

Hello everyone



We hope that you are keeping safe and well in your little bubble. This is an extremely serious time for everyone in the country and the world. This virus has caused so much pain throughout the world and our Government has jumped on it hard and at this time it may appear that we could be able to see light at the end of a very long tunnel. We must make special mention of any "essential workers" out there, thank you for your efforts and you are very special people. Thanks Janice Paap, member, Pathlab Tech and any others out there.

Executive: We have completed our monthly meeting after the 2nd day of trying to make technology dance for us but it didn't even move let alone dance. A phone conference call worked until we got to the 8th member and it was then we found 7 was the maximum. FAIL.

The only option was to move even further with the times and use video conferencing with a programme called Zoom. This was a real laugh to setup with the members but by 4pm yesterday we had test run the system. Here is what it all looks like. You will notice how interested John looks.



ZOOM at work.

It was decided today that due to the inability of club members to meet for an AGM this year's AGM will be deferred until we can meet in person. This has been cleared with the Companies Office and a notice has been placed on our club's account stating the financial report will be late but this will in no way affect our club status. We have been working very closely with Bowls New Zealand and they themselves are deferring their AGM as well.

We have to remember that most of our members are 70+ years old and vulnerable and the Government guidelines state that the country would need to be in Level 1 for a meeting to proceed. This won't be in the near future, but we must remember our health is much more important than a game of bowls.

The Executive expect to call an AGM with a 30 day lead period for nominations and remits to be received as per the constitution.

All members of the Executive have agreed to hold the fort until the next AGM.

Better news: Just a couple of days before lock down we had St Patrick's Day bowls and it was a great sight to see so many with the emeralds on. The after-match function was a heap of fun and it did appear some had decided to stay on for a while. Little did we know what was to happen.



We will still try whenever possible to play the 1st year singles because obviously you only get one shot at this event. This is the only event not completed.

Be safe and look after one another during this very trying time. If anyone needs help in any way don't hesitate to call an Executive member or another club member to help. Asking for help is not a weakness it is a strength. Just ask.

2020 meaning of bowls.

B: be sure to use patience so as not to be a patient

O: ordinary people do make a huge difference

W: we will get through this together

L: little things mean a lot at this time, be kind

S: stupid actions now will prolong this lockdown

Happy Bubbling from the Team.

