)

As at 12 December the standings are:

Wanaka 62, Bannockburn 62, Alexandra 60, Omakau 57, Arrowtown 51, Queenstown 48, Roxburgh 43, Clyde 43, Cromwell 38, RSA 38, Hawea 30

Wednesday Pennants (% of games won)

After Round 6 at Bannockburn on 9 December the standings are:

Bannockburn 68.3%, Queenstown 48.3%, Arrowtown 46.6%, Hawea 43.3%, Cromwell 42.2%, **Wanaka 31.6%**

Championships

Four rounds of Championship Triples have been played and there are two teams left with one life each.

Fin McRae (Convenor)

FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Convenor Val Ransom reports as follows:

Women's Interclub

Interclub days are well supported. On 24th November we had 4 wins, 8th December we had 7 wins out of 10 and on 15th December we had 5 wins and drew 2.

Placings after Game 6 on 15 December are:

Pairs	Points	Fours	Points
1. Queenstown	22	1. Queenstown	9
2. Alexandra	16.33	2. Maniototo	8
3. RSA	13	3. Wanaka	6
4. Cromwell	12.33	4. Alexandra	5.66
5. Wanaka	11	5. Arrowtown	5
6. Arrowtown	8.5	6= Clyde	4
7. Omakau	8	6= Hawea	4
8. Maniototo	6	6= Omakau	4
9= Clyde	4.5	9. RSA	3.5
9= Hawea	4.5	10. Cromwell	2.6

Championships

The Women's Championship Triples were won by Kathryn Mitchell, Heather Malcolm and Bev Mee.

The Championship Pairs final is yet to be played between Rhonda Hurley/ Pauline Hope and Marilyn Steel/Kathryn Mitchell.

2021 Programme

The annual Speights Day will be held on Wednesday 13 January with lunch provided.

The Wanaka Grandmothers Day will be held on Tuesday 19 January with the usual format.

Women's Interclub 7's

On 28/29 November our team excelled themselves and were runners up to Queenstown. A great team effort.

Centre 1-10yr 2x4x2 Pairs

We have 6 women's teams entered in the Centre 1-10yr 2x4x2 Pairs at Wanaka on 20th December.

RESULTS

Women's Championship Pairs

Nine teams entered for this year's Women's Pairs Championship. The first day, played on December 1st was sunny and pleasant. The second day on December 6th started out well but deteriorated in the afternoon to be quite cold and unpleasant for the players.

Finding the finalists, is in itself a story. On Day 1 Marilyn Steel and Kathryn Mitchell were beaten by Rhonda Hurley and Pauline Hope. Rhonda with 2 lives met Marilyn (1 life) again on Day 2 but this time Marilyn was the winner and became one of the finalists.

Rhonda and Pauline, had earlier on defeated Judy Briggs and Judi Barton but they then met again in the last game of Day 2 to determine who would play Marilyn Steel and Kathryn Mitchell in the final. Conditions were less than pleasant for this 'semi-final' and most spectators retired to the Faulks Room to watch what was a very hard fought game with Rhonda only forging ahead in the last few ends to win 19-12.

Marilyn and Kathryn will play Rhonda and Pauline in the final at a date to be announced. This will be their third such meeting in the championships.

Men's Midweek Tournament

The fifth tournament was held at Hawea on Wednesday 2 December

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| 1st | Arrowtown |
| 2nd | Wanaka: Richie Muir(s), Stu Hurley, Ken Mitchell, Neil Robertson |
| 3rd | Cromwell |
| 4th | Wanaka: Brett Simpson(s), Robin Griffiths, Paul Matheson, Alan Coupe |

The sixth, and last tournament for 2020, was held at Queenstown on Wednesday 16 December.

The four top teams all had 4 wins and there were only 6 points between first and fourth place.

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| 1st | Hawea |
| 2nd | N/A (no one can remember !!) |
| 3rd | N/A |
| 4th | Wanaka: George Cameron(s), Ken Muir, Colin Fyfe, Murray Ives |

CENTRE EVENTS RESULTS

Central Otago Bowls Night n' Day Mixed Pairs.

One of the premier bowls events in the season is the Central Otago Bowls Night n' Day Mixed Pairs. This was held over the weekend of December 12/13 at the Queenstown Bowling Club.

As usual, the event attracted the top bowlers from clubs throughout Central Otago and there were many very tight matches and close finishes.

