

# Howick Bowls Buzz



## January - February 2016

January has seen the Club Championships for both Men and Women get underway, but here is Frank's report on the Veteran's Singles played over several days mid-week in December.

### **Veteran Singles**

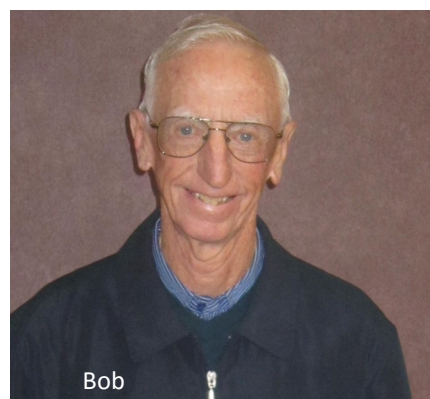
There were two changes from the usual running of the championship introduced this year.

For the first time and I think in the club's long history, the event was sponsored by **Heartland**, with a cash prize being awarded to the winner and runner up.

The second change was the two life system being replaced by entries being drawn into sections of six players with four playing and two marking. On completion of Round Robin play the best eight returns, based on wins and points differential, went into a one life knock out section.

The eight qualifiers were **Paul Tindill, Ivan Agnew, Ricki Meyrick, Mike Marlin, Bob Holt, John Black, Norm Spencer and Alex Mason.**

The draw produced some quality games with Mike and Bob reaching the final. Mike eventually won 18/17. It was a game fit for a final, quality bowling and the lead changing regularly right up to the end. Congratulations to Mike on his first singles title. He was made to work hard for it.



Thanks to Paul, Arthur, Mark and John T who prepared the greens each day, and to the guys who put their hand up to mark the first round of the knockout section.

**Frank Walmsley**

**Veteran's Convenor**



President Maureen and committee would like to wish you all a great New Year and good bowling for the 2016 season. I have been in touch with Zenda and she is home and enjoying the many visits she has had from members of the Women's Club. Thank you all for keeping in touch.

Our planned New format for Wednesday got off to a bad start but hopefully we will be up and running on the 20th. I am leaving on the 19th for a special birthday cruise and will see you all on the 7th February on my return.

Regards Maureen

Dear Cecilie,

Thank you for your kind thoughts.

I spent 2.5 weeks in Middlemore following a nasty fall in my garden, landing on my back on the concrete.

Consequently, cracking my pelvis, tail bone and hip. I have never experienced such pain in all the 26 operations I have undergone over the years. The hospital staff were very caring and I could not have wished for better attention.

The hospital Dr. told me that the recovery period will be at least 8 weeks. I have just completed my 6th week last Monday. I have 2 walkers, one downstairs and one upstairs and 2 years ago had put in, a stair lift.

With my positive attitude and determination to get well, was the reason Dr. knew that I would cope with help at home rather than respite care or other.

Cecilie, would it be in order for you to make mention in the Bowls Buzz - My sincere thanks to the bowlers for many food contributions, flowers, cards and home visits. Very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Zenda



*As well as being a Past President, many of you will know Zenda as she and Lea have run the mixed winter 2-4-2 for the last 2 years.*

## Flags Flying

Just to clarify the situation with regards to the referendum flags we are flying at HBC. The flags belong to the NZ Flag Commission so we are flying them on their behalf until the March referendum when they will be returned to them. We received written instructions with them on how they should be flown.

The protocol is that where there are 3 flagpoles the highest is the Senior Flagpole from which the current NZ flag must be flown i.e. HBC middle flagpole is the highest therefore flies the current NZ flag. House flags i.e. Howick Bowls flag, come to the left of National flags.

Only put up and take down our Howick Bowls house flag on match days.



As the flags are not intended just for HBC members but as a community service for the general public so they can judge and vote at the March referendum, we are flying them full time so please leave them flying per above protocol.

Members of the public have already expressed interest and said how good it is to be able to see the winner of the earlier referendum flying, and not just on paper.

