



The ROLL UP!

Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowling Club



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FROM AMY

Post-Christmas InterClub has started with Redcliffs Mt Pleasant entering a large number of teams in the centre events. Good bowling to all involved. Enjoying playing at other Clubs and meeting more people is an important part of bowls, winning is of course a big bonus. It is always interesting to find out what other Clubs are doing so if you see or hear something that you think is worth trying at our Club please let me know.

Our green is winning praise from visiting bowlers playing here so a big thanks to Alan our Greenkeeper and also to our Club members doing the rolling and generally to Club members who take good care of the green while bowling on it.

As members know Lance Main, a member, has been conducting one on one coaching sessions at the Club. I asked Lance if he would help me with my weighted shots and we had a session, at a very modest cost, that has now given me the technique and confidence to try having a drive knowing what adjustment I needed to make so that my drives count. I enjoyed the session. Lance is very knowledgeable and encouraging.

Last Saturday the Men's Final was a great game to watch. Congratulations to Phil's team Peter, Tim and Paul. Rod's team put up a good challenge so well done to Peter, Bruce and Ian for testing Phil's team to the final bowl, a jack in the ditch--unbeatable shot.

Our annual return to Bowls Canterbury shows a 15% increase in membership from last year. An amazing result for the Club. A big thanks to all who have assisted in achieving this result. Our coaching programme is a major factor but mostly it is the welcoming atmosphere at the Club, created by all members, that sets the tone and makes potential new members feel valued and included. Keep up the good work. Remember word of mouth is a great marketing tool so please encourage friends and family to come to the Club with you to have a roll up. Don't forget to enjoy a drink and Caro's meals on Friday night.

Amy



"Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises"
— Charmaine J Forde

BOARD MATTERS

Board meetings will continue to be held on the third Friday each month at 8:30am until the AGM in June - apart from February when we meet a week earlier on 11th.

Several members have asked about Board Minutes which used to be pinned on the Noticeboard. The Board wants them to continue to be available for interested members to read. They are filed in a folder on the bookshelf near the office and if the Secretary is doing her job..... they should be there during the week following each meeting!

A meeting in late January was dedicated to discussing the Club's Membership categories. Bowls NZ and Bowls Canterbury altered their categories a couple of years ago and we need to align ourselves with these changes. We can and will continue to have sub-categories to meet the unique needs of RMPBC.

JD

CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Great to see the final of the men's Club Champs Fours being played on Saturday – well done you juniors.

The finals of the Men's Triples was played on Wednesday with Rod's team of Peter Hyland and Peter Eggeling the winners against Mick, Jim Keegan and Peter Haslam. Well done!

InterClub is well under way now and it's great to see all the teams getting going – thank you to all the selectors for the work you do.

We are starting to get planning underway for winter tournaments – I would welcome anybody who is interested in helping to organise these – please contact me.

Happy bowling

Margaret



Paul, Peter, Tim and Phil

FROM PETER HYLAND

Business House Bowls

"Many thanks to Janet & Paul Castlehouse who have taken over the reins of Business House Bowls and all those members who are helping out with the playing programme, BBQ, raffles and in house operations. Caro is again excelling with her salad offerings and we very much appreciate her help. It is a pleasure to see how smoothly the entire operation has become.

A full field of 16 teams played last week and are confirmed for the rest of the event so we have many potential new members on display, everyone is having a great time."

Air Rescue Tournament

We are arranging a tournament to take place on Sunday 27th February, I have attached a copy of the flyer (see end of Newsletter) Proposed scoring system will be the same as last year, a lot of fun. Please arrange your own team of three together and enter this major fundraising tournament.

Just a reminder, 'if you can help out in any way, please get in touch with those who are organising events'.

Peter

THURSDAY MONTHLY SPONSORED TOURNAMENT

Two wins in a row for Chris Waldron and his team of Beth and Laila. They are all Under 5's; a great future for our Club. The three top teams had three wins with Chris's team 18 ends. Peter Hyland, Mary and Bill Cotton having 16 ends and Margaret Bunce, Ian Rouse and Denny with 13 ends,

Lee thanked Mary for preparing the lovely food and Marvin and Nikki in the kitchen.

A big thank you to United Travel Ferrymead that sponsored the Tournament.

FROM ROD

Skills and Drills

The Tuesday Skills and Drills has commenced on Tuesdays at 0900. Please be there at 0845 so we are all ready to start on time.

This is a chance for all members to practice different drills so please come along. We have 3 coaches available and if you think you need a bit of one on one we will endeavour to help you.

Sunday coaching is another opportunity to practice with Amy so go along and join in.

Men's Inter Club

Our Men's Watson Shield team (10 players, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours) had their first game on Saturday morning. Some very close games were fought and we came away with 1 win and 3 losses.

