



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings everyone,

The second half of our summer season is well and truly underway, with a very busy programme already being well supported and enjoyed.

The Men's Fulton Hogan Invitational Tournament held over two days on January 6th & 7th, drew a full field of players from various parts of the country.

Our gratitude and thanks must firstly go to the major sponsors Fulton Hogan for their continued and generous support.



A tournament event involves many people for it to be successful. The organisation for this two day tournament involved much time for our tournament committee, and I would like to commend them for their efforts, but particularly Tournament Secretary Val Ransom for her efficiency and attention to detail, which resulted in a faultlessly run event that was enjoyed by both players and spectators.

Thanks also to the Umpires officiating at this tournament, Greenkeeper Stu for his preparation, the caterers Jan and Kate along with their many helpers, also the Bar personnel. All made significant contributions to this successful tournament.



The Ladies Match Committee have indeed been so very unfortunate in having their second tournament for the season cancelled. Firstly the Spring into Bowls, and last week the Grandmother tournament. Such a shame after all the preparation and work that has been done prior.

Congratulations go out to Marilyn Steel and Val Ransom who have both been selected for the Central Otago Development team, to play in the Southern 6 Tournament to be played at Timaru 30-31 January.

Likewise Richie Muir is in the Central Otago Men's Open team that will play in the Southern 6 Tournament to be played in Invercargill on the same dates . Good luck to you all.

The Board met for its first meeting in 2021 on Friday 22nd January, and a full and varied agenda was covered.

Peter Wilson's hugely successful booklet "Getting Started " has sold out again after only receiving 150 reprinted copies in November!!!! A further 150 copies have now been reordered. In

all 174 copies have been sold since November. This is such a success story not only for Peter's effort in producing the booklet, but a hugely successful fund raiser for the club.

Membership numbers are steadily on the rise, which is so very pleasing, as at Jan 1st, we have 148 full members.

Treasurer Marilyn reported that Grant Applications for the new mat have now all been submitted and acknowledgements of receipt have been received from The Lion Foundation, The Otago Community Trust and Central Lakes Community Trust. We anxiously await results from these requests.

The supply and delivery of the new mat depends on the supply and shipping time frame from the UK. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, delays are inevitable. Also the availability of employees from Australia could be problematic, given the border closures continue.

During February the Ladies Junior Championship Singles and Pairs are being played locally and further afield in Alexandra the National Summerset 4's being played from 25th through to 28th.

Please make sure you support our Juniors in their championships, and also enjoy the feast of bowls to watch at the Nationals. Also good luck to our locals who are competing in the Nationals.

Yours

Gaye Beattie (President)

FROM THE BOARD

WBC Website

Barbara Wilson has taken over from Peter Wilson as Webmaster of the Club's website and has already made significant changes that have improved the 'readability' of the website on computers and cell phones. She has also changed parts of the layout and added news items and also further information for people applying to use the Club's facilities. Well done Barbara.

Please Note:

Despite no longer being responsible for the website Peter Wilson retains all the other aspects of the Publicity Officer's job such as Roll Up, Newsletters, newspaper articles etc. You can't get rid of me that easily - unless you want the job ? (Ed)

SMEG Knives

Alison Hebbard's idea of collecting New World stickers to secure some Smeg knives for the kitchen was a great success. Many thanks to those that contributed their 'stickers'.

FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Convenor Val Ransom reports as follows:

Women's Pairs Championship

A date for the Women's Pairs Final between Marilyn / Kathryn and Rhonda / Pauline has yet to be determined.

Coming up on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th February we have Championship 1-5yr singles starting at 9am both days with 3 games on Thursday and 1 game on the Friday. The list for names is on the notice board.

Women's Interclub

Next Tuesday is the 8th interclub to be played at Cromwell. Teams have been organised.

The list is on the notice board for Interclub on 16th February which is at Wanaka and Clyde. Please put your name up if available. Twelve players are needed for Wanaka but if there are more names up, some can play half a day, so everyone gets a game. Four players are required for the afternoon at Clyde. It's always good to have plenty of names as we always need reserves.

