

Hello everyone

Well, what great bowls we have seen played recently. Congratulations go to Sheren and Judith for winning the ladies pairs and also to our worthy runners up Raewyn and Robyn. Very well done also to Marie and Diana.

The men's pairs saw ten teams on the green, a great turn out. Five teams qualified and congratulations go to the worthy winners who were (for the second year running) Gary and Mike Strutt. Runners up were Fred Arthur and Bruce Andrews. Great bowls played by all qualifying teams throughout the day. The sail over the deck has now been erected and certainly came into its own for keeping the sun off the spectators watching these really exciting pairs champs. The potted flowers have brought many very favourable comments. Well done to you all.

The last game in the 2 X 4 X 2 event was played on 13 November and congratulations go to the overall winner, John Keen, well done John. Afterwards the prize giving was attended by everyone who took part over at Papamoa Beach Village, our sponsors for this event, who certainly did us proud by also providing delicious food and a glass of wine/beer. Many thanks to them for their continued sponsorship and support. The match committee will need to review the morning play decision for next season. If you have any ideas please forward these to the Match Convenor

Sunday 17 Nov saw a beautiful day weather-wise for our Club Classic Triples, sponsored by Edwards & Hardy. No-one could blame the wind that day for a bad bowl! We had music while we played, a good mix with some lively 60's classics thrown in - which reminded me of a great email I recently received from a friend, which read, "Why is it that I can remember all the lyrics to a 60's song but can't remember why I just walked into the kitchen" - how true?!!



Last Sunday, 1 Dec, saw a great turnout for our Club Christmas Tournament, (again to musical accompaniment, which everyone seems to enjoy so much as it brings such a happy atmosphere to the game) generously sponsored by Elliott's Funeral Services, who kindly attended prize giving. Thanks also to Sheren and Lynne who undertook the job of shopping for, and wrapping, the hampers and made them look brilliant. There were hampers and goodies enough for the top seven teams, so lots of happy winners that day.



Melbourne Cup Day was again hosted by Papamoa Beach Village, and was well attended by our members. It was a great evening enjoyed by all and, as usual at the Village, the hospitality was wonderful. Congratulations go to Ann Hall, who wiped the board with her prizes! She won best hat, two raffles and two prizes in the sweepstake and said the raffle prizes were superb. Also, well done to Judith, who won first prize in the sweepstake.



We are winding down now towards Christmas with just two more events in our calendar (apart from usual roll ups), the Molen Trophy [next Sunday](#) 8th, 1.00 pm start, 2 bowl triples, who arrives plays, there is no entry sheet as is with all half day events. Followed by Open Optional Triples [on Tuesday 10th, 9.00 am](#) start (Plate, please). Last roll up of the year, [Sunday 22 Dec.](#) [From 25 Dec - 7 Jan](#) (although the handbook says [4 Jan](#), but many members will still be away) the green will be available to members, but there will be no organised club activities. Whites for both.

Our recent roll ups are beating all records! Last Wednesday we had 38 members bowling. It is wonderful to see so many of you, and a warm welcome to all our new members.

During the months of January, February and March the roll-up on the last Wednesday of each month will start at 3.30pm. We will also have a BBQ for a small fee after the games and you can bring your own drinks. Just something different. There is nothing like a burnt sausage from a BBQ.



A list is up for names for Interclub Optional (mixed) Triples. Please add your names and tick the date boxes showing when you are available to play. Names need to be in by [18 January](#).

Junior B.O.P. Reps. Alison, Lynne and Terry.

We have now completed three inter district competitions as part of the BOP team and were successful in winning the Kidd Memorial Trophy against Waikato. We came a very close second last weekend in the Geddes Trophy held at Papakura, the team losing by 2 points.

It has been an awesome experience with great team camaraderie and two amazing, inspiring and supportive coaches in Janice Paap (a Papamoa member) and Regg Martin.

Hope to see more of our club juniors (5yrs & under) take up the Centre coaching next season and trial for the rep team. This is a great opportunity to learn and improve your game quickly.

Lynne.



Have you all had a chance to check out our new Facebook page? News and photos are regularly updated, thanks to Graham Roberts, with the opportunity for everyone to comment and 'like' on all events. It's really easy to use and a great way of keeping up to date with club activities and news, especially if you are away on holiday.



Just go to your Facebook page and search Papamoa Bowls and request membership to the group, done

Well, I'm saving the best until last, wasn't Tuesday night's Christmas Dinner wonderful? The venue was superb, again, thank you Papamoa Beach Village. Although our past Christmas dinners at the Bowls Club have always been a great success, this year we have definitely outgrown it as there were 78 people attending. The room was bright and airy offering plenty of room to comfortably sit and eat the delicious food, move around to chat to everyone, and also allowed for the more energetic amongst us to jig around to the great music. However, the award for the best music of the evening had to go to our very own 'Elvis' Glen Hall. What a great voice he has kept secret for so long. Not any more though Glen, now the secret's out you will be top of the list for all our functions. Well done, you helped to make the evening really memorable. Thanks to Robyn and Marie for dressing the tables, they looked superb.



Some images from the Dinner



Donald



Robyn And Marie



PBV lovely decorations



The Venue

As this will be our last newsletter of 2019, we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The Team