Rod

UPDATE ON INTERCLUB FRIENDLIES

A large group of our bowlers enjoys the InterClub Friendly Bowls Programme on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, followed by afternoon tea. This programme consists of two rounds of fours, the first from October to December, and the second from January to March.

There are 30 of our bowlers participating in the programme, divided into 5 teams of 6. This allows for times when some members are unavailable. Each team has a "captain" so that playing positions, including skip, can be rotated if desired. The team captains ensure that all team members get roughly the same number of games. There are also 4 reserves. We have a wide cross section of our members involved, ranging from totally new bowlers to some of us over eighty!

The games are played on a home and away basis, so each Club is played twice, once in the first round and once in the second round. There are 17 Clubs participating, some with only one or two teams. Our Club has one of the largest group of bowlers involved in the programme. While no formal competition points are maintained, there is a final tournament over two Tuesdays at the end of March, for those teams that wish to participate.

The major object of the programme is to have fun and meet people from other Clubs on a social basis, while playing bowls competitively. It is great to go to other Clubs, see what their facilities are like, and to socialise with new people. One of our favourite places to play is the Diana Isaac Retirement Village, not only to catch up with some former RCMP members, but also to sample their legendary afternoon tea!

If you would like to know a little more about the programme, have a chat with me, or take a look at the "InterClub Friendlies" section of the Club Noticeboard.

Bill Cotton

THE THOMAS SHIELD

The Thomas Shield is a monthly tournament between Redcliffs Mount Pleasant, Sumner, Beckenham and Woolston Park. Three teams of Fours from each Club. It has been in existence for many years and is played on a Wednesday afternoon over 16 ends. Our Club have not been very successful for some time and hopefully in the future we can improve on our current position. It is quite a strong standard and anyone not playing in it please let me know.

Mick Hannifin.

SOCIAL CLUB

The **Big Fat Quiz of 2022** on Saturday 12 February starting 7pm. \$5 per person up to maximum of 6 players per team. To register a team call Janet on 021 08497332.

Also we are celebrating St Patrick's day on Friday 18 March with Caro providing an Irish themed menu for our Friday meals. Wear something green, prize for best dressed.

Our business house bowls is going well on Thursday evenings, we have 16 teams and have been blessed with good weather. (see the great pics)

PAVI



TOP TO BOTTOM HOUSEKEEPING ADVICE.

Just a couple of things on the housekeeping side.

- 1) When you have finished your game please clean your score board off and put numbers back to Zero (Artificial) or blank (New score boards on the Natural Green)
- 2) When you are returning your mat back to the box please ensure the mats are flat in the box. Some of our mats are getting very bent because not enough care is taken in putting it away. If some underneath have turned up edges please just take time and straighten them all.
- 3) Can Inter Club teams, playing at home, please ensure clean up after morning/afternoon teas in order to avoid a severe ant or rodent issue.

Thank you.

Clean and Tidy Top to Bottom Cleaning Co.

INTERCLUB MATCHES

PLEASE if you are involved in playing Interclub matches it is important for the Selectors to have detail in the absentee book of the dates you are away.

It is located in the drawer of the table near the Bar.

Russ Flrqs

PETER'S FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

Peter and his family celebrated at the Club and invited some members from our Club to enjoy a feast including crayfish, whitebait patties, salmon, prawns and lots more. Wow ...



Janet sang the whole of 'Bat out of hell' along to Meatloaf without missing a word...epic!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✚ **SKILLS AND DRILLS** Each Tuesday at 9.00am (be there at 8.45 am)
- ✚ **THE BIG FAT QUIZ** 12 February at 7.00pm. \$5.00 per person.
- ✚ **ST PATRICKS DAY** 18 March, Irish themed menu by Caro
- ✚ **ROLL UPS**, Tuesday and Thursdays at 1.30 pm. Be there at 1.15 pm
- ✚ **AIR RESCUE TOURNAMENT** 27 February (see flyer)
- ✚ Don't forget the Friday evening meals.

Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowling Club

Sunday 27th February 9.30am

This fundraising tournament will support the trust who
operate the rescue helicopters in our region



Our club has received considerable financial support from
Air Rescue Services, their major fundraising arm, and it is
time for us to assist them

All funds from the tournament and raffles on the day will
be donated to this worthy cause

All prizes on the day will have been donated

4 games of 2 bowl triples, 10 ends
2 before lunch and 2 after lunch

Entry Fee \$15 Each Player

Arrange your own team of mixed optional triples

Bring your own lunch or order sandwiches by 9.30am from the
kitchen

TALENT IS GOOD.
PRACTICE IS BETTER.
PASSION IS BEST.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT