

Howick Bowls Buzz

May – June 2016



AUCKLAND BOWLS PARTNERING CLUB

Earlier this year the Nixon Park Board, on behalf of the two Howick Bowling Clubs, underwent an audit by Auckland Bowls on the overall governance of the clubs.

This is a comprehensive audit looking at the many aspects that go into running and managing of the clubs. Previously the club has achieved a Bronze Award and following a lot of hard work by the Board we are pleased to announce that the club has been awarded the top award -

GOLD AWARD.

This is the highest award offered and Howick Clubs now join three other clubs in the Auckland region with this award.

One of the benefits that come from having this is the full support from Auckland Bowls for the Clubs when applying for grant money for club improvements from the Auckland Bowling Trusts.

The picture shows the award being presented by the President of Auckland Bowls, Murray Doreen, to some of the members of the Board

Paul Tindill, Flemming Andersen, Malcolm Martin and Maureen Ransley on 19th May 2016



Malcolm Martin
Chairperson Nixon Park Bowling Board.

HOWICK WOMENS BOWLING CLUB PRIZE GIVING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DOWNSTAIRS AT CLUBROOMS SATURDAY JUNE 11TH at 9.30AM

The prize giving will be followed by morning tea and the AGM.
It is important for all members to attend as there will be a discussion on the possibility of an amalgamation with the Men's club.

Please come and support your hard working committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HOWICK BOWLING CLUB
SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2016
9am Prize Giving followed
by AGM and election of
Officers

A full agenda and position list is posted on the Men's Notice Board.

The Club is looking for members to fill a number of roles in the club so we urge you to consider putting your names down.

Howick Bowling Club Executive

Please note the different starting times for the 2 meetings.

Greens Renovations

Many thanks go to the volunteers who so ably helped Paul to renovate our three grass greens in preparation for next summer. Also many thanks to the volunteers who spent weeks sanding and repainting the seats around the artificial greens. Our club would not survive without our volunteers so we are very grateful for all your great work.

Nixon Park Bowls Board

They worked so hard no one had time to take any photos !!

A couple from previous times!!



Club Captain's Report

Hello members, well the summer season is over, I cannot believe how fast the year is going. First of all I would like to say a big thank you to Pat Hindle for running the summer Wednesday Tournament. You did a great job Pat, not easy at times, well done Headmaster thank you. I would also like to thank Murray Martin and Glennis Davey for running the winter Tournament on Wednesdays, and to Zenda Smith and team for running the winter 2-4-2 on Fridays.



The greens were started on Friday 29th April, and finished on Monday 2nd May. The 3 greens were done in just 3 days, what an outstanding job. What a very special group of dedicated volunteers, well done to Paul and the team.

While the greens were being worked on, Pat Hindle, Harry Williams and myself sanded and painted all the seats on E and D greens thank you Pat and Harry.

On Monday 2nd May, Syd Campbell visited the club, and he got a big surprise to see that the greens had been done so quick. He looked very well and was enjoying life in Christchurch, but was a bit worried about Burt, that he was taking his green when he was bowling.

There still seems to be some confusion over the Lucky Dip prizes on Wednesdays and Fridays. This is how it works -

Wednesday Tournament - The teams with only 1 win go into the lucky dip draw.

Friday Tournament: The teams with no wins go into the lucky dip draw.

This has been agreed by Executive Committee, any changes to this need to be put before the Executive Committee or at the AGM in June.

We are coming up to our AGM on June 18th, we are still looking for a Senior Vice President, and a Wednesday Summer Match Convenor.

As Club Captain I would like to thank the Committee Members, Malcolm Martin, Flemming Andersen, Jim Mullane, Ken McIntyre, Gary Finnemore, Maurice Turley, and Alan Pearson for the excellent role they have played in running our club. I take my hat off to you all well done.

That's all for now.

Peter O'Flaherty

TRIVIA NIGHT THURSDAY JUNE 16TH AT 7PM.

GET YOUR TEAMS
TOGETHER OR
SINGLE ENTRY

TEAMS OF 6 \$8 per person.

Super Supper & excellent
cash prizes.

Paulene Murdoch Ph 533 8890

Phyllis Yuill Ph 535 6432



Thanks to us all!!