Women's Interclub Standings

Placings after Game 7 on 12 January are:

Pairs	Points	Fours	Points
1. Queenstown	25.5	1. Queenstown	11.0
2. Alexandra	19.3	2. Maniototo	10.0
3. RSA	15.3	3. Alexandra	7.6
4. Cromwell	13.6	4. Wanaka	6.5
5. Wanaka	13.3	5= Arrowtown	6.0
6. Omakau	13.0	5= Clyde	6.0
7. Arrowtown	12.0	7. Hawea	5.0
8. Maniototo	8.0	8. RSA	4.25
9. Clyde	5.5	9. Omakau	4.0
10. Hawea	4.5	10. Cromwell	2.6

Speights Day

The first meeting in 2021 was a huge success with 37 ladies attending. This was our "Speights Day" with members dressing to the theme. The Match Committee provided the lunch at a cost of \$15 and suitable liquid refreshments were also served. This followed the morning's bowls.

We decorated the tables and the room with 'Speights' paraphernalia. Nic McDonald was judged the best dressed among the ladies who entered into the spirit of the day. It was a lot of fun.



FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Men's Saturday Pennants

Division One (% of games won)

The most recent information received is that as at 16th January the standings are:

Arrowtown 66, Bannockburn 64, Clyde 55, Omakau 55, Alexandra 51, Cromwell 46, RSA 43, **Wanaka 43**, Queenstown 32, Hawea 32.

Division Two (% of games won)

As at 23 January the standings are:

Bannockburn 61, Alexandra 59, **Wanaka 56**, Queenstown 55, Omakau 51, Arrowtown 51, Roxburgh 43, Clyde 43, RSA 39, Cromwell 37, Hawea 30

Wednesday Pennants (% of games won)

After Round 8 at Hawea on 27 January the standings are:

Bannockburn 70%, Arrowtown 47.5%, Cromwell 42.5%, Hawea 40.0%, Queenstown 37.5%,
Wanaka 35%

Men's Clubhouse Fours

Six teams played on Tuesday 26 in very hot sunny conditions. At the end of the day there were three teams left in the competition:

- Trevor Tovey(s), Murray Ives, Alan Coupe, Charles Kiewiet (2 lives)
- Stu Hurley(s), Scotty Culverwell, Gordon Hall, Norman Matheson (1 life)
- Tom Malcolm(s), Colin Fyfe, Geoff Thomas, Brian Holmes (1 life)

Stu Hurley's team will play Tom Malcolm's team at 9.30am Sunday 31 January to decide who will play Trevor Tovey in a potential final.

Fin McRae (Convenor)

RESULTS

2021 Fulton Hogan Men's Classic Fours Invitational Bowls Tournament

What a feast of bowls it was, when the annual Fulton Hogan Wanaka Men's Classic Fours Invitational Bowls tournament took place on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 January.

With heavy rain flooding the green the day before the event started there was considerable anxiety. However the weather for the two days provided near perfect bowling conditions for both players and the excellent turnout of spectators.

This is the major tournament on the Wanaka Bowling Club's calendar and with a full field of 16 teams plus having great bowling conditions, the 2021 event would have to be one of the most successful ever run by the Club.

The field included some composite teams made up of a number of well performed bowlers from Wellington, Dunedin, Southland, Nelson and Central Otago, as well as Wanaka Bowling Club members.

It was a very colourful scene when play started on Day 1 with some very original uniforms on show such as Tony Cockerill (Gore) and Simon Nyhof (Wanaka) - pictured. Other characters adding to the atmosphere included Leo Leonard from South Canterbury who is a former Bowls NZ title winner and NZ saloon car champion in the 1970s - also competing at Bathurst 8 times. Another regular in this tournament is Winstone McLachlan from Gore who is a former NZ Pairs Champion.

On the first day all teams played 5 games of 1hr 30min. After all results for the day had been collected the field was divided into two sections for Post Section Play on Day 2. The top 8 teams were in the 'Main Event' and the bottom 8 teams were placed in the 'Plate Event'.

There were some 'upsets' after Day 1, including that Fairfield's Bruce Robertson's composite team, skipped by Eion Willis (St Clair) plus Wanaka players George Cameron and Ken Muir, who were last years champion team ended up in the Plate Event, where they ended up third equal with Wanaka's Scottie Culverwell, Murray Ives, Neville Harris and Trevor Mackay.