## Men's Championships

### CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS

The second day of the Club Fours continued on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and after a further three games two teams remain in contention – those skipped by **Bryan Chapman** ( unbeaten) and **Paul Hickey** ( one loss). With one round of the event remaining Bryan plays the team of **Derek Standen, James Drummond, John Formston and Alan Pearson**. This junior team has been the surprise package with wins against sides skipped by **Kevin Hurren and Dave Lenden**. **Paul Hickey's** team is due to play **Malcolm Jacob's** team.

The final round will be played on **Finals Day Sunday 21 February 2016.**

### CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES

This event was played over the weekend of 12 and 13 December with 10 teams entered. The first day of qualifying resulted in four teams gaining the requisite 2 or 3 wins! Surprise non qualifiers included teams skipped by Mark Griffiths, Ralph Pemberton and Dave McGowan!

The weather intervened on the Sunday with a delayed 1pm start. The post section draw saw **Paul Hickey's team of Warwick Alexander (skip) and Ian Fisher** play **Bill Brown, Ming Fong and Paul Tindill**. With Paul in wonderful form at lead and with Ian chipping in as well Warwick had a comfortable time at skip with Bill conceding after the 16 th end with the scored at 27-10 !

The other game with last year's winners **Kevin Hurren, Gary Finnemore and Neville Spiers** pitted against **Norm Spencer, Ron Upshire and Frank Baughan**. This proved to be a very closely contested match with Kevin holding a slight advantage in the latter ends only to have Norm storm back with the scores 15-14 playing the last end. *Norm with his last bowl drew a close shot, when an extra end looked likely until Kevin's superb last bowl just rested on the shot bowl to seal a 16-14 win.*

The final will be played on **Finals Day Sunday 21 February 2016.**

### CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Just a reminder **entries close for the Club singles on Wednesday 10 February 2016 at 4 pm.**

**Players will be drawn in sections of 4 with each player to play three games and mark one !**

There will be a requirement with each section of 4 x 4 to have two other markers to ensure all games have a designated marker. *If you can mark on Saturday 13 February please place your name on the downstairs notice board marker Sheet.*

Please note Non Qualifying Players and Post Section Bye players will be expected to mark the first round of Post Section on Sunday 14 February 2016.

### **FINALS DAY – 21 February 2016**

**This year your executive approved having a finals day.**

**The Club is planning to provide a lunch BBQ for the players and all those watching. Members mark this on your calendar and come and watch the Men's Club Championship finals !**

*Warwick Alexander*

*Open Championship Convenor*



## WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

On Sunday 24th January our first championship final of the season was played. The previous weekend saw the first rounds of singles played with some very tight games, ten were won by three points or less, culminating in a final between **Estelle Hickey** with two lives and **Kay Griffiths** with one life. Those who came to watch on Sunday were entertained by two very worthy finalists. The lead fluctuated for **26 ends** before Estelle finally came out the winner 21-18.



Congratulations to winner Estelle and runner-up Kay who both showed great stamina in that extreme heat.

### CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES

These began on Saturday 23rd. We have four teams left in the competition which will be completed this coming weekend. **Diane Harris**, with **Joanne Stanton** and **Joylene Young** have 2 lives. The other teams are **Betty Rush** with **Joy Baughan** and **Joyce Joe**. **Estelle Hickey** with **Cecilie McIntyre** and **Sue Peters**. **Val Marlin** with **Glennis Davey** and **Pauline Simpson**.

Look for entry forms for up-coming competitions and do please enter - the more entries we have the better the competition.

**Junior Singles 13th 14th February**

**Championship Pairs 20th 21st and 27th February**

*Betty Rush*  
*Convenor*



### MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Last weekend under fine and very hot playing conditions, the original 21 teams entered were reduced to 2 !

After Saturday's play 10 teams reached the qualifying standard having achieved 2 or 3 wins including two junior teams of **Derek Standen/James Drummond** and **Merv Mildon/Len Smith**.