The field was eventually whittled down to 11 qualifiers and eventually the finalists were found to be:

- Richie Muir (Wanaka) playing with Christine Buchanan (Queenstown)
- Tom Malcolm and Marilyn Steel (both Wanaka)

This final was an extremely hard fought match with all players demonstrating pin point accuracy and clever tactics. The majority of ends were very tight. It was 'tit for tat' for much of the game but in the end Richie Muir and Christine Buchanan eased ahead to win the Centre title 17-12.

To have three Wanaka Bowling Club members in the final of this prestigious event was, in itself, a real achievement so well done to all of you.

Unfortunately no suitable photograph of the winners could be sourced.

Centre 1-10yr 2x4x2 Pairs

In this event on Sunday 20 December our one Men's team played at Cromwell in less than pleasant conditions but didn't make the playoffs.

Just up the road in Wanaka, it was sunny and very warm for the Women's event, and was great to see 7 Wanaka teams playing in the Women's event and acquitting themselves so very well.

In a cliff hanger final that went down to the last bowl, Marilyn Steel and Marg Young won by one shot against their Cromwell opponents. This is the third year in a row that they have won this event so they deserve our congratulations for a great achievement



Marg Young and Marilyn Steel

Photo thanks to Rhonda Hurley

TRADE BOWLS

The WBC Board is keen to establish closer relationships with our Tuesday Trade Bowlers. A register of those Trade bowlers who wish to keep in touch with what is happening at the Club has been compiled. Those Trade Bowlers who have signed up, will now receive the monthly club newsletter so that they are better informed and may wish to extend their bowls involvement.

Val Ransom took some photos and sent this report:

Tuesday evenings in the Summer is Trades Night at the Bowling Club for six weeks before Xmas and six weeks in the New Year. There are 16 teams playing 2 games of 6 ends of Triples. Teams are formed by some of the trade firms and others, some having been coming for many years.

After the first game BBQ sausages, onions and buttered bread is served. Stu Hurley is in charge of this event along with his band of willing helpers. It is a very social time for all. Prizes are awarded at the end of each evening and meat raffles are run. This a great event run for the community and is very popular. Trade Bowls starts again on Tuesday 19 January 2021.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fulton Hogan Wanaka Classic Men's 4s Invitation Tournament

What a feast of bowls it will be, when the annual Fulton Hogan Wanaka Men's Classic Fours Invitational Bowls tournament takes place on **Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 January** at the Wanaka Bowling Club. This is the major tournament on the Wanaka Bowling Club's calendar



There will be a full field of 16 teams entered, including some composite teams that include a number of well performed bowlers from Wellington, Dunedin, Southland, Nelson and Central Otago, as well as Wanaka Bowling Club members.



Fulton Hogan Wanaka Classic Men's 4s Invitation Tournament 2020

Fulton Hogan is again the major sponsor of the tournament and the Club is very appreciative of their continued sponsorship.

It would be good to see a good crowd of members coming and having a look at the games being played during our 'flagship' tournament.

COACHING

Club coaches Peter Herbert (Ph 443 4480), Ewan Miller (Ph 265 3010), Tom Malcolm (443 5266) and Geoff Thomas (443 2892) will be more than happy to offer coaching sessions for any members. If you want to arrange a coaching session please contact Peter, Ewan, Tom or Geoff.

A Question Of Etiquette For Spectators

Spectators are always very welcome to come and watch bowling matches such as Club Championships. However, as well as for players there are some established practices of etiquette for spectators

Bowlers all know not to talk when a player is about to bowl. Likewise it is just as important that spectators in the near vicinity also do not carry on conversations with others when a player is preparing to bowl. This is especially important during 'competition matches'.

Players also need a bench seat to rest on and put their gear. Spectators should leave the bench seat directly behind the players for the player's use only.

In all spectators should show the utmost respect for the players who are trying to concentrate and do their best.



THIS AND THAT

New Members

This month we welcome Raewyn Hall as a full member of the club. Raewyn, we hope that you do enjoy your involvement in the the Club's bowling and social activities. Perhaps one day you and Gordon may entertain us again with your excellent Rock 'N Roll dancing !

It's also really great to welcome Sam Orbell and Milan Martinovich as full members of the club. Both these young men came to Radcliffe Electrical's Christmas function, and enjoyed their bowls so much that they want to continue playing after work on a Friday afternoon. It's great to have you in the Club guys.

