



## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to you all.

During October the Board have met twice, once for the normal monthly meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October, and earlier in the month 13<sup>th</sup> October for an update on progress on the Strategic Plan.

Peter Wilson as the Strategic Plan Facilitator chaired the meeting and discussions. Peter gave an overview of how all the working groups were going on in implementing the plans objectives to date.

Peter also noted that the plan is a living document which can be changed at any time.

Quite a few objectives have been completed, and many others are still a work in progress, but generally good reports were given and discussed. Completing all the objectives may be some time off yet, but grateful thanks must go to all involved for many hours of meeting, planning and reporting.

The top priority objective in the Strategic Plan was 'replacement of the outside mat' and the October Board Meeting saw the presentation of the much awaited report from the Greens Committee re their recommendation of which company and mat they agreed on. The Board have accepted their recommendation of brand and will accept this quote. Timing for this is unknown yet, but the preference is for it to be laid March /April 2021 if at all possible.

After weather affected the early part of the season, competitions for both men and women are well underway, with some very pleasing results reported. Club Championships are now also under way, and being keenly contested. I urge members not involved to be a spectator of these events, and enjoy some very good bowls.

A new tournament was played for in October, sponsored by Matt Ecroyd of Bayleys. Entries were very good and the mixed competition was keenly contested. Thanks to Matt for his generous sponsorship, and his added incentive for members offered on listings resulting in sales through him also gaining a bonus \$500.00 donation to our club.

What a beautiful sight we all are greeted by when entering our club rooms, with the amazing flowering pots organised and cared for by Kathryn and Ken. On behalf of everyone, thank you both for providing these pots of beautiful flowers to enhance our lovely facility.

As we enter the clubrooms we are always greeted with equally beautiful table decorations. Thanks to Pauline and Val for these extremely colourful additions to our clubrooms. What amazing talent we have with in our club.

November has a very full and busy calendar of events and I wish you all 'good bowling'. Hopefully November brings more summer like temperatures to add to the enjoyment of your games.

Yours,

Gaye Beattie (President)

## Wanaka Bowling Club Strategic Goals and Action Plan - Why Is It So Important ?

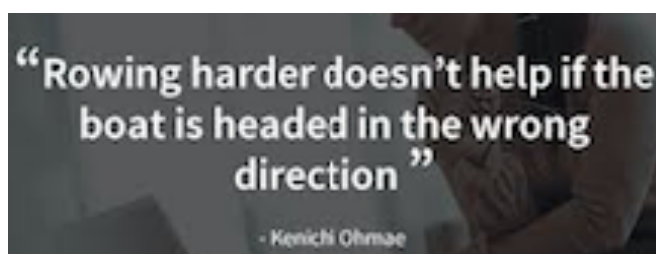
Peter Wilson here.

In her President's message Gaye has written about the meeting that was held specifically to review progress being made by the various working groups responsible for specific objectives in the Strategic Plan. In all we are doing really well and the news that the Greens Committee have selected a provider of the new mat is great news.

Gaye has asked me to revisit why we have a Strategic Plan as a number of newer members will not be aware of what has happened and there's no harm in having a refresh.

In Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree. She asked, *"Which road should I take?"* The Cheshire cat replied, *"Where do you want to go?"* Alice answered, *"I don't know."* *"Well,"* said the cat, *"it doesn't matter. Any road will get you there."*

In other words without having a clear 'destination', none of the operational day to day things you do is going to make a difference. A Strategic Plan - also known as a 'Long-Range Plan' or a 'Forward Plan' - will give you clarity to where you want to go, so you won't end up going nowhere.



It was agreed that the best way of developing a Strategic Plan for the Wanaka Bowling Club and ensuring the Club's ongoing success was to step back from the day-to-day administration - that is considered to be running efficiently and smoothly - and ask where the Club is headed and what its priorities should be over the next few years.

The WBC Strategic Plan was developed during 2019 by Strategic Plan Facilitator Peter Wilson assisted by Board Member Alister Moore (Strategic Plan Convenor). Following on from an analysis of the information collected through a Member's Survey and Board discussion, a draft set of Goals and Objectives was formulated and these were refined by the Board. The Strategic Plan was finally adopted by the Board in November last year and all members of the Club were provided with a copy.

The Strategic Goals and Action Plan (2019-2022) is now being implemented. It has a number of broad goals and more specific objectives, with clear statements of 'what are we trying to achieve?', 'how is it to be achieved' ? and 'who is responsible for this project' ? For each objective in the WBC Strategic Plan a convenor has been appointed and they, in turn, have formed a working team of members to work on the 'what', 'how' and 'by who' e.g the Greens Committee.

Our Strategic Plan is a key working document for the Board, as it includes all areas identified as being the priorities for the Board's attention and ensuring work. It gives the Board it's direction !

This Strategic Plan, however, is a dynamic document and will be need to be reviewed regularly to take account of changing circumstances. Some objectives may need to be added or reshaped or be deleted if not seen as relevant. In this way we will maintain a living document which should provide a plan for the year's ahead, not just the present.

Alister and I would like to thank members for the tremendous amount of work that has been done by these convenors and working teams. Well done everyone.

**Note: If you would like a copy of the WBC Strategic Plan please contact Peter Wilson.**

## FROM THE BOARD

### Covid-19

Although for most of us, life appears to be relatively normal, it is important that members remember that we are at Alert Level 1 and this will probably be the case for the foreseeable future. Be careful out there !

**Note:** The Board has decided that sanitisers will be made available in the clubhouse, but their use by members is optional.

### Bowls NZ CEO Visit

On Monday October 5 the CEO of Bowls NZ, Mark Cameron, visited the club to make a short 2-3 minute video about the Wanaka Bowling Club taken by Bowls NZ Technician Erin Nurka.

Mark and Erin have made a number of such visits throughout the country and these video clips will feature at 'breaks' during SKY Sport Bowls3Five League that started being played on 20 October. The idea is to show a cross section of clubs around New Zealand, highlighting facilities and people. While in our area they also visited Queenstown and Alexandra Bowling Clubs and also filmed clips.

President Gaye Beattie, Ewan Miller and Peter Wilson were each individually interviewed by Mark with questions about the history of the Club, what we offer our members and what our plans for the future are. They also filmed our facilities and action at Men's Club Day.



Erin Nurka, Gaye Beattie, Mark Cameron, Ewan Miller



Gaye being interviewed on camera

### WBC Website

The Club's Website was established by Kerry Suckling and Peter Wilson in 2015. Since Kerry moved away Peter has further developed the site and regularly updates it.

The website is very important to the club because it presents 'our club' to the world. 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.





Peter now wishes to relinquish this responsibility and it is hoped that a current club member might consider accepting this responsibility.

It goes without saying that computer literacy is central to the job and some experience with website development desirable but not essential. The club's website has a WIX framework.

On it's own, the job is not too onerous. The website needs to be kept up-to-date with results, photos and monthly newsletter needing to be regularly loaded.

If you are even the faintest bit interested please contact Peter 443 4045 / 021 260 2747 so that he can answer your questions.

### **Visitor Group Bookings - Helpers Still Wanted!**

First of all - thank you to those members who have volunteered to help Marg Young and Raewyn Robertson with visiting groups. Some 'newbee helpers' have said how much they enjoyed being involved and that it wasn't at all onerous.

The bookings keep coming in but it is a two edged sword. Its a great 'earner' for the club and excellent public relations. We even get the odd new member from a booking.

On the other hand the work load on Marg and Raewyn is significant because for each booking they need to form a club helpers team.

When you consider that we have approximately 180 members, it could be assumed that 'helpers' could easily be found. Not so ! Why the reluctance to help ? Who knows ! You might even enjoy it



**Cardrona staff recently held a very successful social bowls evening. They come every year.**

We need more club members to offer to help Marg and Raewyn as 'bowls helpers'. If they had a list of folk they could call on when needed it would really ease their workload.

Can we remind you all that:

- **You are not coaching these visitors**
- **You do not have to be an expert bowler**
- **You just need patience and a good sense of humour**

Marg or Raewyn firstly explain the basic structure and the routines of bowls and some basic techniques so that they can have some fun. You will only be given a small group to look after.

Please consider giving something back to the Club with a little of your time to assist as a 'bowls helper'. If you can help please ring Marg Young 443 8463 or Raewyn Robertson 443 1103



Above is a 'Spider' being played at a 30th Birthday party.

Marg Young reports that one man got within 2 inches of the ditch and won a bottle of bubbly.

Thanks to Marg Young for the photographs. She remarked that these groups were great groups to deal with and that a lot of fun was had.



## FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

### Men's Saturday Pennants

A reminder that for all Pennant away games the driver does not pay the travel fee. Some drivers have been paying on a Saturday.

This season, for home games on Saturday, **no longer** will ladies be rostered to manage afternoon tea. Wanaka players will be rostered to be responsible for setting up/cleaning up afternoon tea.

Please ensure that your names for Saturday Pennants are up by 5pm on Wednesdays. You can also text Fin (027 286 6926) if you want your name put up for any Saturday.

### Men's Wednesday Pennants

With the new format, you are reminded that the **starting time is now 1.15pm** (not 1.30pm)

### Men's Club Championships 2020-21

Entry sheets for the 2020-2021 Men's Championships are up on the board in the shed.

The **Fours** close on 1 November and there will be three rounds played on Sunday 8th November.

There is going to be a new competition the **Drawn Fours** to be played on Tuesday 26th January 2021 and the entry sheet will be put up later.

Fin McRae (Convenor)

## FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

### Women's Club Days

Club days have been well supported with 30 plus ladies attending each week. We have been varying our programme on club days with different skills for practice.

Also on a cold day we finished bowling early and discussed Etiquette on the green. Quite a bit of discussion took place and hopefully an improvement will be noticed on the green.

### Women's Interclub

The first interclub at Alexandra on 6th October was cancelled because of bad weather.

However the second interclub on 20th went ahead with 4 wins out of 6 at Queenstown and 3 wins out of 4 at Omakau.

Val Ransom (Convenor)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bowls3Five Tournament For Junior 1-5 Players

There is a Bowls3Five tournament for Junior 1-5 players on Sunday 22nd November at Queenstown. This is for Mixed Triples Teams. Make up your own team or be in a made up team. Anyone interested please contact Val Ransom or Fin McRae

### Purvis Cup

#### Your Last Chance To Enter !

- **Thursday 5 November at 5pm**
- **Two Bowl Mixed Triples**
- **3 Games Of 8 Ends**
- **All for \$10 !**

*There will be yummy food provided after the first game and at the finish. The bar will be open !*

*Please make up a team and put your entry in as soon as possible. An entry form is up in the clubhouse.*

*If you haven't got a team just put your name down on the entry form in the clubhouse and we'll sort it out.*



**All enquiries to Val Ransom 443 4314**

## 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.

## RESULTS

### Bayleys Bowls Bonanza



Take 48 enthusiastic Wanaka Bowling Club bowlers, an extremely generous sponsor, Matt Ecroyd of Bayleys Real Estate and a beautiful sunny Spring Day on Thursday afternoon 1 October, and you have all the ingredients to make the season's first major club event of the season a huge success.

No, actually it was better than that by far. With months of Covid-19 having limited bowls through the Stadium season, and then the erratic weather in late September this was the first time that so many men and women bowlers had been able to have an enjoyable afternoon's bowls together.

As a result, 16 Mixed Triples teams battled it out over the warm afternoon playing three games of 8 ends each. Competition was very keen with some very close games being played.

When the results had all been collated by our excellent organisers Val Ransom and Fin McRae it was good to see that every team had won at least one game during the afternoon - a testament to

the team selections made by these organisers who had aimed at having teams as even as possible.

In the end the top five teams were found and each team was presented with their winnings by sponsor Matt Ecroyd, who had showed great interest in the games being played.

- 1st Bill Turnbull(s), Bob McLeary, Pauline Hope 73pts +11
- 2nd George Cameron(s), Lyn Leary, Charles Kiewiet 65pts +11
- 3rd Bob Steel(s), Ken Muir, Barbara Wilson 58pts + 17
- 4th Alice Turnbull(s), Judy Briggs, Tom Malcolm 54pts +8
- 5th Ken Mitchell(s), Kay Outram, Noeline Turner 54pts +4



**Bill Turnbull(s), Matt Ecroyd, Pauline Hope, Bob McLeary**

Thank you Matt Ecroyd and Bayleys for making this tournament possible. Matt's sponsorship of \$500 for prizes was very generous and it was decided to present 5 prizes totalling \$495.

Matt also told club members that if they listed with him he would give 10% discount on his fee and if sold would donate \$500 to the bowling club.

