



## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to you all,

Just when we were all getting back into and enjoying our Stadium Bowls, and catching up with each other, we have been put into Covid Level 2 restrictions.

We were very fortunate to complete our Stadium Championship programme prior to this with playing The Hebbard Mixed Fours and the Honda sponsored Men's Fours tournament.

Thanks to the sponsors of both these tournaments, the controllers running these days, catering convenors, bar personnel, all participating, and congratulations to winners.

I acknowledge the passing of Edna Miller, wife of our current Board member and ex President Ewan. Edna was a very keen bowler before coming to live in Wanaka, playing competitive bowls for the Middlemarch Club, Riccarton Racecourse Club, the Burnside Club, and at our Club for a couple of years before becoming a social member. Edna was a great support to Ewan, and enjoyed the company and social events of the club. Our thoughts are with Ewan and family.



Our catering Committee and helpers, Bar persons, and floral volunteers were called upon again to help after the funeral service at the clubrooms, and again did an amazing job. Thank you all.

Covid restrictions certainly may slow down the playing programme, but not the business side, in fact it has been an extremely busy time for board members, club administrators and many sub-committees.

1. Preparation of calendar and compiling the programme for the new season,
2. Sub committees reports for monthly board meeting, including implementing some final touches of the Strategic Plan.
3. The Green committee visiting and viewing the new Hokonui green in Gore, and reporting on three new mat surfaces and approximate quotes.
4. The controlling of the club house and stadium and outside green under Covid.
5. The Booking Officer - many inquiries and dealing with them all.
6. Social team organising for when we do manage to get back into summer play.
7. Reports on progress with starting to consider Bar Refurbishment.

All of this costs our busy team of administrators a huge amount of time and reading especially our amazing secretary who at last count prior to the board meeting 27/08/20 had sent out (38) pages!!!

We all look forward to hopefully some normality and being back to Level 1, to enjoying beautiful spring like days, and to seeing you all at the Opening Day on September 12<sup>th</sup>

Yours

Gaye Beattie (President)

## FROM THE BOARD

### Closing Day / Opening Day

A combined Closing and Opening Day will be held on Saturday 12 September and it is hoped that members will take the opportunity of getting together and having an enjoyable catch-up time.

There will be no organised bowls and members should plan to arrive about 4pm.

A BBQ will be cooked by Master Chef Ken and his culinary team - and salads provided. This will be provided free of charge to members.



If you intend coming to this event, please contact one of our wonderful caterers as soon as possible, as they need an indication of numbers attending: Kate Norman Ph 443 7392 Cell 021 864 234 or Jan Allen Ph 443 7373 Cell 027 331 0104

### Use of Sanitisers when Entering/Leaving the Clubhouse

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

### New Board Member - Frank Ruddiman

Frank Ruddiman joined the Club February 2019 and since that time has been regularly involved in Men's Bowls, including being runner-up to the Men's Junior Singles. At this year's AGM on 5th July Frank was elected to the Board. Frank was asked to provide a brief self profile and he provided the following.

*I was born and bred in Christchurch, went to school at St Andrews College and studied to be a Pharmacist in Wellington. I owned a Pharmacy in Greymouth from 1978 to 1986 then a Pharmacy in Christchurch (Murray's Chemist) until the 2011 earthquake.*

*My wife Pam and I have 3 children - a daughter and son in the Navy and a Periodontist daughter.*

*I am a qualified NZ Swim Referee and have officiated Internationally and officiate every 2 years as a Starter at the Worlds International Life Saving Pool Champs .*

*I've played Golf for 60 years but decided that when I retired I wanted to take up Bowls which I did when I retired to Wanaka 18 months ago and I have to say it has been a great decision. I do tend to follow most sports*



Bottom Photo: Frank working with Gordon Hall at the Club working bee September 2019

## Visitor Group Bookings - Helpers Wanted!

Booking Liaison Officer Marg Young is already receiving enquiries for pre-Christmas functions which involve bowling.

Over the year, our club hosts a wide variety of groups, many of who come to play some bowls, and have something to eat, drink and socialise. Many of these are Wanaka businesses and organisations and it is good that they use our great facilities

It seems to be the 'in thing', but takes a lot of work to organise helpers, the bar, BBQ etc., plus expect the same volunteers to give up their free time on a regular basis.

Marg Young is the convenor of the 'bowls help group' who come along and help our visitors enough so that they can have an enjoyable time bowling.

