



Howick Bowls Buzz

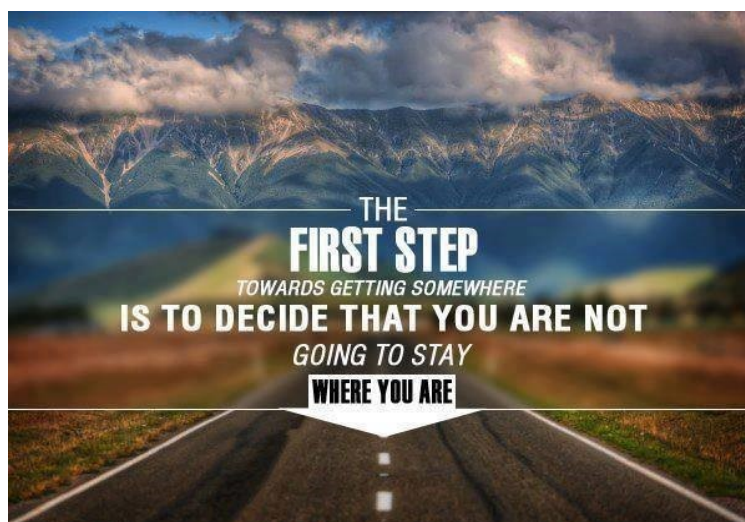
November 2016



Opening Day September 24th

Amalgamation Decision

On Sunday 6th November around 120 members engaged in a robust discussion very ably chaired by Past President Malcolm Martin and the vote resulted in a decisive majority in favour of amalgamating the two clubs.



HOWICK BOWLING CLUB – NEW DIRECTION

As Chair for the very hard working Amalgamation sub committee I would like to thank all those who came along on Sunday morning to participate in the very robust discussion concerning the proposed Amalgamation of the two clubs. It was very pleasing to see so many there, and so many who were willing to stand up and speak on the subject.

The first step has been taken, the agreement for the two clubs to continue to develop a single Constitution for the new club, Howick Bowling Club, representing both the women and the men. This will take a lot of hard work for the clubs and consultation with members during this process will be a very important part of getting this new Constitution right. A number of speakers raised very salient points during the debate and I am certain the Executives will take these on board during the next stage.

Once the new Constitution has been developed and finalised it will be presented to all members for comment and feedback. This feedback is important as it confirms that the work done meets the goals and aspirations of the Howick Bowling Clubs members moving forward. Auckland Bowls will be made aware of the changes and will check to ensure the new Constitution meets the requirement for a Centre Affiliated Club. There may also be a requirement to have the document vetted legally to ensure compliance to the Incorporated Societies Act etc. This will need to be confirmed.

Only after these steps are completed will the remaining actions required to form the new club be carried out.

It is then there will be the call for nominations for the positions on the new Executive and it will be “business as usual”. The two Club Executives are aiming to reach this stage in time for the 2017/2018 seasons.

Thank you all on behalf of the Amalgamation Sub Committee.

Malcolm Martin

As was emphasised several times during the meeting, for the **playing of bowls** in our club it will be “Business as usual”, summer and winter.

The changes are to streamline the administration of Howick Bowls.



WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

All events run on the two life system - 3 games played per day.

See pages 15 & 16 in your handbook for full details of all competitions.

Championship Singles - 26th & 27th November - entries close Wednesday 23rd November.

Championship Pairs - 14th & 15th January.

Look for entry forms to be out at least two weeks before the start of an event.

Betty Rush,

Match Convenor

MEN'S CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just a reminder that entries to the Club Open Championship events close **at 5 pm of the Wednesday prior to each event.**

Championship Fours to be played 26 & 27 November 2016

Championship Pairs 10 & 11 December 2016

Championship Triples 17 & 18 December 2016

Championship Singles 14 & 15 January 2017

Each event will be played on the basis of 3 qualifying games on the first day(two and three winners qualify) then post section on the second day. Please note that the final may be held over to finals day set down for 11 & 12 March 2017.

