



The ROLL UP!

Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowling Club



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FROM AMY

Gerry told me last month that this Newsletter will be his last. For several years Gerry has edited the Newsletter that you have all enjoyed reading . On your behalf I wish to thank Gerry very much for the superb job he has done . Gerry has offered to assist the new editor with templates etc. So I ask you all for a volunteer to take up the challenge of editing the Newsletter starting with the April edition.

Our Social Committee is having a big impact on the non-bowling side of the club. The Quiz night was a great success ,a packed club rooms ,lively atmosphere and a great compere, thanks Gerry Cassidy which meant we all went home happy ,some needing to do work on the topic of TV and films. Looking forward to Paddy's night.

I want to acknowledge the passing of Don Alexander a couple of weeks ago. Don had many friends in the Club and had been suffering ill health for a while. Don played cards on a Monday and in the past had spent time helping with the gardens at the club as well as playing bowls,

You will notice that the rink positions on the artificial green have been changed. This has been done to move away from the spots that are showing wear. We will get more lines marked on the green but in the meantime please bowl using the rink numbers as your guide for placing the mat not the white line. On the subject of greens, any issues you have regarding the green are to be addressed to Amy Caddie, stand in Green Superintendent, not to the contractor Alan.

Jan Marriot , who for 8 years has administered the hiring of the function centre, has finished up in this role. We have asked many times for a members to assist in this area and we still do need someone who can help meet prospective hirers and ensure that this vital job is maintained,

Please keep yourselves as healthy as possible and if you are unwell please stay home and if you do test positive for Covid let me know so we all can be extra aware re distancing masks etc.

Amy



“Only those with tenacity can march forward in March”

— Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

BOARD MATTERS

John McCaskey has agreed to take responsibility for the Club Health and Safety portfolio. Many thanks John.

The March edition will be the last Roll Up Newsletter to be edited by Gerry Walmisley. **Please help!** A BIG request for someone to put their hand up and volunteer to take on this role. Most of the material is provided by members although some 'Gerry extras' usually feature as well. Please let Jo know if you can assist us to keep our monthly Newsletter happening. Gerry will be happy to have a chat and help you get underway.

General Matters

Lost Property - there is now a Lost Property box in the Office. Please put any stray items in this box rather than in the locker rooms. We will hold items up to three months.

After a recent inspection visit by the Christchurch Beautifying Association - the club was awarded a Certificate of Merit in the CBA Summer Garden Competition 2022. Congratulations to our grounds team Peter Midgley with several others including Bernie Anderson and Maurie Morgan who provide us with such wonderful colour to enhance our premises!

JD

CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Plenty to celebrate at the club in February.

The Big Fat Quiz was great – thanks to the Social Committee

Also the Business House Bowls and the Air Rescue Tournament – again – a big thank you to all the helpers. These occasions are good for us all – especially at this time when all around us there is uncertainty and change. March is going to be a good month too I'm sure – enjoy your bowls

margaret

THURSDAY MONTHLY SPONSORED TOURNAMENT

The rain stopped in time for the February Tournament to go ahead. It was sponsored by the Ngaio Marsh Retirement Village with Danielle Newman presenting the prizes. There were 3 teams with 3 wins and 16 ends each so it came down to points. The winners were Margaret's team, Denny and Phil with 36 points, the Sumner team of Gary Harris, Ken and Chris with 35 points then Mick's team of Sam and Annabel with 33 points.



A big thank you to Marvin for making the sandwiches and Amy for the fruit loaves as well as Nikki and Marvin in the kitchen

FROM ROD

Skills and Drills

Skills and Drills has continued on Tuesdays at 0900 and we have had good attendances for the last 4 weeks. Please be there at 0845 so we are all ready to start on time.

After a request from some members we commenced last week, on Tuesday with "Run Range". This is an opportunity to learn more about lawn bowls and especially the weighted shots and the drive. Please email rodgrout@gmail.com if you wish to attend "Run Range".

Both of these sessions allow all members to practice different drills so please come along.

Video recording will be available to have your delivery technique recorded and analysed if you wish. Just email Rod to arrange a time.

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

Lance is also available to coach any member/members who wishes to benefit from one on one or group coaching. Lance is a very experienced player in all disciplines of the game and has coached the Canterbury Men's Development squad for the last two seasons with success. Give him a call (number in the RMPBC booklet) to make an appointment.