Marg has had a small faithful group of 'bowls helpers', but with the increasing numbers of booking requests and some helpers leaving Wanaka, this group is being pretty stretched and we need more club members to offer to help Marg. If she had a list of folk she could call on when needed it would really ease her workload.

**We are not coaching these visitors.** We are just explaining the basic structure and the routines of bowls and some basic techniques so that they can have some fun. You do not have to be an expert bowler. You just need patience and a good sense of humour.

Please dear folk,(yes I'm buttering you up!), consider giving a little of your time to assist as a 'bowls helper' in Marg Young's team. If you can help please ring Marg Young 443 8463. You will find it fun and very rewarding as you help our visitors discover the wonderful game of bowls

## FROM THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

### Men's Wednesday Pennants

The Men's Wednesday Pennants has a new format this year.

Play will start at 1.15pm and there will be one game of 1 hour 20 minutes then afternoon tea and then another game of 1 hour 20 minutes against a different team and you will not play against another Wanaka team.

### 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.

Entries for the others close on 4th October except for the junior events which close on 11th October.

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

### Champion of Champions Singles

Change of Dates.

The Champion of Champions Singles from last season will be played on Saturday 3rd October

The Pairs will be played on Sunday 4th October - both events at Roxburgh

Fin McRae (Convenor)

## FROM THE WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

The programme has been set by the Match Committee for the season and we hope the ladies will enjoy what we have in store for them. When the booklet comes out please read it carefully each week especially noting starting times.

### Fun Opening Day Lunch

Our Fun Opening Day Lunch is on Wednesday 16th September at 12 noon. Cost \$15 with bowls to follow "Journeys Beginning". A sheet will go up in the clubhouse (when it opens) for you to enter your names, which we need for catering purposes. **OR** you can phone me or one of the match committee to enter your name. The Match Committee comprises Val Ransom, Rhonda Hurley, Pauline Hope and Yvonne Gale.

### Spring Into Bowls

The next day, 17th September is "Spring Into Bowls" 10am Morning Tea, 10.30am start. \$10. Clubhouse Draw for our members. This is a Triples tournament open to other clubs so we can only field 3 or 4 teams from Wanaka. The sheet will go up in the clubhouse when we are allowed to open up but you can also phone me or one of the match committee to put your name on the list if you wish. The teams will be drawn from this list.

### Fun Spring Day Tournament

On the following Wednesday 23rd September we will have a Fun Spring Day tournament for our members at 1pm - cost \$5.

### Centre Champion of Champions Events

The Centre **2019/20** Champ Champion Events are being held as follows with our representatives as listed:

- 19 September - Champ Champ Fours at Queenstown at 8.30am  
(V. Ransom, P Hope, J. Barton, G. Cameron)
- 20 September - Champ Champ Triples at Queenstown 8.30am  
(P. Hope, K. Norman, G. Campbell)
- 28 September - Champ Champ Singles at Omakau 8.30am  
(M. Steel)
- 29 September - Champ Champ Pairs at Omakau 8.30am  
(M. Steel, K. Mitchell)

### Women's Club Championships 2020-2021

The Match Committee recommended to the Board that Championships revert to self selection and that has been approved. Drawn Fours or Triples will be held on a Club Day yet to be decided.

### New Mixed Tournament

There is also a new **mixed** tournament being held on Thursday 1st October being sponsored by Matt Ecroyd - Bayleys. It will start at 1pm and is only for our club members. More information to follow.

Val Ransom (Convenor)

## 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

### Stadium Mixed Fours Tournament - Hebbard Trophy

One of the Club's major winter events was held in the Club's Stadium on Saturday 1 August.

Eight mixed 4s teams played four games, each of 10 ends through the day to decide who would win the Hebbard Trophy in 2020.

No team went through the day unbeaten and in the end only 1 point separated the 1st and 2nd place getters.

In the end it was the all Hawea team of Donald Urquhart(s), Neville Roberts, Kura Urquhart and Lulu Roberts (51 points +9) that came out ahead of Richie Muir(s), Stu Hurley, Rhonda Hurley and Val Ransom (50 points +5). In third place was Ken Allison(s), Murray Finn, Allison Hebbard and Jan Allen.

In something of a 'houdini' act, Controller Ken Mitchell not only played, but also ran a very successful day's bowls that was enjoyed by everyone. Well done Ken.

As usual, our wonderful team of ladies made sure we never felt hungry. You do it so well - and it is really appreciated.



Donald Urquhart, Kura Urquhart, Lulu Roberts, Neville Roberts

### Stadium Men's Fours Tournament - Faulks Trophy

This is always a most enjoyable event to play in, and this year was no exception, with a full field of ten teams, including four invited teams from Cromwell, Queenstown, Clyde and Arrowtown competing for the Faulks Trophy on Tuesday 4 August.