Please place entries on the respective boards near the Men's downstairs notice board.

Warwick Alexander

Championship Convenor



One of our two trophy cabinets

Auckland Centre Women's Pairs were played 12th & 13th November .

Congratulations to **Diane Harris and Sue Peters** who won 6 rounds and will now play Pt Chev. (Aggie Motu and Kirsty Hill) in the final. The date for that to be confirmed.

Their closest match was the semi-final when they beat Alison Rennie and Jill Fraser 17/16.



Most Club **Junior Champ** events will be played after Christmas, but the **Junior Men's Pairs** were played on November 12th & 13th.

Winners after a great tussle were **James Drummond and Greg Holt** who beat Maurice Turley and Wally Mearns in the final.



Opening day photos.



Lex leading the members.



Peter, Club Member of the Year and Club Captain, rolls the jack.



Kay, Women's Singles Runner Up with the opening bowl.



Thanks to all members who brought a plate and enjoyed the opening day catch up and play, and to these ladies who help so often.

Another thanks to those men who regularly help set up the greens for our play during the year.

It's always good to see Junior teams represent our club. Wally, Val, Rosemary and Greg played in a 2 day tournament at Pt Chevalier over Labour weekend.





Club Captain's Corner

Hi Bowlers This is the last report for the year - where has the year gone!! Unfortunately the Summer Season did not get off to a good start with two Wednesdays and three Fridays rained off.

At long last the weather has improved - although has been very windy. We have been getting really good turn outs for our weekly Tournaments, numbers seem to be on the up, that's great keep it up.

Our Interclub Club Teams have done us very proud. We had two teams go into the Finals unfortunately they missed out but they all did very very well. Well done to all.

On the **6th November we had a special General Meeting -**

Re Amalgamation of the Ladies and Men's Bowls Club. Malcolm Martin chaired the meeting, the meeting went very well and it was voted to amalgamate. The Sub Committee have done an outstanding job of putting the reports together.

The Committee will have a meeting to sort everything out before the next A.G.M. in June 2017

To finish off, a great big thank you once again to all our volunteers, who have helped to make our club the great club that it is.

To all Members and Families, Merry Christmas to all, have a safe and happy Christmas. Don't forget the club Christmas party on December 12th, it's always a great evening.

Peter O'Flaherty



Interclub Women's report

Thanks to all those who participated in the Interclub played on October 1st. 8th and 15th.

It was a frustrating time with the bad weather, and the number of players that needed to be replaced due to a variety of reasons. Special thanks must go to Russell McKay (Red team captain) for his forbearance as players changed almost on a daily basis.

There are still games to be played in Division 2, and we wish them good luck and good bowling.

Ladies National Interclub 29/30th October.

Unfortunately it was not to be our year and we missed qualifying by one point.

We do however congratulate the men's Division 1 and 2 teams for qualifying in great style

Men Auckland Bowls Saturday Interclub was played over 3 weekends in October

36 entries vying for 32 places. Excellent results from four teams of eight playing pair's and four's

Premier. Hck. Fencibles 1st 36pts **Div. 1** Hck. Settlers 3rd 28pts

Div. 4 Hck. Pioneers 2nd 36pts **Div. 4** Hck. Mariners 4th 26pts

Howick Bowling Club were the host/headquarters for the National Interclub Oct.29-30th, Nov.5th.

We entered 3 teams with singles, pair's, and fours per team.

Div.1 Hck. Fencibles and **Div.2** Hck. Settlers both qualified for post section play.

Div.2 Hck. Pioneers did not quality.

After round 1 in post section Hck. Fencibles and Settlers proceeded no further.

Eventual winners: Div.1 Hillsboro Gold Div.2 Ellerslie Bronco's



Heartland Twilight Bowls

With the summer season under way, Thursday Heartland Twilight Bowls has now been held over the last three weeks. Attendance by members, and non-members alike, has gradually increased with the numbers for last week reaching 27 Players.

