

Hi Everyone.

Welcome to our summer season. The weather was a bit sporadic for our Opening Day on Sunday but the sausage barbie certainly made up for that!! Also welcome to Andy Campbell who has joined us, he has many years' experience and he will be an asset to our Club.



**TOURNAMENTS:** Lots to look forward to in the coming months, Tuesday 22nd of this month is our open tournament and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> is the first of our 2 x 4 x 2. Our postponed tournament, which should have taken place in August, will now be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. All future events, if all day, will start at 9.30 am and, if afternoon, will start at 12.30 pm.

Ladies, you have until 23rd September to put your name down to play in the Western Bay Challenge (Interclub) on Saturdays during October/November and Gentlemen you also have until 23 September to enter Interclub Triples (on Mondays) and Western Bay Challenge (on Saturdays). All full members are eligible to play. Saturday's are full day's Monday's men are half days.

**CENTRE:** Executive Fours are being held on 26 September and we are hoping to enter a team from our Executives. Also we would like to welcome Ben Thurston as the newly appointed Centre Manager. Ben comes highly qualified for the position and is a pretty fine bowler as well.

Sadly, all the Champ of Champs matches have been cancelled. Only the pairs were completed this year.



No Bowls!!!!

**WINTER PENNANTS:** We are delighted to report that our Ladies team, who played in the Winter Pennants at Matua qualified after the first day into the top division and at the end of the tournament came 4th overall, so well done indeed, a great achievement. Papamoa had a huge welcome from Matua on the day, as we hadn't entered a team for the Pennants for a couple of years.

Eight of our Junior Reps have been chosen for the Squad, it is great to see Papamoa going forward. Well done!

PLEASE NOTE: the green will be out of use this Saturday, 12 September, as it is being used for Centre Junior coaching all day.



A gentle reminder that subs are now due for anyone who hasn't yet paid.

In last month's newsletter we asked for your thoughts on the removal of the bookcases in the club room to give us more space. As we haven't had any objections, this will go ahead shortly and the books donated to charity.

We are tidying up the sheds and will be getting rid of the really old, old bowls that are in there. If you had donated any of these to the Club and would like to have them back, please come and take them during this week.

If you would like to buy a Club shirt or jacket, please tell Lynne ASAP, as she will be reordering this week. She will need to know your size please. She suggests you try another member's gear as the sizing is small. Some shirts are available at the Club. You will be required to have a club shirt for interclub events, be proud of your Club. Shirts \$25, Jackets \$60. Still subsidised by the Club.

Anyone requiring a name badge? There is a list on the notice board. Just add your name and tick the style of badge you would like.

We are so fortunate to have in our Club many skilled and obliging members. Over the last three weeks we have had a number of volunteers helping with the Spring tidy up of the Club. Terry L has been cleaning spouting and fitting leaf guards; Fred V and Dave W painting outside furniture; Mick W removing and spraying weeds in paths and gardens. Peter C removing weeds and tidying up outside gate entrance; Brad C and Ken S repainting the deck (huge undertaking). The efforts and enthusiasm shown by all these members is a real credit to them and, on behalf of John Keen (our full-time maintenance man! Thanks for all your hard work and thanks too you John) and from all the committee, we wish to convey our sincere thanks. If we missed your name, we still thank you as well. John will always have a list of tasks to complete, so if you have some time please ask him and he will allocate you a job / task to complete in your own time.

Our thanks to Phil too, who has just completed the daunting task of updating and rewriting our Health & Safety manual. This manual can be found on the shelf next to our Minutes folder, for anyone wishing to familiarise themselves with current procedures. Phil has included various forms to cover most eventualities, ranging from observing hazards to recording accidents. If you spot a hazard or are witness to an accident, either complete one of the appropriate forms or see Phil. If Phil is not available in person, he is very happy to receive a phone call and will then complete the form on your behalf.

The contents of our First Aid kit are being replenished in accordance with new regulations. If you use an item from the First Aid kit please write, in the notebook provided. We need to know the items you have taken. Regular checks are made on the contents of the kit and, from the notebook, we will easily be able to see what items need replacing. Thank you. Please stay safe.

We are still unable to tell you when the handbooks will be ready. We have been dogged with setbacks, firstly our usual supplier has unfortunately gone out of business and secondly, having secured another printing company, the whole format of the handbook had to be revised to adapt to their computer. Many hours of hard work for Gary but it shouldn't be too long now before they are ready. Thanks for working long and hard on this Gary. In the meantime, all our dates can be found on the website, use the members link. We have also attached September/October dates to this newsletter.

A little bowling etiquette reminder: REMEMBER, never step back off the mat when you have completed your delivery, as there may be loose bowls for you to trip over. Try and make a habit of approaching the mat from the rear and stepping off from the right-hand side, this avoids any collision with your opponent (and/or bowls!) as you exit the mat.

**Question time:** We would like to try something each roll-up day to help all members understand rules, regulation and etiquette on and around the green. If you have an occasion on or around the green please ask during prize giving and we will try to clarify on the spot or ask Robert to find a ruling and present it back ASAP.

We had a question on Sunday regarding a 'drive' leaving the green, hitting the bank and then returns back onto the playing surface.

Dead bowl

17.1 A bowl is a dead bowl if:

17.1.1 it is not a toucher and comes to rest in the ditch;

17.1.2 it is not a toucher **and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank** or with the jack or a toucher in the ditch;

Happy Bowling,  
The Team