The two earlier games on Sunday saw **Colin Harris** beat **Arthur Clark** in a close game with **Paul Hickey** having a more comfortable win against **Derek Standen**. Now down to the last eight saw **Mark Griffiths** and **Ian Fisher** comfortable winners against **Merv Mildon** and last year's winners **Warwick Alexander/Rick Meyrick**. The other games were closer with **Paul Hickey** gaining a late winning break against **Colin Harris/Gary Finnemore**. The cliff hanger match was **Brown against Brown** locked 11 all after 17 ends! **Both Bill and Les each killed the 18th end until Bill was unable to repeat the drive kill and Les and John Formston won through.**

Down to the semi finals where the **Fishers'** had to stage a comeback against **Mark Griffiths/Pax Vermeulen** after having to face a 11-1 deficit to then dominate the latter ends for the win. **Paul Hickey/Richard Ludbrook** had a comfortable win against **Les Brown/John Formston** – a special mention to the fine lead bowls played by junior bowler John over the two days.

**The final will be played in the afternoon of finals day on Sunday 21 February 2016**

**Fishers' verses Hickey/Ludbrook.**

*Warwick Alexander*



## Men's Junior Pairs Championship 2015/16.

This Championship was played by way of qualifying rounds on Saturday 16th January 2015.

8 Teams played 3 Rounds with 2 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. 4 points or more qualified for ' Knock Out ' play on the Sunday.

The quality of the Bowls, particularly from our 1st year Juniors, was impressive and great to see.

4 Teams qualified, **Tony Mitchinson and Wally Lee** were drawn to play **Maurice Turley and Antonio Sanna** in the first semi-final with **Merv Mildon and Len Smith** drawn to play **James Drummond and Derek Standen** in the second semi-final.

These matches resulted in **Maurice and Antonio** winning, **James and Derek** winning and they will meet in the Final to be played on **"Finals Day" Sunday 21st February 2016..**

*Maurice Turley*

*Junior Convenor*



## Twilight Bowls Update

Twilight Bowls commenced on 15th October 2015 with 19 Members and 8 Non Members playing 2 games of Pairs over 6 ends, followed by a light meal. Over the season, there has been an increase of players, mainly non-Members, which brings the participating numbers up to an average of 38 players.

Currently 8 players have joined the Club as 1st Year players through the coaching programme organised so well by Harry Williams and through Twilight. Due to increased numbers, both Pairs and Triples are now played to accommodate all on the one Green.

**Heartland Bank** has provided Sponsorship for this Twilight Tournament as they see us as providing an opportunity for people to learn to play Bowls in a relaxed atmosphere and meeting their aim to have more people participating in sport. This sponsorship is greatly appreciated by the Ladies Club and by all those playing.

Twilight will continue until mid-March and new players are welcome. Just record your interest by phone to **Irene or Maurice (Ph 532 8454)** by 12 mid-day on a Thursday for more information and to ensure that you will be placed in a team.

*Irene and Maurice Turley (Organisers)*



### Schedule of Play\* : Finals' Day

9am	Champ Triples - Kevin Hurren	v	Warwick Alexander
9am	Junior Pairs - Maurice Turley	v	James Drummond
11.15	Champ Fours - Bryan Chapman	v	Derek Standen
2 pm	Champ Singles - ?	v	?
2.30pm	Champ Pairs - Ian Fisher	v	Paul Hickey

(\*subject to amendment)

## Club Captain's Corner

Well members another New Year is upon us, I wish you all a very Happy New Year, Good Health. and good bowling.

Now that Syd Campbell has left our club we now need 3 men to replace him, what a great member of the club he was. Last week we started cleaning up the clock, getting it ready for painting, we have also started spraying the canopies around the greens for mould, and other odd jobs that needed to be done around the grounds. A big thank you to our band of volunteers. Always looking for volunteers.

I noticed that Bob Holt has put a notice on the board requesting volunteers for 2 hours on a Monday Morning to help with the gardens etc. If you love our club like I do, and like the way the club looks, please come down and help us we will even give you morning tea.

Looking back over last year's bowling adventures there has been a lot of great tournaments played, but one stands out in my mind that is the Heartland Veteran's Singles - the last day of the Semi's first game was won by Mike Marlin he beat Alex Mason by one shot then played Paul Tindill and beat Paul by one shot, then went on to play Bob Holt in the final and low and behold you guessed it, he beat Bob by one shot - well done Mike. Also the other bowlers for some great bowling, a big thank you to Frank Walmsley for running the Tournament - well done. Everyone have a great year.