It is pleasing that we are attracting learner bowlers who we encourage to join the Club as their interest grows and the season progresses. Some are already attending coaching/ instruction sessions and we are grateful for the support being provided by those coaches.

All members are welcome to Twilight Bowls but it is necessary to record your wish to play by either phoning 532 8454 by 3.0pm on the Thursday or by recording your name on the sheet available next to the Ladies Notice Board.

A light meal is also provided for the 'princely' sum of \$5.00 for Members and \$10.00 for visitors.

We enjoy the easy congeniality of 'Twilight' and thank our members who are always willing to assist in any way they can.

Irene and Maurice Turley



Contact details for newer members or changes.

Bruce Hickman. 532 8337
Michael Savage 09 9400090
Selwyn March 576 6222

Lynley Figgins 537 2889
Please alter your Handbook lists

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LiquorLand
Wine. Beer. Spirits.

Ham Tournament.... Liquorland Howick. Wednesday December 14th.

Pax Vermeulen has done a sterling job organising the entries and sponsors again.

He asked me to report the tournament entry is FULL , but please note the starting time is 9AM, not the usual Wednesday tournament starting time.

If you haven't entered but would like to be on the reserve list please let him know, there are often last minute defections in tournaments which are organised so far ahead.



Howick off to a winning start for new lawn bowling season.

Bryan Chapman Howick Men's Bowling Club and current Auckland rep **Linda Ralph**, an associate club member, currently playing for Carlton Cornwall paired up to win the **Auckland 2-4-2** mixed pairs event, thereby earning the right to represent the Club & Auckland Centre in the NZ finals in Dunedin March 6/7 2017.

In the semifinals they played ex Northland Rep Kenny Fitness and Kirsty Hill from Onehunga & Districts. After a tight game in which Chapman & Ralph played an exceptionally strong game in trying conditions they won and went on to play Barry Aspen and current Auckland rep Doreen Jensen. After being behind early they came back to win the final and be crowned 2016/2017 champions. Well done Bryan & Linda.

CLUB SHIRTS:

A new order of stock shirts has arrived. Any member wishing to purchase a shirt please contact:

Men: Ken McIntyre, Flemming Andersen or Gary Finnemore

Women: Paulene Murdoch

If you want your name embroidered we have an arrangement with **e-stitching**, 3 The Lane, Botany Town Centre, adjacent to New World, just around the corner from Mr Minit. They know the style and colour etc.

CLUB JACKETS:

If you are interested in purchasing a club jacket please advise Ken McIntyre on 027-535 7121 or ken.mcintyre46@gmail.com. We require about ten orders to proceed so Ken will come back to you when the position is known. Jackets are \$100 each and you will be able to have your name appended as part of the production process and price.



Congratulations to "**HOWICK SETTLERS**" one of our teams which qualified for the post section 2016 National Interclub. There were some exciting and close games. Well done to all team members and Manager Merv Mildon.

Singles. Michael Savage

Pairs. Colin Harris, Rick Meyrick.

Fours. Gary Finnimore, Ming Fong, Pax Vermuelen, John Taylor.

VETERAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Feb. 21st and 25th . March 7th 2017

Start Time 9 am

15 ends – 3 bowls

Entries close 4 pm Friday 17th February

PLEASE NOTE

The days, dates and starting times have been changed from the information printed in the Handbook. (**NOT Feb 25th**)

Conditions are listed on the sign on the Men's Notice Board.

Please read them.

Have a Go Day Last month, all over Auckland, clubs welcomed new bowlers.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

All members and partners welcome.

Monday 12th December at Howick Bowling Club **Tickets \$20 pp**

Make up a table if you would like to. Get your tickets from; Maureen Ransley Ph. 533 1595



Always a great night, so come and enjoy!!!!



LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH and BOWLS



Saturday 17th. December

Bowls in the morning, single entry on the board
OR to Pauline Murdoch Ph.533 8890

BRING a PLATE LUNCH

Christmas raffles (3)

Champagne ham

Christmas cake

Champagne

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Garden Day last Sunday was another successful event, around 30 members visiting 3 gardens followed by a lunch at the club prepared by the Palmer ladies. Most then played 2 games of 'friendly bowls'. Great value for the \$10. Thanks to all who helped in various ways.



Some of the members at
Sue & Dave Bevan's and
Val Lott & Allan Parker's.



Around the club !

Thanks to Glennis Davey for running the Tuesday morning bowls winter and summer and also the winter Wednesdays.



BAR VOLUNTEERS WANTED



The many volunteers who assist with bar duties provide a great service to members, the more we have the lighter the burden on those who help.

We are seeking some **more volunteers** for the rosters so please consider offering to assist.

We are also looking for another person or two who can hold bar manager positions.

Full training will be provided for these positions.

Please contact

Flemming 535 2531



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Pip, David, Val & Allan after one of their games.

Tuesday mornings "Single Entry" has been great fun, and a way to welcome some of the newer bowlers and those happy to play a half day. All welcome.



Twice a year a group help sort out the library books.

The only 'rule' when you borrow the books is to return them to the basket on the table with the date inside. (Add a comment if you wish.) This way we know when books have been read, and can replace those which have not been taken out in the last year.

Thanks to those members who donate good quality books and the helpers.



31/10/2016

Club Member and Handyman Norm Spencer has some lovely new furniture he has made for sale.

Price list and photos on internal noticeboard or see Norm.



WHIST

An easy card game played on Thursday mornings in our club room. 10 am start.

New folks are very welcome.

This year we are having a shared lunch, bring a plate on December 1st.

Next year starts on Thursday 5th January.

We are having a break in December after our Dec 1st party (after our play.)

For more information visit the Whist players on Thursdays. **Mary Bird** Ph 534 9675



The reminders which Flemming and Diane regularly send out by email, and put on the Notice Boards supplement the Buzz to keep you up to date.

Please also use the Handbooks to follow what is happening at our club.

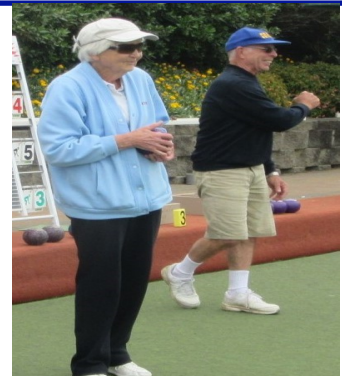
Take note of the dates mentioned on Page 3 of this Buzz and please enter as many club champ events as you can. Juniors do NOT need to stick to the Junior events. The best way to gain experience is to play, and you will find the older more experienced members are always willing to help.

Coaching is held throughout the year.

In the summer it is on Saturday and Tuesday mornings from 9 am.

Contact Ralph Pemberton Ph 534 8911 or Harry Williams Ph 534 4031 or just turn up. Bowls are available to help prospective members get started. Encourage friends to come to try too.

Mary and Harry pictured here are two of many members who give their time to encourage and coach you.



KITCHEN HELP.

We would like to make a list of people (both men and ladies), who could assist at times with tea and coffee duties on the days that Centre has our greens. If you can assist please ring **Cora** Ph 534 8623



COACHING COURSE

Mary is organising (depending on numbers), a first level coaching course. **Date 1st and 2nd April 2017**

If you would be interested in becoming a coach, please get in touch with MARY Ph 5349675.

Mary would just like to ascertain any interest, it is not a commitment at this stage.

Contributions are welcome any time.

Please support all our Sponsors.

Remember to look at our club website which is kept up to date by Don Rush. Previous copies of the Buzz can be found here as well as Club History articles and information. howickbowls.nz

On behalf of the committees. Cecilie McIntyre cecilie@xtra.co.nz

Remember the Club Christmas Dinner. 12th December. For all members and families. See Page 10.