Members who came to help and watch enjoyed seeing TOP NZ Bowlers in action as many Black Jacks were playing.

7th April, 2016

The Secretary
Howick Bowling Club
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Dear Jim,

On behalf of Bowls New Zealand I would like to thank all your club and members for the assistance given over the four days of National Intercentre.

We have received many very positive comments on the staging of the event which ran seamlessly and well.

This is in no small way due to your club members who worked in the club and went that extra mile for the participants. The inner being was so well looked after from your ladies side – such wonderful cooks and I am still getting the blood sugars under control!

Please convey our very grateful thanks to all your executive, volunteers, markers, kitchen staff, bar staff and the greens people who did such an outstanding job in preparing the club for play.

It is always such a pleasure to work amongst your club members and the light hearted banter prevailing often lightens what can be some difficult situations.

I will certainly look forward to working with your volunteers again next year for the events which Auckland Bowls will be hosting.

Kindest regards



Helen Stallard
Events Manager
Bowls NZ Inc



We often thank the many helpers and volunteers who keep the club functioning and as Men's President Malcolm Martin completes his term it is fitting to acknowledge the huge effort and contribution Malcolm has made over his two years as president. Apart from his strong and decisive leadership not only as President of the men's club but also as chair of the Nixon Park Bowls Board Malcolm has promoted and ensured good governance, the smooth operation of the club and overseen many improvements in operations and facilities.



Malcolm with Michael Spring,
President of Bowls NZ.

Of particular note Malcolm has been largely instrumental in the production of a large range of policies, practices and documentation in respect of Auckland Bowls partnership programme, which has a comprehensive, strict and demanding criteria and seen 'Howick Bowls' initially awarded Bronze Partnership status and now, as announced elsewhere in this newsletter, Gold Partnership status that will confer both tangible and intangible benefits on the club in reputation, support and grants.

During the three special events Howick hosted in the last couple of months Malcolm has played key roles in leading the organisation of the logistics of these events and liaising with Auckland and NZ Associations. Over a four-week period he was at the club almost full time, from planning, managing, liaison and even setting up the greens very early in the mornings, to refilling the drinking water on the greens.

Howick Bowling Club Winter Interclub 2016

Men & Women

Can be mixed

July.	Sunday 3 rd		Rounds 1-2
"	10 th	"	3-4
"	17 th	"	5
"	24 th		QF-SF-F

A Team consists of 8 players (2 x Four)

Playing Bonus Bowls

Teams need to be registered by 10th June
See both noticeboards.

Numbers we enter will depend on how many members are keen to play, so put your names up or phone **Gary or Phyllis**.

FRIDAY Afternoon Bowls 2-4-2

President Maureen and her Committee have agreed to allow me to run the Winter 2.4.2. which commenced on Friday 6th May.

This will be my 3rd year and my contribution toward the Howick Bowling Club.

I approached **Janet Scard** and **Allison Irvine** to assist me.

I was delighted that there was no hesitation from either lady and I am also pleased to involve junior members.

Zenda Smith (534-9787)
Convenor

HEARTLAND VETERAN PAIRS

23 FEBRUARY 2016: SECTION PLAN

12 teams entered drawn into 3 sections of 4 teams, each to play the other 3, with all 2 and 3 winners qualifying for the one life knock out stage. Last year's winners **Dollimore and Tindill** started the day strongly winning their first game 16-6, but lost the second 9-2 and just managed to hold off **Black and Carter** to win their third game 21-18. The other qualifiers in this section were **Weir and Finnemore** who came right after a shaky start and **Alexander and Taylor** with wins in the first two games.

In Section B, **Holt and Turley**, **Agnew and Mason** qualified with two wins each. Section 3 provided three qualifiers **McGowan and Marlin**, **Spurdle and Nash** and **Brown and Meyrick**.

A special mention for **Antonio Senna and Doug Russell** who, with a combined age of around 175 years, were still playing competitive bowls at the end of a long, hot day.

At the conclusion of play the president made the draw for the knock out leg of the competition.