Thank you also to our wonderful catering team and bar staff who never fail to do a good job.

### **Women's Champion of Champions Centre Finals 2019-2020**

Because of Covid-19 these finals could not be played at the end of last season.

In the Women's Singles Marilyn Steel had started her game against J.Kilgour (Clyde) on Monday October 28 at Omakau but they were 'snowed under' and had to resume their game on Sunday 4 October back at Omakau. Marilyn did well to win that game by 21-18 and in the semi-final against Debbie Jackson (Arrowtown) she had a titanic match going down by 21-19. Well done Marilyn.

The Women's Pairs (Marilyn Steel & Kathryn Mitchell) were scheduled to be played at Omakau on Tuesday 29th September, but because of the snow this will now be played on Wednesday 18 November at Omakau. Good luck to them.

### **Men's Champion of Champions Centre Finals 2019-2020**

Something to celebrate ! Congratulations to our team of Simon Nyhof(s), Don Cameron and Tom Malcolm who defeated Bannockburn in the final of the Men's Champion of Champions Triples at Arrowtown on Sunday 4 October. Well done boys!



The Men's Singles was played at Roxburgh on Saturday 3 October. As luck would have it our champion Richie Muir was drawn to play Shaun Scott (Bannockburn) in the first round and despite all his efforts he went down 21-17. Scott went on to win the title.

The Men's Pairs were also played at Roxburgh on Sunday 4 October. Our champions Richie Muir and Tom Malcolm had a bye, then beat Clyde in the 2nd round by 21-16. In the semi-final they played Omapau who ran out the winners by 17-13.

### **1st Mens Mid-Week Tournament**

This was held at Wanaka on Wednesday 7 October with a full field of 64 bowlers from Hawea, Queenstown, Bannockburn, Cromwell, Arrowtown and Wanaka. Conditions were perfect for most of the day although mid afternoon a cool gusty wind presented extra challenges to bowlers.

The top five teams all had 4 wins (out of 5 games) so results were close. Overall it was a good day for our Wanaka teams.

1st	(Wanaka) Tom Malcolm(s), Bill Turnbull, Allan Coupe, Robyn Griffiths (107 pts)
2nd	(Wanaka) Richie Muir(s), Stu Hurley, Ken Mitchell, Frank Beardsley (103 pts)
3rd	Arrowtown (102 pts)
4th	(Wanaka) Don Cameron(s), George Cameron, Ken Muir, Murray Ives (102 pts)

The 5th placed team (Queenstown) had 101 points.

### **2nd Men's Mid-Week Tournament**

This was held at Cromwell on Wednesday 21 October in good conditions. In terms of results, not as good a day for Wanaka teams this time.

1st	Queenstown
2nd	Cromwell
3rd	Arrowtown
4th	(Wanaka) Richie Muir(s), Stu Hurley, Frank Beardsley, Neil Robertson

### **NZ PBA Finals**

As reported earlier on, Richie Muir won the International Singles qualifying event held in Invercargill yesterday defeating Waverley's Chris Taylor in the final 9-4 8-5. This win qualified Richie for the NZ finals at the Remuera Bowling Club in Auckland 9-11 October.

Richie lost his first game but came within an ace of winning the second game - but alas the drawn game meant he was eliminated. All wasn't lost, as he then competed in the Shanghai Singles and was the 'runner up' in this event.

Well done Richie.

### **Central Otago v Southland Results**

Congratulations to both Central Otago Men and Women for their win over Southland on Sunday 18 October at Alexandra. Marilyn Steel and Jo Stock were in the women's team and Richie Muir was in the men's team. - so well done to them !

Women:	Central Otago 24 pts +11	Southland 12 pts -11
Men:	Central Otago 34 pts +48	Southland 19 pts - 48

### **Women's Championship Fours**

By Day 2 of the competition, three teams out of the six entered remained:

- Alison Hebbard(s), Val Ransom, Elaine Herbert, Yvonne Gale (2 lives)



- Delma Guy(s), Marg Young, Kate Norman, Alice Turnbull (one life)
- Rhonda Hurley(s), Pauline Hope, Madeleine Wilson Jan Allen (one life)

Delma and Rhonda's teams played against each other for a place in the final, in what turned out to be a closely fought game, with Delma's team coming out the winner.

