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**Henderson Bowling Club Monthly Newsletter - Issue 9 2019**



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*Member Update>>>*

Changes to the HBC Handbook

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## *Summer is around the corner!*

### *Opening Day was perfect!*



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> marked the official opening of the new season and members gathered on what was a perfect bowling day to mark the occasion.

New members and the more seasoned crew got together to witness the rolling of the first jack by life member Avril Suter and rolling of the first bowl by life member and Treasurer, David Oliphant.

Members contributed to a sumptuous shared lunch and a good time was had by all. We do have some photographs and these will be shared next time around.

As the summer season gets underway, members are anxiously eyeing the greens and looking forward to getting out on them to play. This seems like a good time for a greens update!

*Programs for improvement previously reported are ongoing giving the natural surfaces continual attention. Once again, we are at the mercy of the weather and this has meant that some areas have not responded as expected. Some treatments are being held back until we have the right conditions to provide the best chance of success. However, there is still plenty of new growth which is encouraging and as the weather improves the aim is to have B and D green in play in the next few weeks. C-green needs more work than the others but is also responding well with a covering of new growth. If the weather conditions are on our side, we hope to have that one up and running by Christmas. Everett Darlington of NZ Turf Culture is continuing with regular visits to ensure we stay on track.*

### Quick Quiz!

Where do you think the oldest **surviving** bowls club is?

The answer is on the last page.



## Fun & Games>>>

Thanks to everyone who attended the Spring Dinner and complete the follow-up survey. It is really useful to get your feedback to we can improve what we do.

Among the 17 people who completed the survey, 14 rated the event as either **Excellent** or **Very Good**, the remaining three people said it was **Good**.

There were 17 comments related to what people liked, commonly mentioned things were the relaxed atmosphere, spending time with friends, the quiz, the music and the food.

*"Very casual atmosphere, well organised and everyone seemed relaxed. Excellent price for what we got. Thanks so much to the team that organised the event."*

*"Having members meeting on a social occasion and being able to include spouses, partners and friends to enjoy our Club"*

*"Seeing everyone coming together and enjoying each other's company, the music and the atmosphere was lovely."*

*"Nice music, it was fun, good company and was a good change from the usual sport etc."*

*"Relaxed good company, food, photo quiz"*

There were 15 comments related to things people disliked. These tended to be related to the food including the way it was served, lack of availability of some items, communication of seconds, and generally not liking it.

*"Serving of the food could be quicker and there could be an announcement about seconds being available"*

*"Not enough sticky date pudding"*

*"Meal not as good as expected"*

Some other general comments included...

*"Possibly music could have been turned down at certain points"*

*"it finished too early"*

We are very happy with the feedback which is mainly positive and clearly tells us that our members want to have these opportunities to get together. We have some things to work on for next time. And speaking of next time...



# SAVE THE DAY!



Our next social event will be  
Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Put it in your diary NOW.

A different format - details to  
follow.



**Hyslop / Rule**  
**OPEN ONE DAY CLASSIC**

Henderson Bowls, Alderman Drive

Teams of 4, any combination, as long as there is at least one member of the opposite sex in your team  
(2 GAMES OF 4'S - 2 OF PAIRS)

Cost is \$80.00 per team  
Sunday 17th November 2019 – 9am Start  
Prize Pool of \$1,500  
Dress whites on team colours  
Fantastic raffle prizes  
Great fun  
Limited to first 18 teams  
Good Music!  
Entries close 13th November 2019  
BYO lunch with a free sausage sizzle at the end of the day

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One of our premier events of the year and not to be missed.  
It's a great event, music, fun atmosphere, raffles and amazing prize money.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - 9.00am start



Whites / club colours

Limited to 18 teams. Entries close November 13<sup>th</sup>.

BYO lunch / free sausage sizzle after the game.

\$80 entry per team / \$1,500 prize pool

Get your teams in (must include one member of the opposite sex).

## Thank you!

A big thank you to Les and Robyn Deli for their generous donation of a printer for the Club office.



Henderson Bowling Club has a long history with The Trusts Community Foundation. This history reflects a shared commitment between The Trusts and the Club to support the health and well-being of our members and wider West Auckland communities. Over the years The Trusts has made a range of significant contributions to our Club ensuring our survival and the continuation of the availability of the sport of bowls in the area.

The most recent contribution will allow us to purchase bowls for new bowlers to use when they first start learning to play. The importance of this generous grant cannot be overstated as it sits at the heart of our desire to make the sport of bowls available to everyone in our community, bringing people together in a social, supportive environment.

On behalf of all our members, Henderson Bowling Club thanks The Trusts Community Foundation for their contributions to our Club, and for the wider support of our community.



## Travelers Report>>>

Our hard-working Secretary, Tony Lumb, is currently away on holiday but took the time to share some information about the **oldest surviving bowls Club** which is in .....SOUTHAMPTON in England. The history is fascinating and well worth a read.



A functioning Bowling Club that has been around for 720 years – what an achievement!



And a tournament that has been going for almost 250 years!

Check out the format ...!

A unique occurrence called the "Knighthood" competition is held annually when the members (gentlemen commoners) compete to obtain 7 points, with the winner being awarded the title of "Knight-of-the-green" and becoming a sir (in lower case).

The competition is adjudicated by the members who have previously won the competition (Knights), who adjudicate in top hats and frocked tails suits. Those who win are unable to compete again in future Knighthood competitions.

This is the annual competition of the club with rules which are different from the normal variant of the game.

The competition used to start on 1 August but now starts on the third Wednesday of the month and is open to all members of the club, except the pre-existing knights.

The game is played "roving jack" style in that the jack is placed on a penny anywhere on the green. Each player takes it in turns to bowl his two bowls at the jack. Each bowl when it comes to rest is measured and the distance from the jack is recorded before the bowl is removed. If a bowl moves the jack, the jack is placed back on the penny before it is measured. If the penny is partially covered by the bowl it is a toucher, if totally covered it is a lodger. After all the players have bowled, the player with the closest bowl is awarded one point. If he also has the second nearest, he scores two. The jack is then reset at a different position and the game continues until somebody has scored seven points.

The winner is made a "knight-of-the-green" and can never enter this competition again. It is a rarity for the knight to be declared on the first day and the competition has been known to last ten days.

Thanks Tony!

*That's all folks!  
Happy Bowling!*