

What has been going on?

There has been a heap of work going on **AROUND THE GREEN**, we had a fantastic turnout for the working bee. The deck had 2 coats of paint, the inside of the clubrooms had a complete facelift with the walls, windows, office and all the kitchen equipment cleaned. Outside Lindsay went mad with his lethal looking equipment, cutting trees, bushes, hedges and in fact anything that didn't move. Great to have someone else with hidden talent. The greenkeeper's hut was cleaned out and 2 trailer loads of cuttings etc. were taken to the dump. The whole place looks a million dollars, well done John and everyone who helped.



Winter Open Tournaments: Who can believe the results for the first 3 tournaments, Papamoa Teams were the outright winners in all of these events. Bill Brown with Lynne Bodger and Bob Lee took out the first day and with Brad Cox. Terry Leadbetter and Robyn Crankshaw second this was a top effort. Not to be outdone Gary Bodger, Robyn Crankshaw and Pierre Alexandre were successful in the 2nd tournament with Ken Crean, Jim Broxton and Judith Tabrum 3rd. The 3rd tournament was also won by Papamoa with Gary, Doug Campbell, Brian Bradford / Gerry Clark pulling off another victory but only just, with the normal scenario playing out, 3 wins and then the old 'can't win the last game syndrome'. How good is that, 5 prizes out of the 9 available. It was all the more special because the weatherperson continues to do his / her bit. Well done everyone.



New Club Shirts: We are pleased to announce that a decision has been made regarding the new shirts. These are blue shirts with a flash of white and ashe. Most of you have seen them at the club by now. We would like everyone to attend the club and get your shirt size sorted, so we can have new shirts for opening day. Orders can be made at all roll-up days or by arrangement. (\$25.00 + \$5.00 if a pocket is required)

The Executive also decided the club colours for all club events, championships and interclub is:

New Club Blue shirts, white bottom half.



Prize Giving Dinner: What a great evening this was. A huge thanks must go to Robyn and Marie who worked really hard to organise the food and special thanks to everyone who contributed to make the spread a superb feast. It was great that so many members and their partners came to support the occasion and the winners. It was nice our Patron Steve Morris was able to attend and present the trophies. Steve is a very busy man with his council obligations but he does make an effort to attend these functions. Thanks Steve.



The Formal part of the evening: Congratulations to all winners but also to everyone who participated in the championships. Numbers appeared to be up and there was fierce competition in all events with some outstanding bowls played.



Most improved player Lindsay Campbell



The Ladies 4's winners

who qualified for post section at the Champion of Champions in Rotorua. This is no mean feat considering three of these team members were Juniors. With Carole Davis (s), Lynne Bodger, Gail Collinson-Smith (substituted by Sheren Keen in C of C) and Robyn Crankshaw. EXCELLENT.

Public Address system (PA): The club has purchased a system to allow us to announce information on the green and in the clubrooms. There has been favourable response to a little music on the green on roll up days. Thanks to Mike Edwards for his research into the best unit available. Any music can be played on the system that is in the MP3 format or it can be Bluetooth from your phone. Bring your choices along.

Umpires corner:

Hello and welcome to Umpires Corner a new segment of the club's newsletter. Each issue will cover a particular subject of the Laws of Bowls. Most, I hope you will be familiar with, some not so well known. Personally, I found the more I learnt about the laws the more confident on the green I became in disputing a decision with some of the old timers. If in doubt stand your ground and call for an umpire or ask another skipper. So here goes, just a few facts and figures to start with.

There are 60 laws in the current law book. Crystal Mark Third Edition Effective 1st April 2015 issued by World Bowls. Normally the laws are updated every 4 years, so I think we will be due a new issue next year. Obviously, you are not expected to know them all but it does help to know the basics. Individual countries have their own domestic regulations these permits Bowls NZ to make regulations to cover certain aspects of the sport. Beneath that are the Centres regulations (Reg 16) that allow them to modify these regulations to suit their competitions. Finally, at club level we have the conditions of play which allows individual clubs to specify certain conditions. EG improper delivery of the jack. Normally the jack is returned to be re-delivered by the opposing lead. To save time Papamoa conditions of play state the jack must be placed legally by the opposing skipper and if the jack is killed it is placed on the 2m mark rather than declaring the end dead. Phew! Gone to sleep yet?

Talking of improperly delivered jack. Law 10 states,

The jack has been improperly delivered if it comes to rest:

(There are 5 ways, can you name them? No peeping, answers at the end of the newsletter)

Match Committee has requested that the advertised time of arrival for roll-ups should be 15 minutes before start to allow time to do the draw. Take note that all roll-ups will have a 12.45pm close off. If you are going to be late phone the club and put your entry in.

Please try to bring the correct money. \$4.00

Surf and Turf v Te Puke: Unfortunately, the first challenge was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next round is on FRIDAY 19th. Please note 12.30 start so arrival time for this day is by 12.15pm.

New seasons Club handbook:

Please check last season's book for your name and phone number, if either entry is wrong or you want it changed please return email with the correct details. We will check but many hands make light work. That's what the Electrician said anyway.

Umpires corner answers:

- 1 In the ditch.
- 2 Completely outside the rink boundaries.
- 3 At a distance of less than 23 metres from the mat line. (front edge)
- 4 On the rink after contact with the face of the bank
- 5 On the rink after coming into contact with any object or person outside the boundaries of the rink.

Here ends the lesson. Good bowling.
Robert

Laugh for the day:

Nobody's Darling

Up and down, walking walking,
Often measuring, sometimes chalking;
Shifting mats - keeping score,
thirty ends, maybe more;
Aching back - tired of limb,
Cheers for others, none for him,
Night draws on, darker, darker,
No one cares for he's the marker!

Definition of a Novice:

A new convert to bowls who confesses he knows nothing about the game and then becomes angry when you agree with him.

See you **AROUND THE GREEN**

THE TEAM