

# Howick Bowls Buzz

## March - April 2016



*This issue of Bowls Buzz is brimming with positive news and updates. It's longer than normal. Enjoy your reading as well as your bowls!*

### Upcoming Events

#### **Gordon Smith Annual Tournament**

We are looking forward to this year's **Gordon Smith Triples Tournament** which has been a successful event for the Howick bowling club over the past few years. It's a pleasure to honour Gordon Smith and **we thank our sponsors Bob Holt and Evan Murdoch** for their continued support.

This year's tournament is on the **23rd March and starts at 9:30am**. Entry is \$45 per team and we expect all three greens will be filled. Contact Pax Vermeulen for entry details.

**Griffiths Cup.**     **Sunday 10th April. Mixed Pairs 9-30 start. *Don't be late!***

A very social event for every member to enjoy. Not to be missed.

We already have almost all women members playing in this.

It honours the Griffiths family, the late Tom who was such a valuable Greens Superintendent and Kay and Mark.     Last year's tournament was cancelled after Mark's accident.

**Anzac Day Afternoon Tournament .**

**Close of the Summer Season.**

**More details later, watch the Notice Boards.**

### **NATIONAL INTERCLUB**

**Next weekend -19 and 20 March .This involves our very successful HBC 7's Team .**  
**Our team won the Auckland event and are now up against the top NZ teams over the two days.**

They are playing at Pakuranga club, so go along and cheer them on.

**As part of this event our own club will be hosting other clubs playing in the same event.**

*Thanks to those helping in the usual variety of ways.*

## NATIONAL INTER-CENTRE

Starting **Thursday the 31 March** and carrying on over the next three days **Howick Bowls will be the HEAD QUARTERS Club for the 2016 National Inter-Centre event.** This is a prestigious NZ tournament and will have all the top NZ bowlers from around the country involved.

Come and see these bowlers in action over the four days.

### TOP BOWLS AT HOWICK

Although we do have some volunteers for these events we are still looking for more people to help. The more we have the easier it is on everyone involved. These events do provide revenue the clubs need **-so everyone benefits from them** – please help – see Maureen Ransley, Irene Turley, Malcolm Martin, Flemming Andersen, Paul Hickey, we will welcome you.



## THANK YOU

On **Sunday 13 March** the club hosted the annual challenge between the **top Waikato and Auckland** men and women players. It was a great event with some excellent bowling coming from both teams. Auckland won by a narrow margin so bodes well for the upcoming Inter-Centre.

The highlight for me though was the number of visiting players and visitors who took time to come up to me and tell me what a great day they had, about the wonderfully friendly club members who went out of their way to help them and provided a great lunch and teas, and the complimented the club for the excellent greens, grounds and facilities. It was a great moment to be a member of the Howick Bowls Club and I have to admit I felt considerable pride belonging to the club.

The real thanks does not go to one person but to the small band of club volunteers who consistently give their time to ensure that not only visitors but also all members of Howick Bowling Clubs have an enjoyable playing experience every time you play at your club.

The members who look after the grounds, the greens, the premises – all of which we expect to be in perfect condition all the time. The members who organise the events we have, make certain that teas and lunches are catered and provided, the bar is open and ready to take orders and the many, many other tasks which quietly carry on in the back ground but are vital to the clubs well-being.

There are too many to name individually but you know who you all are so on behalf of **ALL** Howick Bowls club members –

### THANK YOU – YOU MADE US PROUD

*Malcolm*

President HBC, Chairperson NPBB

### A message from Women's President Maureen.

Dear Members, You will have received nomination papers for committee in 2016-17 which must be in to Secretary Robyn by 30th April. I have had a comment from a member that it would have been helpful to have had some information attached re the duties required by each of the committee members. This is fair comment as there are members that are new to the club and we would love to get them on board of the new committee and further information could give them the incentive to put their names forward.

We meet monthly in the daytime and try to accommodate any commitments you may have already in place.

If you read your constitution you will find all the information you need regarding the duties of the committee. If by any chance you do not have a copy of the constitution please let Secretary Robyn know and she will get one for you.

Look around you and see what a wonderful club you belong to. This does not happen by itself, many club members are working very hard to provide us with these facilities and if in some small way you can contribute please put your name forward. Thankyou.