Day 2 was a very long day for some teams and not so long for those who were eliminated after a round robin for both divisions.

In the Plate Event the final was fought out between Jim McAllister's team from Wyndham and Bill Johnstone's Queenstown team of Bill Grant, Morris Keith, Ross Herring and it was only in the last 3 ends that Jim McAllister's team of Russell Crosby, Kevin Hoffman, Bernie Johnston edged ahead to win the Plate Final by 8-5.

Wanaka did well to have four teams in the Main Event along with some other very fancied teams. One 'all Wanaka team' which had a great tournament was skipped by Ewan Miller and consisted of Robin Griffiths, Alister Moore and Frank Ruddiman. They were the second highest qualifiers on Day 1 and eventually finished third equal in the Main Event after being defeated in the semi-final by the eventual winner. To win 7 out of their 9 games was a top effort.

The final of the Main Event however, was played between Wellingtonian Grant Clark's team of Lindsay Jennings (Tokanui), Gordon Hall (Wanaka), Ross Hammond (Wanaka) and Wanaka's Simon Nyhof, Brett Simpson, Bob Wilson (Oamaru), Bill Turnbull.

This 12 end final could only be described as a game of two halves. Team Clarke totally dominated the early stages to lead by 7-0 after 4 ends and looking in command.

Bowls however, is a game of tactics and once Team Nyhof won the 5th end, lead Bill Turnbull threw a series of short ends that turned the whole game upside down. Team Clarke didn't adjust sufficiently and Simon Nyhof's team took complete control of the next 7 ends to lead 15-7 and run out the winners by 15-9.

Simon Nyhof, Brett Simpson and Bill Turnbull have all been in previous winning teams of this event although this year they only squeaked into the Main Event, being the bottom qualifier after Day 1. Just goes to show that it's what happens on the day that counts.



Bob Wilson (Oamaru), Simon Nyhof, Bill Turnbull, Brett Simpson (all Wanaka)

The tournament ran extremely smoothly thanks to the excellent work done by the organising team of Tournament Secretary Val Ransom assisted by Rhonda Hurley and Madeleine Wilson.

Despite the heavy rain and the green flooding the day before that created considerable concern Greenkeeper Stu Hurley ensured the green was well prepared. Your calmness is amazing Stu !

Catering Convenors Kate Norman and Jan Allen plus their team of amazing helpers, worked tirelessly to produce wonderful morning and afternoon teas.



On Wednesday evening an evening meal was provided under the leadership of Rhonda Hurley, of slow roasted lamb with buns and coleslaw which was very much appreciated. As one visitor commented “forget the bowls, it’s more than worthwhile to come for the food - fantastic”.

A big ‘well done’ also to Alison Hebbard, and other bar staff who were also extremely busy keeping everyone well ‘hydrated’.

In all, this was a very successful and enjoyable tournament and a credit to those members who made it all happen.

Because so many of these bowlers have come to this tournament year after year, there is a really strong feeling of camaraderie and fellowship between players in all teams. This adds a lot to the overall atmosphere but doesn’t lessen the level of competitiveness. All this year’s participants have indicated they wish to return for 2022 Classic.

As happens most years, some teams who, on paper, looked to be strong contenders, didn’t do that well. That they didn’t just goes to show, that in bowls it’s all about what happens on the green. Long may this be the case.

It was good to see quite a number of our non-participating members coming and having a look at the games being played in our ‘flagship’ tournament. Thanks for your support.



Men's Midweek Tournament

The 7th tournament was held at Wanaka on Wednesday 20 January in pretty cool conditions.

1st Wanaka: Richie Muir(s), Stu Hurley, Ken Mitchell, Neil Robertson
2nd Queenstown
3rd Wanaka: Fin McRae (s), Bob Steel, Alister Moore, Bob McLeary,
4th Cromwell

CENTRE EVENTS

Morriss Tray / Kitto Cup

Val Ransom and Pauline Hope were part of the successful women's 'Lakes' team that played against 'Dunstan' and 'Sub Centre' teams on Sunday 17 January winning both trophies.

OTHER BOWLS

Trade Bowls

After the first night for 2021 was washed outfit everyone were very happy to have a successful evening of bowls on Tuesday 26 January.

