

Hello everyone,



How are you all enjoying this hot, hot weather? Great for drying the washing, not so good for standing on the green! Are we all saying, bring back the wind?!!

Firstly, overdue thanks are in order. Sonja, what a great job you have done organising the jackets. Thank you so much. They look really smart, are lightweight, yet keep out the wind. (Shame we can't get bowls of the same material!)

Thanks also go to Gerry, Terry, Ken Smythe, Doug Campbell and Brad for sanding and painting the benches. To Ken again, for repairing the shed door and fitting brackets to the gate, and to Gary assisting in the fitting of the safety rail on the deck.



The posts are in place for the sails to be erected (any time soon) and this will complete the work in progress and have a truly beneficial effect in all weathers. Can't wait to see the finished result, which I'm sure will look really good.

Gary and Lynne have been busy organising Melbourne Cup Day, 2x4x2 Winners' Presentation and our Christmas Dinner with The Village, and forging strong links with Amy, the new sponsorship lady. Amy is very keen to be supportive of our club and is organising a large board, advertising The Village, to be placed on the fence visible as you come in through the gate. On behalf of The Village she will also take over a vacated sponsorship of the Scoreboard. She is also keen to offer \$1,000 to the club for any purchaser who has been recommended by a club member.

A few reminder dates: Wednesday 13 November at 9.00 am, our final 2x4x2. Just for this last one, a sheet for names will go up a few days beforehand. This will enable us to gauge how many members will be coming over to The Village for the winners' presentation. The Village are providing snacks and drinks for everyone present and so we will be able to give them approximate numbers.

Sunday 17 November at 9.00 am, our Club Classic Triples

Saturday 23 November at 9.00 am, Men's Championship Pairs Sunday 24 November at 9.00 am, Women's Championship Pairs

Sunday 1 December at 9.00 am, Club Christmas Tournament

Thank you to everyone who arrives for roll ups with the correct money. This is a tremendous help for staff on duty in the office, as it means there is plenty of change available when calculating the prize money. So thank you, it really does make a huge difference.

Umpires Corner: No 3

In this issue we look at a few common occurrences. (They happen more often than you think).

Delivering the jack.

Q1 - Lead of team A delivers the jack and the first bowl. Stepping onto the mat the Lead of team B realises that they should have delivered the jack and first bowl. What action do you take?

Q2 - After both leads have delivered a bowl a team member realises that the wrong team has delivered the jack. What action do you take?

Playing out of turn

Q3 - Half way through an end the opposing skip notices that a player has played out of turn. What action can the skip take?

Answers as always at the end. No peeping.

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 3 December, our Club Christmas Dinner to be held at the Papamoa Beach Village.

The menu offers two alternatives, and a vegetarian menu can be provided. Please let Gary know if you



wish to have a vegetarian meal. I'm sure you will agree that \$20 is a very reasonable price for a Christmas Dinner. Courtesy of the Club, everyone will receive a glass of either wine or beer. There is a bar so, if you are not driving, you may purchase more!! We hope to see everyone



there.

Nearest Bowl

One of the old stories that is still funny today supposedly happened in the Vale a few Years ago. A well known skip was having a hard time from the other three in his team who had failed to contribute anything throughout the game.

At the last end the third walked down to the mat to play his first bowl and pausing, shouted back up the rink. "Where's oor nearest bool?".

"In yer hand!", answered the skip.

Umpire's answers

Q1 Lead of team B, restarts the end. Law 9.5

Q2 Nothing, play continues in that order. Law 9.6

Q3 The opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it to the player to play it in the proper order. Law 29.1.1

Or

If the bowl has come to rest and not disturbed the head the opposing skipper can choose to leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls to get back to the proper order (29.1.2.1)

Or

Return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play.(29.1.2.2).

If the bowl has disturbed the head the opposing skip can choose to leave the disturbed head as it is and have their team play two bowls to get back to the proper order of play. (29.1.3.1)

Or

Replace the head in its former position and return the bowl and go back to the proper order of play (29.1.3.2)

Or

Declare the end dead. (29.1.3.3)

So as you can see there are a few options for question 3 so it pays to know your options as it could be to your advantage to leave the head as is or indeed to declare the end dead.

Good luck to Teams in the Centre Triples this weekend

See you **AROUND THE GREEN**

Welcome back Carol the quality has improved already.

THE TEAM