Good practice equals Good bowling.

Men's Inter Club.

Our Men's Watson Shield team (10 players, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours) have had 3 rounds of competition with limited success. The Men's Eights have also had limited success this season. We are in a rebuilding stage at present and I'm sure that given another couple of seasons we will be back up on the winning podium.

Men's Selectors.

Over 60's Sevens.

This Inter Club event seems to be one that is very popular with club members and one where we have some reasonable success. We have four teams of 7 entered in this event and have completed 4 rounds of this competition. One team sitting at the top of their section and one team in second place in theirs. The other 2 teams have had mixed results but there are still 3 rounds to go. Well done to all players.

Rod

WOMEN'S INTERCLUB

This is supposed to be summer!! Round 1 of the Women's Eights the week before was cancelled because of rain. Round 2 on 12 February went ahead on the artificial green as the green was flooded. We won two of our three games against a strong Halswell team so perhaps we play better when drenched...



Lake RMPBC



BUSINESS HOUSE BOWLS

Originally it was called Mates in Bowls. These evening events, with teams of 4 friends or work colleagues battling it out against each other and then sitting down to a tasty BBQ meal along with some fun and banter, are hugely enjoyed by non-bowlers who come together during this time. Some of the teams have been coming for many years, and every one of them wants to win ! In the early years we used both greens, so each week we had up to 96 players, along with our own volunteers who would set out the bowls, mark and assist the players, cook the BBQ, and prepare all the food for as many as 125 people each week. And then followed the clean-up at the end of the evening when everyone else had gone home to bed !! It was quite a commitment. Over the years various club members have been involved for a year or two, and we do have some who have stuck with the event throughout all that time. Very loyal to the cause. This year we have once again had a very successful 6 weeks. Amazingly, despite all the rain, we have not had to cancel one evening. A first, for several years. These days we only have enough teams for one green, players mark their own games, and we require just two or three club members to be on hand to assist with any queries whilst the games are underway.

This year we also have a professional caterer, Caro, who prepares and serves the salads , so we need only one or two club volunteers to be on hand to assist her with very simple tasks. Wow, such an amazing change for us, to be relieved of those salad making and kitchen chores. Some of us women have everlasting memories of it. Possibly even nightmares of the days when rain threatened and a decision had to be made as to whether to purchase and prepare food for that day !! Our trusty BBQ chefs continue to cook for almost an hour and a half to feed the hungry mob. They're very experienced !! Bruce Chee, our longstanding chef, always has another assistant with him, some having helped for several years. Struggling with faulty BBQ's and having to switch mid evening and cook in the kitchen along with 6 other women preparing food was no mean feat , but we always made it work , and remained good mates ! Don Simpson continues, as he has done for so long now, setting out the bowls, mats, jacks etc. ready for the teams. And this year, as if that was not enough, he then sets out the tables in the dining area and has everything ready to go by the time the teams start arriving at 5.30. He'll be looking for something to do on Thursday late afternoons soon !

Annabel is on the desk soon after that, taking the registrations and the money, and sending the teams to the correct rink, as she has loyally done for many years. Interestingly it was her being part of the Ferrymead Curves team for MIB, pre-earthquakes, that first saw her become involved in bowls. The meat order goes into Hellers before the event, thanks to Peter, and this year both he and Tony have done the pickup from the factory shop at Belfast, and latterly from New World when Hellers closed their shop due to Covid caution. Shopping at Trents for kitchen requirements is also necessary each couple of weeks, so this is another job to be done.

Raffles are an integral part of the event, and this year Peter E. has been persuading players to part with their money each week in the hope of winning the lottery. Our bar staff are without doubt essential workers at this event, keeping thirsty bowlers satisfied. Jim Begg, then counts the coffers, David Abernathy balances the books and banks the proceeds! Each year we have had someone to be the head Choreographer(s) of the event, and this year we have seen Janet & Paul Castlehouse in this role. We hope they have enjoyed it because our teams have truly enjoyed them. As new members they came with tested experience of involvement in a bowling club, and they brought this to the event. Thank you both. Perhaps this is the time to let them know that they will have this position for the next 5 years (at least) !! Jim Keegan and Peter and I have worked with them to get the show on the road this year, passing on the background knowledge required.

