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A reminder>>>

As we look back on the action and excitement of the past month, now is a good time to consider the amount of organisation and effort involved in making sure these events happen.

There are a number of people who give a significant amount of time to the art of getting stuff done. These are the organisers, the people who help to get teams together, mark the greens, set up the rinks, help with marking, calculate the draws and so it goes on.

They are also the people who come to cheer on others, making sure bowlers have water and generally supporting their fellow bowlers.

I am not going to try and name everyone for fear of missing someone but those of you who took part or came to watch will know the people who always seem to be there – getting stuff done.

THANK YOU!



Action packed January!

The New Year off to a flying start.

So much has been happening at the Club it is hard to believe we haven't finished January yet! Club Champs have been in full swing resulting in some outstanding bowling performances and fascinating competitions. There was great excitement about the conclusion of the Men's Championship Singles.

We had a lot of entries and there were some cracker games. Saturday saw the finale with Billy overcoming strong opposition from Grant to go on to the final game against Ivan Arnerich.

Billy was triumphant against a solid performance from Ivan in a game that was a pleasure to watch.

In the Ladies Championship Fours, Josie, Laurita, Lenice and Kathy took top honours. They overcame stiff competition from Marie, Catherine, Ursula and May in a wonderful display of top bowling from everyone in this final.

Mike King won the men's handicap singles with Vidak Botica runner up. For the ladies, Bev Jul took top spot, ahead of runner-up Jacqui.

The Championship triples were next up. Billy, Denko, and Ray finally overcame solid competition from Don, Grant and Vidak to take the coveted men's Champ Triples title.



Shona, Maria and Diane met Avis, Avril and Eth in what became two game battle for the title. Finally, Shona, Maria and Diane narrowly took the top honours in tightly fought final game.

Billy and Dave D. won the Men's Championship Pairs competition with Zravko and Milenko getting runner-up. Across all competitions the standard of play was high with demonstrations of just how much we love our bowls. It had been wonderful to see so many people playing and so many people coming down to watch.

Other News

In case you missed it >

Congratulations!

Well Done to Derek Williams for receiving a Queen's Service Medal in the New Year's honours list. Also raise a glass to celebrate Marie and Stan Goudge's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Also, a reminder to let me know if you have a special occasion or event you'd like to share with your fellow bowlers. Drop me a line on dickinson1@orcon.net.nz.

What's coming up in February?>

1-5yr Pairs – Ladies and Men (separately) takes place across **Sat 2nd / 3rd February**.

Men's Champ Fours kicks off on **February 16th**, concluded on **February 17th**

Ladies Champ Singles takes place at this time also.

Monday 18th February is the next Ladies Hobsonville / Henderson friendly. **A special thanks to Ryman for providing a wonderful lunch at the last event.**

Thursday 21st February Women's Drawn Handicap Pairs.

New Faces>

You will have noticed that we have had a steady stream of new members over the couple of years. Most, though not all, are people new to the sport of bowls who have decided to give it a go. Currently around 20% of our members are either first or second year bowlers. This flow of new members is critical to the health of our Club and to the sport of bowls. We've been particularly lucky to have some genuinely lovely people make a choice to join us. They bring a freshness and enthusiasm that revitalises our membership and provides us all with the chance to meet new people. We welcome you all!!

Most new bowlers start off at roll-up, getting a feel for the game in a friendly environment where they learn from experience. Let's make sure all new members feel at home and are encouraged to push on past those first game nerves. We all started somewhere! Why not come on down to roll-up and introduce yourself?

If you see new faces around the place, stop and have a chat – and maybe even give them an opportunity to join you in a team that you are putting together - that would be a great way of making them feel at home at our place.

The Big Question>



With Billy Fulton taking out the singles title, and being in the winning teams for the pairs and triples, the burning question is – can Billy make it a clean sweep with the Fours competition too? Billy has Ray, Denko and Gerard in his corner but no doubt there will be strong competition from other talented teams. Interest in this, the last of the season's men's championships, is exceptionally high. A clean sweep hasn't been done before, so mark this in your diaries, if you're not playing you should be watching!

No Pressure Billy!