**Peter O'Flaherty**



## ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR BOWLERS

### UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

#### CLUB MIXED JUNIOR Tournament ( single entry)

Monday February 1st. ( Anniversary weekend )

9.30 start

**Entries must be in by 5pm Thursday 28th please.**

Depending on numbers, it will be pairs, \$5 pp.

Names in to Diane 5344428, 0211281020

Maurice 5328454.

#### MIXED INTERCLUB.

Played on 27/28th February

Entries on the board at club (men's side).

Names in ASAP please.

This is a great experience, playing against different clubs, so please give some thought to entering.

#### LADIES

Feb. 13/14 Junior singles. Entries at the club, must be in by 9am on the 12th.

#### MEN

Junior triples

March 6th

Get a team together and enter.

Entries sheet will be on club board.

#### MEN AND LADIES

First year singles

March 12th (Saturday)

Entries on club boards.

#### 1-5 YEAR CENTRE SINGLES (Both)

Entries must be with the club secretary by February 27th. or earlier.

Event played on March 19/20th

Junior years pass very quickly, so please enter as much as you can

**Diane Harris**

## Duties of Marker

Centre Jack, check Jack has travelled 23 meters from mat line.

Stand still, 1 meter to side of centre line and at least 2 meters behind Jack

Mark all TOUCHERS with chalk/puffer Mark Jack and TOUCHERS in ditch with WHITE BLOCK (Jack) and REDBLOCK (TOUCHER)

Answer any question regarding position of Jack/bowls when asked only to player in possession of rink

Measure shots only when requested, if players not satisfied call UMPIRE.

Protect the HEAD from disturbance by outside objects. Do NOT lift bowls on your rink to allow bowls from a neighbouring rink to pass. Stop the bowl and hand to players on neighbouring rink

At completion of each end :

- Record score on card and scoreboard
- Advise players of running totals

At the completion of a game ensure that scoreboard has :

- Time game completed
- Names and signatures of players

• Winner score indicated

You will have noticed in several reports the convenors have thanked the Markers.

This is an enjoyable part of our game.

The women and men often mark for each other when singles are being played.

It is a good way to learn how other players approach their shot choice too.

This is another way you can help !

*To make it easier these duties are written on the back of the board supplied for you to clip the CARD to.*

### Just a short Coaching report

Coaching will resume on Tuesday 2nd February at 9am at Howick.



## SUPPLY OF LIQUOR UNDER THREAT

*From Henry Perkins*

No, not due to a shortage of the liquid stuff, but of volunteers to serve it.

Over the last 24 months a number of experienced bar staff have decided not to continue, due to a number of factors, such as advancing years, health issues, or other reasons. This has increasingly meant rostering the remainder to give up their own drinking time on two, sometimes three, occasions each month, so as you can keep getting your drinks. Also, while it is a compliment to the Clubs that our facilities are held in such high regard, provision of bar hospitality at Centre and National events does add to the pressure on the diminishing band of volunteers, who of course, are not paid.

If because of lack of volunteers it ever became necessary to employ paid staff, the effect on bar prices and/or subscriptions would quickly become noticeable.

The stage has been reached where it is necessary to ask for fresh volunteers from either Club to ease the strain. The work is not difficult, so if you can volunteer to become a volunteer on the bar roster, or would at least like to discuss, please let either myself **Ph 5354039** or **Matt Pirie Ph 2732505** know.

# HOWICK BOWLING CLUB

## GORDON SMITH TOURNAMENT

THREE BOWL ANY COMBINATION TRIPLES  
FOUR GAMES – 9 ENDS - NO TIME LIMIT

WEDNESDAY 23 March  
9.30 am START

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|-------------------------|-------|--|----------------|
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | \$300 |  | for each green |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | \$210 |  | for each green |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | \$150 |  | for each green |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize | \$75  |  | for each green |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> Prize | \$60  |  | for each green |
| • LUCKY DIP             | \$60  |  | for each green |

*All PRIZES (based on 48 teams)*

**ENTRANCE FEE PER TEAM \$45.**

Limited to 48 teams - Morning Tea provided  
Bring your own lunch - Raffles - BBQ

OUR THANKS TO Bob Holt and Evan Murdoch - joint sponsor with Howick Bowling Club

Note the change of date from that listed in the Handbook.