We are most grateful to the various sponsors who donate prizes throughout the period. A great teama great event A big "Thank You" to all members who have given their time and energy to the event over the years. You know who you are !! Signing off now after 10 years of commitment to this, our largest annual fundraiser for our club..



MARY



What a happy group of helpers



The KC 'boys'



The BBQ Men



RSA Men



Janet and Paul



AIR RESCUE FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT

On a wintery afternoon last Sunday, 3 bowl Triples were played by 42 players. Phil's team of Chris W and Cam had three wins with Margaret's team of Anne and Annabel coming 2nd. Jim, Mick and Dereley came 3rd.

Lee and Milton donated 1st and 2nd prizes for the raffle, Tony and Denise the 3rd prize and Amy the 4th. Peter thanked everyone for buying raffle tickets.

Robbo donated 2 dozen craft beer and the Club donated wine for prizes for 1st and 2nd placegetters. We consumed delicious sandwiches made by Anne, Margaret and Helen as we tried to warm up..

Rod thanked Margaret for organising the Tournament at short notice. \$650 came from entry fees, \$208 from the raffle and with the helicopter money about \$950 was raised. A great effort and thank you to the players and those who donated prizes.



AN EMAIL TO WENDY AND JOHN FROM RAY WHITE

Hi Wendy and John

We love being involved in such a fantastic community!

Since 2001 Ray White Ferrymead and Ray White Lyttelton have had an ongoing community involvement through local schools, sports clubs and events. Whether it is sponsoring end of term awards at Redcliffs School, calling the auction for the Sumner Star of the Sea Lip Sync night, sponsoring the low tide Sprint Series racing at Christchurch Yacht Club, sponsoring tournaments the Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowls Club or a myriad of other community initiatives over the past 20 years or so, it has always been a pleasure and a joy to help out and be among the residents of our local community.

Over the past few weeks we've been participating in the Business House Bowls event held each Thursday evening at Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowls Club. What a fantastic event! So well run and so well organised. The club and its members are perfect hosts, not only providing helpful advice to a big bunch of very novice players but also to provide dinner and the chance to meet new people and converse with other locals participating for the fun and camaraderie that this sort of event provides. It's great fun and a great initiative.

We can't really say we are a team of champions but it feels like we're a champion team. Loads of laughs, and a few awkward moments but win or lose it's a great way to finish a Thursday. Finals are this Thursday from around 5:30pm. Come on down and check out the action.



Kind Regards,

Bev Prout
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SOCIAL CLUB

We had a great time at BHB, 6 weeks with no rain, can we please say a big thank you to all the club volunteers who helped out in some capacity during that time.

A reminder about our St Patrick's Day celebration on Friday 18 March, everyone is encouraged to wear something green and we have prizes for the best dressed. We also have an Irish themed menu courtesy of Caro.

On the night there will be Irish Bingo as well as raffles. Look out for the raffle on the bar, guess the amount of lollies in the jar, the closest guess wins them all.

Paul and Janet



Quiz night



The winning team Engco, who won our Business House Bowls competition. They are being presented the trophy by KC, the captain of last year's winners the KC

FROM THE EDITOR

As a non-bowler I have learned so much playing vicariously as I compiled comments from the Club each month. It has been great fun but as I get a few years older and paradoxically, increasingly busy I suggested to Annabel that I finish being Editor late last year but she prevailed on me to carry on until the end of this Season. So officially this is your last Newsletter edited by me. I have told Amy that I will not just cut and dash but will be available over the next couple of months to help in the transition to a new editor.

I feel it is also timely to have a new editor to put their own stamp on the Newsletter, especially if they are an active bowling member of the Club—there are many people in the Club who are creative and enthusiastic who will continue the RollUp as your Newsletter in future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this journey with you. It is neat to see the merged Club settle into a single, solid entity with dedicated players, fantastic support staff especially Bruce in the Bar and Caro bringing gustatory flair to the kitchen. It has been a great experience and a privilege to have been entrusted with your Newsletter and I look forward to regularly enjoying your company at matches and functions.

Gerry



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✚ **SKILLS AND DRILLS** Each Tuesday at 9.00am (be there at 8.45 am)
- ✚ **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
- ✚ Don't forget the Friday evening meals.



Supporters of the Women's Fours at Burnside

Last night, my wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said, "I didn't know he could"