## Men's Championship Singles

The weekend of 13 -14 February 2016 saw 28 members enter the Championship Singles. There was a default in one section which resulted in **Mark Griffiths and Gary Finnemore** playing only one game and with a win thereby reaching the 2 wins to qualify for post section. Twelve others had a more difficult task to get to post section especially **Paul Hickey** after losing to last year's winner **Les Brown** had to overcome **John Taylor** 21-19 picking up 7 shots in the last 3 ends. Likewise **Ray Goldsmid, Ivan Agnew, Kevin Hurren, and Roly Lee** all had to win their third round games to progress. **Malcolm Jacob, Ian Fisher, Les Brown, Paul Tindill, Warwick Alexander, Bill Brown and Ross Spurdle** won their first two games.

In Sunday's post section Mark Griffiths and Les Brown had the bye. To get to the quarterfinals Ivan Agnew won over Ross Spurdle, Ian Fisher over second year bowler Roly Lee( 21-17), Gary Finnemore over Ray Goldsmid, Warwick Alexander over Kevin Hurren, Paul Hickey over Malcolm Jacob and Paul Tindill over Bill Brown.

The quarterfinals saw Mark prevail over Les 21-15, Ivan over Ian 21-12, Warwick over Gary 21-11, Paul Hickey over Paul Tindill 21 -1(!).

Down to the semi finals where surprise package and three times Howick Singles winner Ivan prevailed over Mark 21 -20 after Mark had control of the game only to see Ivan fight back from 15-20 to tie up the game 20-20. Ivan's jack throwing tactic of another wayward throw continued leaving Mark to decide on the length. With mat up the green he elected to have a 2 metre jack. Marks first two bowls were close and Ivan's narrow both short and long. However reverting to the backhand he played a "super" bowl which wicked off his front bowl on the jack into the ditch and with the "toucher" close by. Mark with his 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl was ever so close to drawing the shot only to go into the ditch at the very last roll. His last bowl was short and Ivan became a singles finalist for the first time in many years. In the other semi final Warwick always had control of the game over Paul especially downwind on short ends and won 21-13.

In an ironic twist with **Ivan and Warwick now in the Final** this combination played the final of the Championship Pairs a few years back and when in control of the game by a few shots Warwick elected to drive and in the wash up managed to remove their bowls and dropped 6 shots and then losing the game on an extra end. A distraught Ivan found space in his weekly column to exhort the demons of the drive and now whenever Warwick drives Ivan is often nearby to comment on the outcome!

The delayed final between **Ivan Agnew and Warwick Alexander** proved to be a closely contested game with Ivan holding the earlier ascendancy with a 11 to 5 lead after 12 ends. Warwick managed to close the gap and after 20 ends the scores were even at 14 all. From there on a very short end with mat up a long way Warwick secured a 3 to go out 17-14. On the next short end it was Ivan's turn to score closing the game to 16-17. The next end Warwick scored a 2 and on what proved to be the final end Ivan was likely to score 3 shots until Warwick with a weighted run shot managed to push Ivan's close bowl on to the Jack which went into the ditch where both Warwick's earlier narrow and heavy bowls had come to rest.

Two shots and the win as Ivan's last bowl just fell into the ditch!



**Warwick**

With the win Warwick gained his second Howick singles title and Ivan was unable to add to his three other singles titles. It's fair to say Ivan had the drawing edge over Warwick but the latter's run shots proved the difference in the end.

**Congratulations to Warwick.**

This was the last of our Championship events to be finished and now it's on to the **Auckland Champion of Champion** events which are to be played during the month of May 2016.

Good luck to all the players representing Howick at these events.



**Ivan**



## Women's Championship Pairs

2 one life teams contested the Women's Pairs Final after 10 teams started, including 2 teams of Juniors. **Valmai Gaudin & Christine Steel** and **Irene Turley & Janet Scard**.

**Estelle Hickey and Sue Peters** v mother and daughter combination of **Diane Harris and Joanne Stanton** played the final.

It was hotly contested with one turning point coming when Diane and Jo lead 7/2 after 4 ends.

A Toucher from Jo stayed with the jack. Estelle picked off the jack and took it into the ditch where Sue's back bowls and another from Estelle, which stopped within inches of the ditch gave them a 3. A 4 on the next end took them to 9/7.

Twice Estelle and Sue were holding 3 shots, Diane reduced one end to 1 and on the next end turned it into a one shot advantage. 14/9 after 10. Diane moved the jack on her last bowl to collect a 4.

14/13 after 11 then 14/14..... 16/14 after 13 to Estelle. 19/15 after 16. Very tense!

Diane held, Estelle saved with a great draw to take 1 shot, 20/15 after 17 ends and with 1 shot on the last **Estelle and Sue** became the champions. 21/15.

Many spectators enjoyed watching this exciting tussle.

Good luck to all the Championship winners who will represent the club in the various Champ of Champs events which will be held each weekend in May.



## Women's Championship Fours

Saturday March 5th. saw the start of the Women's Champ Fours competition.

The weather was hot and fine, with some great bowls being played.

Most of the games were very close, with one or two shots the difference between the opposing teams.

By round four, there were three teams left, one 2 lifer, and two one lifers.

This resulted in all three teams having a bye in the ensuing rounds.

The final was eventually played and won by the team of **Betty Rush (S), Pauline Murdoch (3), Barbara Schlumpf (2) and Joyce Joe (L).**

**R/U Kay Griffiths (S), Jenny Paskell (3), Rosemary Ackerley (2) and Janet Scard (L).**

Congratulations to all.

Thanks must go to President Maureen for the delicious morning tea of scones and banana cake.



## Men's Finals Day

Finals day was held on Sunday 21 February with the first two games being the Championship Triples and Junior Pairs.

The Triples game proved a cliff hanger with the result decided on the last bowl. A superb running shot which removed the opposition shot bowl and gaining the two shots needed to win 15 -14.

The winning team of **Kevin Hurren (s) Gary Finnemore and Neville Spiers** retained their triple title from last year. Runners up were **Warwick Alexander (s) Ian Fisher and Paul Hickey**.

**Congratulations to Kevin Gary and Neville.**

**The Junior Pairs** proved a one sided game with **Antonio Sanna** having a great game at lead and **Maurice Turley** chipping in when needed. They just did not let **James Drummond (s) and Derek Standen** into the game finally conceding the game 4 -22 after 15 of the 18 ends.

**Congratulations Maurice and Antonio.**



The next game was Round 7 of the Championship Fours where the junior side of **Derek Standen(s) James Drummond John Formston Alan Pearson** were trying to stop the side of **Bryan Chapman (s) Neil Fisher Ian Fisher Gary Cotton** going through undefeated and thereby claiming the title. The match was fairly even until the 9 end when Bryan managed to secure 7 shots and extend his lead to 14-5 which increased to 18-6 after 13 ends when Derek conceded.

**Congratulations to Bryan Neil Ian and Gary.**

The last game of the day in the Champ Pairs proved another cliff hanger and needing an extra end to decide the winners. **Paul Hickey (s) and Richard Ludbrook** led 12-6 after 10 ends but the **Fisher brothers Neil and Ian** fought back scoring on 6 on the next 7 ends to lead 14-13 going into the last end. They held shot until the final shot from Paul managed to tip out the shot bowl gaining the 1 shot to force an extra end. Neil held a close shot as Paul played an over the draw shot to wrest it out and hold two fairly close shots – Ian was well weighted with his first two bowls but wide – with his last bowl and after some timely advice from his brother he was able to make the correction to draw shot. Paul with the last bowl was wide in his attempt to remove the shot.

**Congratulations to Ian and Neil.**

With Ivan Agnew injured his Championship singles final against Warwick Alexander was postponed to a new date to be advised. (see other report of this ) Sharing our finals day, our sister Club held the second day of their Championship pairs and these games added to the day's atmosphere.

*This is the first time we have had a finals day which was possible because of the new section play format which from the comments back seems to have overall support from most of the players. There was a good number of members and others watching the finals and the BBQ was very popular. Thank you to President Malcolm, Ray Goldsmid, Mike Marlin and Frank Baughan for organisation etc.*

*Warwick Alexander*

*Championship Convenor*

## Women's Championship Triples

This event was held on the weekends of 23rd, 30/31 January.

It was great to see a team of Juniors playing in this event. **Irene Turley, Diane Klomp and Allison Irvine**. They acquitted themselves well, playing some great bowls, but finally exiting in the 3rd round. Well done ladies.

In the 4th round there was one 2 lifer left ( **Diane Harris, Jo Stanton and Joylene Young** ), and 3 one lifers. At this stage Diane played ( **Estelle Hickey, Sue Peters Cecilie McIntyre** ), a game which Diane won, and **Val Marlin, Glennis Davey and Pauline Simpson** defeated **Betty Rush, Joy Baughan and Joyce Joe**.