Agnew v McGowan, Holt v Spurdle, Weir v Brown, Dollimore v Alexander

8 MARCH 2016: KNOCK OUT STAGE

Quarter Finals: It was another hot sunny day. Both **Ivan and Ross** had comfortable wins. **Warwick** turned his game around with some accurate drives and **Bill** had enough points on the board to hold off a late challenge from **Lindsey**.

In the first semi-final **Ivan** came through with a late burst after being held to 10-10 after 11 ends against **Ross**. In the other game it looked all over after 8 ends with **Bill** leading 12-2 but **Warwick** took the next 7 ends to just go down 12-11. **Bill** drew the second shot with his last bowl to carry his team through.

The final: **Bill and Rick** got away to a big lead which was never threatened, eventually winning 20-7. Congratulations, they played consistently well over the two days.

Many thanks to our sponsors.

Frank Walmsley

HEARTLAND
BANK



Gordon Smith Trophy

This was a great success, although the weather could have been better!

48 triples teams from Howick and many neighbouring clubs filled the 3 greens.

The driving force behind this tournament each year is **Pax Vermeulen**, he spends weeks getting the entries and helping to organise the teams and last minute replacements.

As well as that, this year he was in the winning team, along with **Paul Appolloni** and **Gary Finnemore**.

Our thanks also to long time sponsors **Bob Holt** and **Evan Murdoch**.



Griffiths Cup

Another annual tournament was a "Full House" too. The mixed pairs very social event was won by **Kevin Hurren** and **Joyce Joe**, pictured here with **Kay** and **Mark Griffiths**.

A great way to remember Tom Griffiths too who was such a valuable Greens Superintendent.

Kay helped to organise a lovely morning tea and our thanks to those who set up the greens for events like these.



Sponsors' Night

We are always very grateful to our loyal Sponsors and to thank them we held the annual Sponsors' Night in March.

They really enjoyed 'having a go ' too, then came to share a lovely meal prepared by the women.

Thanks to club members who came to assist on the green too, having lots of helpers encouraging the new bowlers made it very enjoyable for them.



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Another sponsored morning was before Easter when **Fiona Roberts from Pakuranga Park Village** was there to present the prizes to the Tuesday bowlers .

Glennis Davey and Joyce Drew have run these, with help from **Sue Bevan**, pictured here with her special ears, helping at times. Thanks to the men and women who help.



Another who quietly comes in to the club most Fridays to bring fresh eggs for the raffle prizes is **Joan Brown**.

Joan is a former Women's President who has shifted away from Howick but is still a Social Member. We appreciate your donations Joan.

Bowling Arm Clinic held at Browns Bay Bowling Club, Thursday May 12th.

This was conducted by **The Armaroos**, a touring party of some 20+ Australian bowlers who each use an arm to deliver the bowl because of some disability. With partners they have been **touring the North Island, coaching and playing**.

The Clinic was split into groups - I was in a group of 5 who had been using an arm for more than 12 months. All of us had been self-taught.

We were each asked to bowl a short distance into the ditch and then over set lengths and each time the coach would suggest how we might improve - the rest of the Armaroo players were practising alongside he could refer us to. I apparently needed a slightly longer "stick" - to release the bowl closer to the ground. I have since adjusted the length.

My left arm needed "fixing" - this was easy as most of the Armaroos had their left hands in their pockets when on the mat! Our coach puts his left arm behind his back.



My "stick" had lots of attention - basically a modified Drakes Pride design - would probably be illegal in Australia as it is adjustable for length. But one Armaroo, who had an approved modified stick, suggested that the removable adjusting screw just needed replacing with a rivet. He had a similar approved model.

"Sticks" used in Australia have to be approved by the State Bowling Authorities - 3 are available - Drakes Pride, Bionic Arm, and DHB ("Hacksaw") - together with a Medical Certificate.

There are over 11500 bowlers in Australia using arms and there is encouragement for Disabled persons to bowl and aging bowlers to continue. Natural greens are mainly used in Australia, so dumping is frowned upon and arms are recommended.

After a good lunch, The Armaroos provided 5 teams to play 4's against BB teams and other North Harbour teams on the new carpet green - as overnight rain still lay on the natural greens. I watched for a short time and left with the impression that I needed to improve somewhat to match these players especially as they were unbeaten on their NZ tour.