Hawea Hotel Invitational Thursday 14 January

Congratulations to Peter Herbert, Derek Hope, Val Ransom, Pauline Hope on winning this annual event. Not only did they win the top prize from the Hawea Hotel but the full field of 64 players were treated to a fabulous lunch at the hotel, along with morning and afternoon tea at the clubhouse. Players from all over Central Otago enjoyed calm hot conditions on Hawea's beautifully manicured green.

From the left: Derek, Peter, Val, Pauline



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bowls3Five - National Interclub - Central Otago Bowls Round

Where: Alexandra Bowling Club

When: Saturday/Sunday 20/21 February, 2021

Who: Mixed Teams of three players (Players to be full playing members of the same Club)

Format: Two Bowl Triples - 2 Sets of five ends plus a tie breaker of 1 end if sets are tied.

Day 1: 6 Games - Winners of 4,5 & 6 games qualify

Day 2: Post Section - Format to be decided when number of entries known.

Please send entries to the Tournament Secretary by 14th February.

Summerset National 4s and Mixed Pairs

These events will be held in Central Otago this year and will provide a wonderful opportunity to see many of New Zealand's top bowlers in action.

The National 4s will be played over 4 days - February 25-28 and the National Mixed Pairs will be played March 1-3. The event base will be Alexandra.

No details have yet been announced but you will be informed as soon as these are received.

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.

TIME FOR A LAUGH

Sally Mulligan of Coral Springs, Florida, read an ad in the newspaper for one of the jobs that most Americans are not willing to do and decided to apply. She submitted an application to the 'Florida Lemon Grove', but seemed far too qualified for the job.

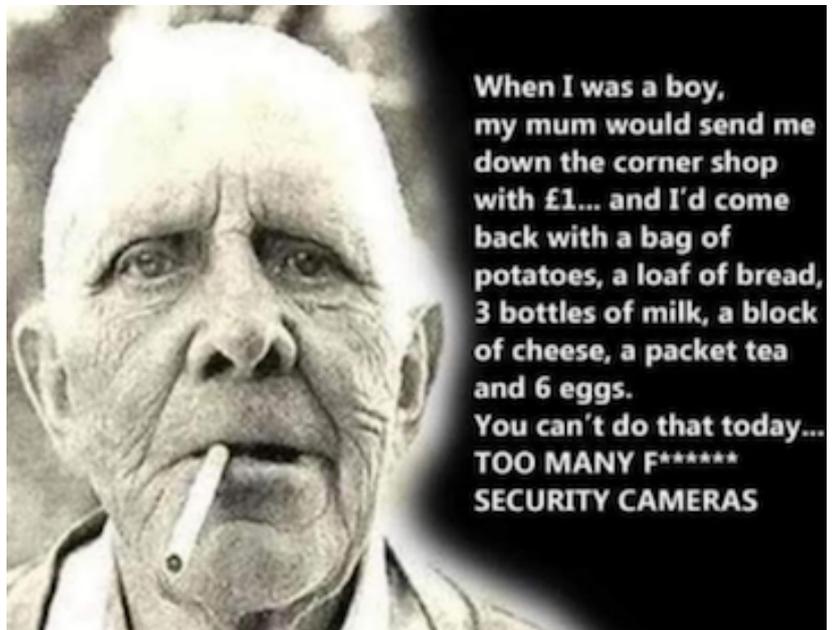
She has a liberal arts degree from the University of Michigan, and a Master's degree from Michigan State University. For a number of years, she had worked as a social worker, and also as a school teacher.

The foreman studied her application, frowned and said, "I see you are well-educated, and have an impressive resume. However, I must ask whether you have any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have," she said. "I've been divorced three times, owned two Fords, and voted for Trump." She started work yesterday



Two little old ladies were attending a rather long church service. One leaned over and whispered, "My butt is going to sleep." "I know," replied her companion, "I heard it snore three times."



When I was a boy, my mum would send me down the corner shop with £1... and I'd come back with a bag of potatoes, a loaf of bread, 3 bottles of milk, a block of cheese, a packet tea and 6 eggs. You can't do that today...
TOO MANY F*** SECURITY CAMERAS**

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.