The final was Diane's team versus Val's team.

The winning team still with both lives intact (for the second year in a row ), was the team of **Diane, Jo and Joylene**. Congratulations on your win, and the very best of luck in the Ch. Ch. Triples to be played on the weekend of May 14/15. **See if you can RETAIN the Champ of Champ title you won last year!**



## Club Captain's Corner

Peter O'Flaherty



Hello Members,

Here we are into Autumn and the weather is still very hot and humid. You would have noticed we reduced the ends on several occasions due to the very high temperatures, it is a long day out there in the heat. I think all bowlers will welcome the cooler weather.



Albert

Since my last report a lot has happened at our club. **Albert** has nearly finished painting the outside clock, there is a bit of rust on the top half which needs to be repaired. Albert has been doing a fine job, thank you.

Last Monday a **team of volunteers** got stuck in and sanded and painted a number of seats on D green still a few more to do but almost there, then we will start on E green. A big thank you to **Pat Hindle** for looking after all the Volunteers who have been working on the seats, thanks to all who have helped with the seats much appreciated.

I never thought we would ever be able to replace Syd Campbell but we have got a very good man to help plug the gap in **John Formston**. The work he has been doing around the club has been outstanding, thank you John.

As some of you know **Greg Holt** fell and broke his wrist at the club whilst working the garden hopefully on the mend now. We all wish Greg a speedy recovery.

The club is picking up a new member his name is **Warren Frederick**, he lives in Bruce McLaren Village as with a lot of our other bowlers. He is a very good bowler, and after a few chats, he is going to join our great club.

### Now some Bowling Results:

The Vet Pairs played on Tuesday 1st March, the final was won by **Bill Brown and Rick Mayrick** over **Ivan Agnew and Alex Mason** 20-7. Well done to all those players. Thanks Frank.

The Junior Triples Champs was won by **Tony Mitchenson, Colin Slade and Roli Lee**. Runners up were **Maurice Turley, Len Smith and Antonio Sanna**. Well done to all those players.

The Champ Singles Final - Played Saturday 12th March was played between **Ivan Agnew** and **Warwick Alexander** - was won by Warwick Alexander 21-16. Well done to both of you.

Well that's it for now, the Summer season is drawing to a close.

*I would like to point out we desperately need Convenors to run the Winter Tournaments, without Convenors there would not be winter bowls.*

## Women's Junior Singles.

The Junior Singles were played on the weekend of 13/14 February. Playing conditions were excellent, if somewhat hot and humid. The event was contested by 5 players, on the 2 life system. After 2 rounds there were still 4 players in contention.

**Irene Turley** (2 lives) went into a potential final versus **Janet Scard** (1 life).

Janet was the winner of this match 21/12, so the ladies had to do it all again.

This time Irene was the winner 21/9.

Well done to all those who participated.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Irene Turley (Winner), and Janet Scard (r/u).**





## Women's 1st Year Championship

Unfortunately only two of the first year players were able to take part in this special 2 Life event, and what an exciting day it turned out to be.



Rosemary and Christine

**Game one** saw **Christine Steel** away to a very good start over her opponent **Rosemary Ackerley**.

However once Rosemary got going there was no stopping her, and she won the game 21 to 16.

**Game two** saw a change of fortunes. After 12 ends Christine was 14/9 ahead and never relinquished the lead, though Rosemary was never far away as the score was 19/15 after 19 ends. Christine was then able to close the game out winning 21/16.

**Game three** saw the scores very even throughout the 26 end game. Both players played some great bowls, this time

**Rosemary was again victorious winning by 21/16.**

Both of these ladies have a great feel for the game, and should go on to further success.

CONGRATULATIONS to you both.

*Thanks Janet, who arrived to watch with scones for the men and women players as well as spectators.*

## Men's 1st Year Championship

The qualifying Tournament was held on Saturday 12 March with 5 New Members taking part..

All Participants played well and their play was a credit to the coaching they have received from Harry and his team.

Congratulations to the three Qualifiers .-- **Allan Parker, Ron Cherry, and Bradley Hendricks,.**

The Knock out phase will, hopefully, be played on Saturday 19th March.