With last summer's season suddenly curtailed by Covid-19, it was good to have a day together with our friends from the four visiting teams.

Owing to a misunderstanding over the nature of the event one visiting team had two ladies playing. In order to better fit the event's gender they changed their names with Debbie becoming 'Dennis' for the day and Liz becoming 'Les'. Well done 'Dennis' and 'Les'. We enjoyed you brightening up the day for us all !

During the day 4 games of 10 ends were played with some knife edge finishes and very tight heads resulting in measures being used frequently to decide the outcome of an end.

Two teams were unbeaten with four wins each with Murray Finn's team of Don Cameron, Ewan Miller and George Cameron the winners with 68 points and Donald Urquhart's team of Ken Allison, Neville Roberts and Bob Steel close behind on 62 points.

Jimmy Grieve's Cromwell team of Russell Freeman, Ed Joslen and Graham Sycamore came in 3rd place with 48 points, just one point ahead of Richie Muir's team of Stu Hurley, Ken McConnell, John Leith.

Thanks also to the Controllers Val Ransom and Rhonda Hurley who ran the day so efficiently. Much appreciated.

Bowlers from other clubs love playing at Wanaka because they know they'll be well looked after in the food department. Words cannot truly found to reflect the truly wonderful 'spread' that is provided at event after event by our Catering Convenors Jan Allen, Kate Norman and all their wonderful helpers in the kitchen. We are so very lucky.



**Ewan Miller, Don Cameron, Murray Finn(s), George Cameron**

### **John Barton Memorial Trophy**

When possible, this year's games were played between 'Town' and "Village' on the second Wednesday of the month with keen competition between the teams. Jim Feehly reports:

The second game of the 2020 series was held on Wednesday 12 August with 4 teams each participating.

Town won the day 116 points to 75 and now lead the Village 229 points to 154.

The last event for the season was scheduled for Wednesday 9 September but may not be played.

### **Edgewater Trophy**

The Edgewater Trophy has been competed for on Monday nights during the Stadium season. The winner will be announced at the Combined Closing/Opening Day 12 September.



Thanks to Edgewater Resort for their continued support of this event.

## **THIS AND THAT**

### **New Members**

This month we welcome Liz and Johnny Rogers as full members of the Club and we hope that they enjoy their involvement in the the club's activities.

Liz and Johnny came to the Club's Open Day in March. Subsequently, during the Stadium season they attended weekly coaching sessions, following which they decided to join the club.

A big welcome to you both.

## 1st Aid Officer

Holly Davies has agreed to be our 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Officer. Thank you Holly.

## Hospice Fete

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

## Hawea Bowling Club Championships

Because of the Covid-19 lockdown the Hawea Men's Club Championships were unable to be played at the end of last season. These will now be played at the Wanaka Bowling Club on September 13, 20, 27 - times to be advised.

## TIME FOR A LAUGH

### *Take it from the Top if you can*

*"Don't know how the government is going to get these laws passed!" said Peter to his bowls mate at the bar. "It's the poor blokes down the line who have to implement them that I feel sorry for" said Arthur. Talking about these guys up in their ivory towers, he continued, thinking up impossible schemes reminds me of the "once upon a time a long time ago" story about the King who wanted to go fishing.*

*He called his royal weather forecaster and enquired what the weather forecast was for the next few hours. The weatherman assured him there was no chance of rain in the next few days. So the King went fishing with his wife the Queen. On the way, they met a farmer on his donkey and when the farmer saw the King he said "Majesty, you should return to the palace at once because in a short time I expect a huge amount of rain to fall in this area." The King replied that he had already spoken to the palace meteorologist, a person whom he held in the highest regard, who was highly educated, a very experienced professional and exceedingly well paid and who had assured him that there was no heavy rain imminent at least for the next couple of days. The King thanked the farmer for his concern but said he would continue on his way as he had faith in the expert advice he had already received.*

*However, a short time later, the heavens opened and the rain came down in torrents. The King and Queen were totally soaked through. Furious, the King returned to the palace and immediately dismissed the royal weatherman. He then summoned the farmer and offered him the prestigious and highly paid job of royal forecaster. The farmer said "your majesty, I do not know anything about weather forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping it means, with certainty, that there will be rain." So the king hired the donkey.*

*And so began the practice of hiring asses to work in the government and occupy its highest paid and most influential positions.*



## 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.