

Hi Everyone.

**New Member:** Firstly, we would like to welcome a new member to our Club, Alan Came. We hope you enjoy playing at Papamoa Bowls. Alan played at Waimauku Bowling Club which is north west of Kumeu.

**Sponsorship:** Welcome also to new sponsors who have come on board, Smiths Shoes, Aotea Electrical who have purchased a sign and to our existing sponsor, Jones & Co Funeral Services, who have donated \$250 for the Club to buy hams for our next club tournament. This donation from Jones is a very generous addition to their ongoing sponsorship because they are so impressed with the running of our Club. What a lovely compliment. Thank you, Chris.



We will all remember the great time enjoyed at the Melbourne Cup afternoon last month but not only that, we also made a fantastic profit for the Club of \$1,011.00!! Well done and thanks to everyone who organised, supported, and helped to achieve such a great amount.

**Champions:** Well done to the winning teams in our Club Championship Triples. Winning Ladies team: Robyn Crankshaw, Sheila Crimlis and Chris Allsop. Winning Men's team: Brad Cox, Ken Smythe and Dave Wallis. A really nail biting and exciting final to watch. Congratulations to you all. This event had one of our largest number of entrants, 39 members took part, a great turnout.

**Weather:** Unfortunately, our rearranged 2 x 4 x 2 last Wednesday was again called off due to the weather. There is no more time in our calendar for this particular game to be replayed but **all** other scheduled 2 x 4 x 2 games will continue throughout January and February (weather permitting!). Points have been allocated if you turned up.

Our Club Classic last Sunday week was postponed due to the weather, this will be rearranged on a date to be advised. Keep an eye on your emails if the weather looks a bit ordinary for information regarding play on tournament and club trophy days. It is almost impossible to contact everyone any other way, especially if skips have not been allocated teams. No emails will be sent on roll up days as a duty match committee member will normally attend and a decision will be made if the weather does not permit play.

**Interclub next year:** A list has gone up for Optional Interclub Triples on Monday afternoons, 18<sup>th</sup> January through to 15<sup>th</sup> March. One team from each Club will consist of three triples teams (9 players) and we can enter as many teams as we like, so we need lots of names! If you are available during this time and would like to play, please put your name on the sheet. Closing date 12<sup>th</sup> December, so please put your name in as soon as possible.

**Christmas Dinner:** Well, what a top evening it was, pop up talent including Helen, Phil, Elvis, Glen and Frank. The venue was just fantastic and thanks must go to Amy, Polly, Matthias, Gail and the bar staff (a very busy lot). The food was again a delight and to have 76 people attend was a real bonus and some new faces in attendance. Thanks, must go to the people who helped set up the venue for the evening, moving tables and chairs in and dressing the tables superbly. It was a picture. Thank you, Papamoa Beach Village.



**Fun day:** Our Club Christmas Tournament was a huge success with 47 players in attendance. Well done everyone.

Results

1<sup>st</sup>: Phil Beilby, Glen Hall, Mick Werren.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Barry Fielder, Lynne Bodger, Ian Savage.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jim Broxton, Carol Strutt, Graham Roberts.



Ross Harvey, President of Bowls B.O.P. attended to opening and presented Gary Bodger and Terry Leadbetter with their certificates for winning last year's Champion of Champion Pairs. This was the Club's first Champion of Champion victory. A great personal achievement for both players and prestige for our Club. Well done to you both. Ross also presented Ron and Sheila Crimlis with their certificates for being runners up in the Centre 2x4x2 2019 / 2020 season. They were playing out of Tauranga Domain at the time but have moved to play at Papamoa. (wise move that).



**Please check, is everything done?** After roll ups and open tournaments if you notice little things that have not yet been attended to, please help us to put things away, tidy up, lock up the shed, replace the sprinkler, etc. Many hands make light work. We receive so many lovely comments on the way our clubhouse and gardens look, but in order to keep them looking so good we need everyone to help, not just those on kitchen duty or match committee duty, your extra few minutes help can make such a difference, so thank you in advance for taking pride in your club.

This year we have had 6 bookings from businesses hiring our club for corporate bowls. These events are great money makers for our club, just requiring a few volunteer members to assist for the afternoon's play. (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>,) From the takings this year we propose buying an electronically operated raffle draw system. This means we are not limited to only selling 50 raffle tickets but can sell as many tickets as we like and can select the winning raffle numbers at the press of a button. The machine also doubles as a digital clock when not in use.



### CHANGES TO CLUB BOOK:

New members phone numbers, please write these in your book.

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| Alan Came       | 022 080 1942 | full member      |
| Tom Redfern     | 07 2188787   | associate member |
| Laurie McGookin | 0210342767   | full member      |
| Russell Smith   | 075422332    | full member      |

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas, we wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Here are a few silly, corny jokes to get you in the spirit, but we're sure they will still make you grin!!

How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit? No Brussels!



What did Santa do when he went speed dating? He pulled a cracker!



Why did Donald Trump continuously decorate the Christmas tree? Because people kept saying 'moron' to him!



Have a fun time this Christmas!

The team