Allan



Ron



Bradley

## Men's Junior Singles



Wally

The Mens Junior Singles was held on 6th and 7th March with 12 Juniors playing in a qualification Tournament on the Saturday. The players who qualified were **Antonio Sanna, Tony Mitchinson, Maurice Turley , Lex Calder , John Spence and Wally Mearns.**

The Knock out First Round saw **Antonio defeat Tony** (by a very small margin) and **Wally Lee** defeated me. Wally was well ahead when for some strange reason I signed the

Card after 15 Ends when I should have played on until the 21 Shot total was reached. Old age do you think??.

The next round was the Semi finals where **Lex beat John** and **Wally defeated Antonio** .

The Final was between **Wally Mearns and Lex Calder** and it was good to see these players who are relatively new to Bowls, put up a very creditable performance with **Wally Mearns gaining the Win** and becoming Junior Singles Champion for the Year.



Lex

## Junior Inter Club News *Díane Harris*

February 27th found two Mixed Junior Inter Club teams competing for the Auckland title. The team managers ( **Marion** for the Howick Blue team and **Maureen** for the Howick White team), both reported how well the teams competed, and the great spirit of sportsmanship that prevailed.

**Howick White:** **Singles** **Diane Klomp**  
**Pairs** **Valmai Gaudin and Rosemary Ackerley**  
**Triples** **Grant Turner, Wally Mearns and Christine Steel.**

Rosemary and Christine are both first year players who acquitted themselves well, and will no doubt have learnt a lot from the experience.

The triples team had two wins, but unfortunately the rest of the team, while playing good bowls came up against very strong opposition.

**Howick Blue :** **Singles** **Irene Turley**  
**Pairs** **Maurice Turley Antonio Sanna**  
**Triples** **Derek Stanton, Merv Mildon and Paul Blitvic**

The team played really well, and were section winners. CONGRATULATIONS.

The following day saw them at Point Chevalier Bowling club, and down to the last seven teams.

They played the team from Pt. Chev who were a very strong combination with several junior Reps in the team.

Our team battled away, and never gave up trying, but unfortunately Pt. Chev were just too strong. East Tamaki won the event with Pt. Chev runner up.

*Well done to all who represented Howick so well.*

## *Out and About*

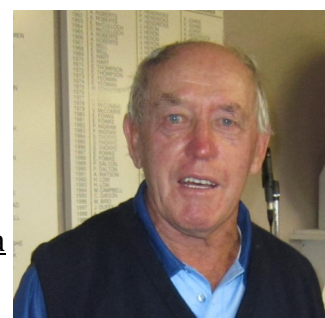
### **43<sup>rd</sup> Men's Fours National Clubs Bowling Tournament held in New Plymouth 8 -12 February**

*The above event was played in very hot conditions (28-32degrees) over the 5 days on greens that were overall of a very high standard . Twelve of our members attended, playing in teams from Howick RSA , Howick Club and Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club.*

Two of the teams reached the qualifying standard for the main event gaining the required 6 wins from 8 2 1/2 hour games . The teams were those skipped by **Paul Hickey ( with Warwick Alexander Grant Watson John Taylor )** and **Chris Salesa with Geoff Schade** playing at three. Both teams lost their first post section games and were beaten in their second round Plate (Jim Dempsey Trophy) event games – just missing out on the semi final of that event.

Of special mention is the Team Skipped by **Ron Blucher** (with **Richard Ludbrook Ming Fong and Rick Meyrick**) who won their section of the flight event (Kelly Plate ) and therefore played on the Friday reaching the semi final and ending in 3<sup>rd</sup> equal place.

**At the event's end Howick Life Member Ron announced he was "retiring"** and having attended 41 of these events, this one would be his last ! A remarkable effort to think he played in the first tournament way back in 1974 – he was in the winning team in Kamo in 1999 playing with a very young Danny Delany (s) John Delany and T Motr.





## **HOWICK TEAMS SHINE AT THE GLENDOWIE HEARTLAND CLASSIC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Three Howick teams entered the Classic and were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the main event.**

The winning team was **Richard Ludbrook, Ralph Pemberton, Bill Brown and Lindsay Weir** who managed to defend their title from last year against some strong opposition.

It was a great day for the Howick teams as :

**2<sup>nd</sup> was Warwick Alexander, Bryan Chapman, Neil Fisher and Gary Cotton.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> was a composite team made up of John Taylor, Pax Vermeulen, Dave Prasad and Chris Salesa.**



### **Congratulations !!!!!!!!!!! Estelle Hickey & Linda Ralph**



An outstanding result for Howick Ladies in Birkenhead Pairs against a red hot field of players from around the Northern Region.