ALL ENTRIES TO TOURNAMENT MANAGER : Pax Vermeulen phone 09 5757446 or send to PO BOX 38789 or

**DIRECT DEBIT TO 123040-0809641-00** (please state Gordon Smith TOURNAMENT with payment)



**Neil Fisher**

" Congratulations to Neil Fisher in reaching the semi finals of **Auckland Bowls Open Singles** event played over the weekend of 19/ 20 December 2015.

The semi final and final will be played on **13 February 2016** - the venue has yet be announced by Auckland Bowls so keep an eye on the Friday Flash for details.

Keep up the good form Neil ! "



## PLEASE THINK ABOUT HELPING YOUR CLUB.

Time is marching on and soon the club will be asking for nominations for the various club positions required to run and manage the club and all its activities. We have been very fortunate in the past years with very good people stepping up and taking on these positions and roles.

Unfortunately many of these people have given enough and, quite rightly so, are stepping down so they can relax in the coming year and play their bowls.

I would like all of you to think about volunteering to play a part in keeping the club working and moving forward so all members can continue to enjoy probably one of the best clubs in New Zealand. If you are a new member, or even if you are a seasoned member and been on a committee in the past, time is now right to do something to help your club.

Talk to any member of the committee and they will tell you what is needed – you won't be dropped in the "deep end" as there are always people who will help and advise. It does take a bit of your time but it is well worth it.

It is a simple fact that if no one does step up then the club will finally cease – recently an Auckland club did just that, after many, many years of being a great club it could not get the help from its members to do the day-to-day tasks and form a committee so it closed down.

I know you are all probably fed up with me going on about this but it is becoming a serious issue for your club and I for one would like to continue to play bowls for some time yet.

HELP SHUT ME UP – VOLUNTEER FOR AN EXEC OR NON EXEC POSITION !!!

Thank you,

Malcolm Martin

President Howick Bowling Club



### More Volunteers we have spotted recently.....



Guess who?

Answer on last page!!

**John Formston**, has almost finished with his home made scraper meticulously scraping out the moss in between the paving stones around the **entire complex**. After which the area will be sprayed with wet and forget to keep it at bay, many thanks for the hours he has put in.

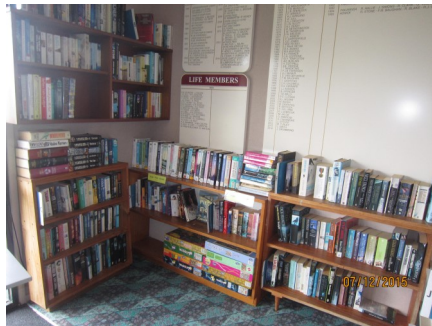




Yes, it is Arthur Clark !! Thanks Arthur.



Thanks to the ladies who twice a year help with a big library sort out. The main change now is the **LARGE PRINT** book section is on the left side. Near C & D .



Remember, no rules, borrow books, write the date in the front and return to the table, don't put them back on the shelves.

Please remember our sponsors. If you are in their businesses they like to know you are from Howick Bowls and that we appreciate their sponsorship. Recent 'different' types have been at our Christmas Dinner where Good Home offered 2 Dinner Vouchers and David from Visique Optometrists Botany offered an examination and prescription tinted glasses to the value of \$799. This was offered as a silent auction and was won by Phillis Yuill for \$400. Focus Hearing (Howick) have recently offered 2 baskets as prizes to the Men and Women's Clubs. The Handbook mentions sponsors each week. We thank them all.

### National Interclub FINALS

Howick Men's Team qualified for the finals by winning the Auckland Section. The Women were Runners up in their competition.

National 7s Headquarters is Carlton/Cornwall with Howick playing the qualifying day ( **Saturday 19 March**) at Balmoral Bowling Club.



Grant Turner with 2 Vouchers for New World he won in the Friday 2-4-2.

Thanks to members who have contributed to this edition of Bowls Buzz.

Links to the previous editions are on our website [howickbowls.co.nz](http://howickbowls.co.nz)

Contributions welcome at any time to Cecilie McIntyre  
[cecilie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cecilie@xtra.co.nz)

Grant is a **first year player**, proving you don't need to have been playing for years to win prizes!