Club Xmas Dinner

116 ! This was most probably the most people ever to attend a club Xmas Dinner. In all it was an amazing night with great food, entertainment and - yes - 116 people present. If you were there, cherish the memory because it is doubted if this could ever be repeated on this scale. In fact, it probably shouldn't happen because this dinner is for **all** members to enjoy and that didn't happen for our catering team and their wonderful helpers who worked themselves to the bone preparing everything and turning on the best organised Xmas Dinner that long time members could remember.

Thank you Jan Allen, Kate Norman (our Catering Convenors), Heather Malcolm, Pieta Shore, Kay Outram, Jo Stock, new member Nicola McDonald, plus MC Alister, 'meet & greet' Bob McLeary and bar staff. It was truly an evening beyond all expectations. Spectacular ! Here are a few pics including ones by Val Ransom and Pieta Shore.



Stars: Heather, Kate, Jan



Great to see Jude and Ross Davey



Lorraine Pannett, Dorothy Ollerenshaw, Ethel Templeton, June Bryant



Lowell Croft, Robert Guy and Mads Wilson



Liz and Johnny Rodgers



Bob Steel with his 'date' for the night

Ladies Mystery Xmas Lunch

This was held on Wednesday 9 December and Val Ransom provided this report and photo:

The last club day for the year was a Mystery Lunch for the ladies organised by the Match Committee. The venue is kept a secret and car pooling is arranged as they arrive at the Bowling Club and only the driver knows where to go. This year we went to Kota Restaurant & Bar in Ardmore Street who are one of the club's sponsors.



Forty-six ladies came this year and enjoyed a two course lunch with choices, along with a beverage of their choice. Following the lunch we had some entertainment organised. Bella of Wanaka, women's boutique fashion store, very kindly agreed to organise a fashion parade with the Match Committee ladies as models. They prepared a selection of garments with a NZ made theme, with a well thought out commentary, which was very enthusiastically received. Well done to Bella who were suitably thanked and appreciated our support. Shopping locally is great for our town.

2020 Bowls3Five Final

You often hear people who say that bowls is a sport for older people ? Well, no one told the members of the Stokes Valley Vipers team that defeated the Elmwood Park Saints in the exciting televised final on Wednesday 9 December.

In this great final the 'youngsters' in the Vipers team - as pictured left - Seamus Curtin(s), Nicole Toomey and Finbar McGuigan - all in their early 20s, defeated the very experienced Elmwood Park Saints team of seasoned internationals and multiple title holders Gary Lawson and Mandy Boyd and another well regarded bowler, Nathan Glasson, in straight sets.



Many of the teams in this years Bowls3Five, and past years, have had younger bowlers. Third place getters this year, the Gore Rams have always had a youthful team in this competition with such 'young guns' as Sheldon Bagrie-Howley as skip, Caleb Hope, Ashleigh Jeffcoat and Seamus Curtin - before he moved to Stokes Valley. This was the work of Tony Cockerill of the Gore Bowling Club who set up the team - of which he was a member at first.



Sheldon, Ashleigh, Caleb

Anyone who watched the NZ Bowls3Five on SKY TV this year would have been impressed at the number of skilled, younger bowlers participating. What about Aiden Takarua, barely out of school skipping the Point Chevalier team for the past two years ? Quite a character - and there were others.

Thanks to Bowls NZ for the above team photos

No ! Bowls isn't just for 'oldies' as has been clearly demonstrated. Neither should we accept the comment by some that 'they are not old enough for bowls'. What absolute 'bunkum !'. Can't wait for next year's Bowls3Five !

TIME FOR A LAUGH



*In the year 2020, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Australia and said:
"Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."*

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

Noah!," He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed." "I needed a Building Permit."

"I've been arguing with the Boat Inspector about the need for a sprinkler system."

"My neighbours claim that I've violated the Neighbourhood Bye-Laws by building the Ark in my back garden and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Local Planning Committee for a decision."

"Then the Local Council and the Electricity Company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!"

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space."

"Then the Australian Environmental Agency ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building gang."

"Immigration are checking the Visa status of most of the people who want to work." "The Trade Unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark-building experience."

"To make matters worse, the Inland Revenue seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it will take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

"Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky."

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord, "The Government beat me to it."

A FINAL WORD TO MEMBERS

If you have any interesting material that we could possibly use in future newsletters please give it to Peter or Madeleine Wilson. You can contact us on publicity.wanakabowls@gmail.com or secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com or you can see us personally at bowls or phone us on 443 4045.s