Having qualified sixth seed on Saturday, the sisters won their first game (21-10) in the Cup Championship and then went on to win their second and semi final games in similar fashion, they were in good form . On the other side of the draw were the previously untried pairing of Joy Hall and Jenny Stockford, who had qualified thirteenth seed, the championship final looked like being fairly one-sided with the sisters

having played together many times and in outstanding form up against an untried pairing, but one that had been improving as the tournament progressed. After four ends of the fourteen end final Ralph was up 4-1 and looking good. The next four ends were all Stockford's & Halls picking up eight shots, 9-4 to Stockford after eight ends, could Stockford's run continue? Hickey & Ralph lifted their game, took the next five ends to go ahead 11-9 with one end to play. The final end was won by Stockford with a single shot but the victory, \$1,500 winners cheque and their name on the Chinery Swart Cup was Hickey and Ralph's by a solitary point (11-10). After Saturday's play the teams were seeded on the day's play with seeds seventeen to thirty two fighting it out in the Consolation.



As well as the coaching for new and prospective club members on Saturdays and Tuesdays Harry Williams has been coaching Howick College Students.

They entered an Auckland Bowls Competition on Monday.

Reports say that although they didn't win they enjoyed the day and the teachers were very pleased with their attitude and level.

Thanks to all the coaches who are giving our new members and these young players such an excellent start.

### **Auckland Men's Singles Final for 2015-2016**

**Petar Sain** (Carlton Cornwall) and **Neil Fisher (Howick)** two extremely competitive players were vying for the Auckland Men's Singles Champion title for 2015-16. Fisher was first on the board with Sain taking the next and so it went until the 9th end when the game was evened up 7-7. From here Fisher took the lead and held onto it until the 14th end where it was tied up for the 2nd time. Now it was Sain's turn to even up again in the 22nd end. Fisher took the next end with a 1 but Sain finished up the game winning a 3 in the 24th end making him the new Auckland Men's Singles Champion for 2015-2016.



*Another great effort from Neil, who won this title last year.  
To reach the final two years in a row is outstanding.*

### **To all members of the Howick Women's Bowling Club Inc.**

It is with some reluctance and sadness that the Committee & Tournament Manager has decided that the women's triples teams tournament played on Wednesdays is to be discontinued as from this week. This is mainly due to lack of team entries. With just 6 teams and less entering this season it has become obvious that this is not the type of tournament the Women members now want to play. For those who want extra competitive play, Wednesday is open to all members.

With the start of the Tuesday morning, single entry bowls in the winter season we have "discovered" this very popular event. Tuesdays carried on into the summer season and has been very well patronised.

We must recognize that bowls is changing and that player's discretionary time to play has changed. Howick Bowls offers 4 opportunities to play in the summer season and it is these that we should support.

**Tuesday Morning:** Single entry, men & women, 2 games.

**Wednesday All day:** Team entry triples, men & women, 4 games

**Thursday Twilight:** Single entry, men & women, meal provided  
(only operates during daylight saving months)

**Friday Afternoon:** 2~4~2. Team entry, although single entries can be matched up.

**Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday** Rollups, 1 pm.

We offer more opportunities to play than most Clubs and it is up to us to take advantage of these.

The Club Championships and special tournaments will still continue to be held and we urge members to keep an eye on the entry sheets downstairs. Please support these whenever you can.

We look forward to seeing you on the greens for the rest of this season, ending on April 25<sup>th</sup> and moving into the winter season, which will still offer all the above except for twilight bowls.

***Howick Women's Committee & Tournament Manager.***



As mentioned above, **Tuesday morning single entry play** has been very popular for the last year. Numbers vary between 36 and 42, and we usually play progressive triples. This means we change 'teams' after 8 ends and keep our individual score cards. Thanks to **Glennis Davey** for running this enjoyable morning. Open to ALL.

## Paul Tindill reports : Charities Grants

We received a grant of \$2,500 from **Pub Charity Ltd** towards the cost of installing a new telephone system. Also we received a grant of \$3,500 from **The Lion Foundation** towards the installation of an extra water tank. This will be placed on the bank above the old concrete tank and will be connected to the clubhouse roof to reduce the use of town water for the greens.