Graham Warner

Juniors and Coaching

Diane Harris will be holding a morning for the junior ladies on Wednesday 29th June, bowls, laws of the game, measuring etc. Men will be most welcome too.



Harry Williams reminds all juniors that the coaching for the **Canoe Cup and Campi Trophy** will start on July 2nd. This is a great way to meet other bowlers of similar ability.

The regular Saturday and Monday coaching groups are held from 9-12 and all are welcome. Please encourage new bowlers to come and try our great sport. Bowls are supplied for these groups and our coaches are all helping beginners and those who have been playing for a while but need help with the basics....it is easy to get into bad habits.

Clothing News

Shirt Fading:



We are well aware that there have been fading issues with many shirts and we have addressed this with our suppliers. KiwiCrew NZ have checked back on other orders produced around the same time as our orders to see if any problems had been reported and it appears our order is the only one with this problem. They say sublimated garments only fade under extreme circumstances and they don't yet have the answer as to why our shirts have faded but have asked an expert in sublimation what could have caused this problem. In the meantime, KiwiCrew are replacing all 60 shirts that were in the first two orders, that seems to be where fading

has occurred. When the replacement shirts are received we will be contacting those concerned and inviting them to return their shirts for replacement. For those that had names appended the replacements will also include your name.

Names on Shirts:

Putting aside the fading issue above, for those who already have shirts without their names and/or for any future orders, we have made an arrangement with *E-Stitching*, Shop P14, The Lane, **Botany Town Centre**, who can embroider members name on their shirts for \$12.00. Now that most members have shirts it is more difficult to reach the quantity thresholds for new orders where names can be appended as part of the manufacturing process so we are now carrying more stock that obviously do not have names imprinted. Where members buy a stock shirt and wish to have their name on we will arrange to have that done with no additional charge.

A reminder our clothing rules provide names must conform to the same colour and font and members can choose between their first and surname, first name only and, though we don't encourage it, in approved instances a nickname.

For any member who wants to have their name embroidered on an existing shirt, E-Stitching have the colour and font on their database. Their shop is just around the corner from Mister Minit, opposite the New World supermarket.

Any queries, please discuss with a member of the Clothing Committee, Ken McIntyre, Flemming Andersen or Gary Finnemore .

1st Year Men's Singles

In the last Buzz we mentioned 3 players had qualified into the knock out phase. Bradley Hendricks had a real tussle with Ron Cherry then came up against Allan Parker.

Allan won the final and all the new bowlers are to be congratulated on a great standard.



Remember

Thursday 16th June

**See Page 3 if you have
forgotten. !!**

**NOWFrom the 'Team' who revived the Twilight Bowlsgreat news. WINTER SUNDAYS
Irene and Maurice Turley Ph 532 8454 or entries to the blackboard downstairs.**

What:

Bowls 'n Burgers



Where:

Howick Bowling Club

Who:

All welcome. Members \$5, non-members \$10.

Single Entry each time

When:

Sunday 5th June (Queens Birthday weekend)

to Sunday 31st July (and possibly longer)

1.45pm (for 2pm start) to 5pm



Social Bowls

9 Sundays of congenial 'no cook' afternoons!!

Gear:

Flat soled shoes and (warm) mufti. Artificial Surface.

Bowls:

Provided to non-members.

Format:

Two games of drawn pairs or triples (to suit attendance)



Followed by: Hamburger/Frankfurter and light dessert

Bar:

Open PRIZES: **SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT !**



June 11th Women's Club AGM 9.30 am

June 10th Winterclub Interclub Entries close

June 16th TRIVIA NIGHT 7 pm

June 18th Men's Club AGM 9 am

July 2nd Canoe & Campi Coaching starts

Saturday & Monday coaching 9am

Plus our weekly bowls:

Tuesday mornings 9.30 –12.30

Wednesday Open Triples 9.30— 4

Friday 2-4-2 1pm –4.30

It is important you are ready 15 minutes before these starting times to enable the convenors to play too.

Contributions welcome any time.

Remember to look at our club website howickbowls.nz

On behalf of the committees, Cecilie McIntyre

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