The final proved to be a great contest, which was enjoyed by about 30 spectators. Delma's team got off to a good start, leading 6-1 after 3 ends, but by the 7th end Alison's team took the lead 9-8 after scoring a 5. Some 'cliff hanging' ends followed, with possession of the jack regularly changing hands. Try as they might, Delma's team was unable to score further, with the final result being 19-8 to Alison's team, who still had another life 'up their sleeve'.



**Alison Hebbard(s), Yvonne Gale, Val Ransom, Elaine Herbert** (Photo and report by Mads)

## THIS AND THAT

### New Members

This month we welcome Nicola McDonald as a Full Member. Nicola has been playing in Trade Bowls. We hope that you do enjoy your involvement in the the Club's bowling and social activities Nicola.

A big welcome to you.

### Sponsors Board

Members will have noticed a new beautifully designed 'Welcome/Sponsorship Board' has been installed, courtesy of Ewan and Edna Miller. The Club is deeply appreciative of this very generous donation.



## "Pink for a Day"

On Wednesday 28th October Women's Club Day took on a new look with their 'Pink for a Day' theme.

Val Ransom reported: *Most of the ladies participated in wearing something pink. The Match Committee provided a 'pink' afternoon tea - fairy bread with pink sprinkles, blinis with smoked salmon mixture on top, pink lamingtons with cream and strawberries, lovely pink iced biscuits, marshmallows. Prizes of Pinky bars were given for the two best dressed - Mads dressed as Priscilla Queen of the Bowls and Road Runner Kate.*

*The ladies were asked for a paper donation for Breast Cancer and we raised \$350 which was presented to Shona Jarvie, the local Cancer Society representative. She spoke briefly on her role in the community and left some pamphlets for the club. This money stays in our community. The Cancer Society gets no Govt funding. They are 100% charity and rely on the support of the local community. A worthy cause and we will do it again next year.*



Shona Jarvie (CS) and Val Ransom

Right: Kate Norman and Mads Wilson



## Bowls3Five On TV

- Games will be broadcast on Sky Sport 9 (Channel 59) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- For those with internet access (but no Sky Sport subscription) the **first game of each night** will be broadcast on Sky Sport Next, which is Sky's free to air YouTube channel.
- The first game each of the 8 weeks play starts at 5.00pm and can be viewed online through the following link: <https://youtu.be/wvl9fQ5ibbk> Details of the teams and the full playing schedule can be accessed from the Bowls3Five page on the website – link: <https://bowlsnewzealand.co.nz/bowls3five/>.

## Hospice Fete

This will be held at the Wanaka Bowling Club on Saturday, 28 November.

## Death Of A Legend

English bowler David Bryant CBE, who passed away on 27 August 2020, is generally considered to be the greatest bowler of all time winning 19 World and Commonwealth gold medals in total. He was a three-times World (outdoors) singles bowls champion (in 1966, 1980 and 1988), a three-times World indoors singles champion (in 1979, 1980 and 1981) and a four times Commonwealth Games singles gold medallist.

There were many other distinctions, too: three world indoor singles, six world indoor pairs, countless other events, an MBE and a CBE. But most peculiarly he was never knighted. It was

considered by bowling pundits that no-one deserved the honour more than Bryant.

Few sporting world champions have won their medals while smoking a pipe, but David Bryant, did just that. Bryant always had his pipe in his mouth. He used to keep a pipe at both ends of the green. In 1986, he won the British Pipe Smoker of the Year award.

Bryant's name was synonymous with the sport during an era when, as television executives woke up to the viewing potential of less active sports, bowls began to appear regularly on the small screen along with snooker and darts.



In a 2017 interview, Bryant said he loved New Zealand and its greens, which he thought were the best in the world. "New Zealand bowlers were the easiest to get along with. Australians were a bit more self-absorbed".

### TIME FOR A LAUGH

*A Group of guys, all turning 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because the waitresses were voluptuous and wore mini-skirts.*

*Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because the waitresses were attractive. The food and service was good and the beer selection was excellent.*

*Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet with no loud music, and it was good value for money.*

*Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.*

*Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Weatherspoon's in Uxbridge because they had never been there before*

### 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](mailto:publicity.wanakabowls@gmail.com) or [secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wanakabowls@gmail.com) or you can see us personally at bowls or phone us on 443 4045.