*Paul and the Nixon Park Board do a fantastic job on behalf of our members, including sourcing grants to improve the facilities we all enjoy. Many thanks to them AND the Charities.*



*The old Tank will still be used.*



## *Bar Staffing Update*

I very much thank **Val Lott** of the H.W.B.C for answering my request for bar volunteers. **Brian Strange** of H.B.C. has offered to jump up and help if a crush develops at the bar, without actually being formally rostered. Also Val's husband **Allan** has volunteered to help with general clubhouse upkeep. **Derek Standen** has also been bar trained.

**But without wishing to sound like a latter day Oliver Twist**, two more people willing to be rostered would be a big help. The more on the roster, the less each will be called on.

So if you thought you should answer my previous request but didn't quite get around to it, please phone me (5354039) or **Matt Pirie** (2732505) as soon as you've finished reading this.

*Henry Perkins*



## **The Octogenarian's Salver** (unfortunately I've had to abridge Denver's entertaining report!!)

Each year the **over eighties** in the club play for a salver, usually triples. With 34 over 80 year olds in the club this year it is a time consuming task to get in touch with them AND those who have finished their bowling days and are still available to attend the morning tea. Each is rung up and given the option of playing two games, playing one game, or just come for morning tea. Twenty-one players responded with a yes they would come for the morning tea and nineteen said they would like to play.



Hi there it is 6:30 a.m. time to rise and shine. Today is the day when the octogenarians are to show their skills. I ring Paul, he has already left for the Club. So I throw in my bowling shoes and grab a white shirt from the wardrobe. You see I do not usually play BUT there are always one or two forgetful people. I am dressed in street clothes. I arrive at the Club; Paul is working on the greens. He has no helpers. I swing into action, Jacks, mats, scoreboards, numbers are placed around A green. There is time so I do the same thing for the Tuesday group on B green. Then back to the clubhouse to prepare for the morning tea. Cups out, serviettes ready tea and coffee ready as well. I sit down to allow the sweat to evaporate. Roll call is 9a.m. three not here, Bill offers to ring the late comers. Two arrive before he starts the third, Geoff forgets, says he will be 30 minutes. After morning tea, (thanks to the ladies who helped prepare this ) the guys go out for the second game. Royce announces he has an appointment so back to my car grab my bowls and return to the playing field. The games finish and of the 6 teams only one wins both games so the winner is no problem **Norman, Antonio, and Geoff with 51 points were clear winners**. Second was **Tony, Maurice T and Clive** with one win and 17 points. Except for Norman's games the games were close, two finishing in a draw. It was good to see Maurice Roffey and Peter Glynnan playing sharing one game each. Thanks to Ron for finding the Salver. I went home forgetting about the dishes, so thanks to those who did that. Next year is there a volunteer to run the competition? My phone number is in the book !!

*Denver Carter.*



## A Message From Bowls NZ

ASICS is very aware of the concerns around sharp edges of the outsoles cutting or digging into the bowls greens throughout the world. Therefore, importantly all edges of the outsole of the shoes are also rounded, including the manufacturers logo.

The soles are indented in several areas where the surface of the shoe doesn't impact the ground, for example the centre of the heel of the shoe and the ridge that runs along the centre of the shoe are all rounded to ensure maximum protection of the greens. These innovations are designed for maximum stability, cushioning and flexibility for the user.

Have a great season.

A message from our sponsor ASICS,

Below are six images showing the current 2016 ASICS bowls shoes approved by World Bowls, Bowls Australia and Bowls New Zealand.

Men's Rink Scorchers



Men's Shepparton



Women's Shepparton



### SPONSORS EVENING

On **Monday 21 March** we are hosting a fun event for all our sponsors. As you know our sponsors generously sponsor many of our **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** events and this is a small token of our thanks to them. **It starts at 5.30** on the Monday and is a chance to come along and meet with them and thank them for their involvement in our club.

**Don't be Shy – come and say Thanks**

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SPONSORS ALL YEAR. MENTION TO THEM YOU HAVE SEEN THEIR AD IN OUR HANDBOOK, OR THAT YOU KNOW THEY HAVE SPONSORED ONE OF OUR TOURNAMENTS. We are very grateful to them all.**

*Well, I said on Page 1 this was an extra long newsletter. Thanks to all the contributors, please keep the reports, photos or articles coming in during the winter season. Send them to [cecilie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cecilie@xtra.co.nz)*

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This is kept up to date by Don Rush, a former member and Betty's husband. Have you looked at it lately????

On behalf of the Committees. Cecilie McIntyre.