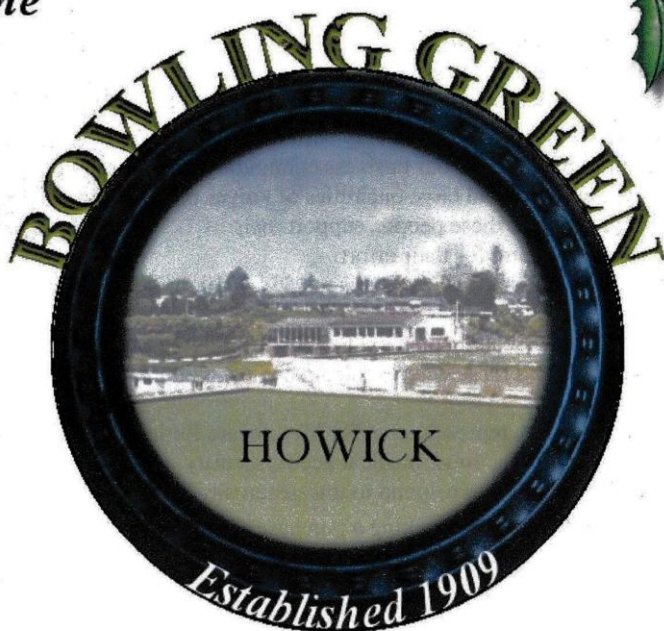


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Howick Bowling Club Incorporated
Mens and Womens club



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From Men's President Paul Farrands

KNIFE SETS - FUNDRAISING

Only a few knife sets left - a great effort.

Thanks to Bob Smith & son Mark who introduced us to the project. Some members worked very hard - well done!!

We are grateful to members of our business community, who at no gain to themselves, sold large quantities of knives on our behalf. Take note of these people, support their businesses and praise them for their effort.



(1) Des & Larry at Howick Village Butchers, 534 4010, for all meat, poultry and Xmas ham supplies.

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(3) Mike Durrant - sales representative for Metlifecare Retirement Villages, 533 0600. Excellent living conditions, food, medical needs, security.

The only way for our clubs to respond to this generosity is for each of us to personally thank them - even if we are not making a purchase. Do your bit!!

TOWER INSURANCE A reminder From Bob Shannon

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(Principal sponsor of Auckland Bowls) also pays a commission.

A friend of a member recently invested \$40,000 for 18 months at 8% p.a.- result \$300 commission to the club

HOWICK BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the Howick Bowling Club Newsletter in the new format.

The magazine's objective will be to present detailed information about events, results, achievements of teams and individuals, profiles on club members and activities around the club. Information relating to members activities would be included with photos when possible. Topics of general interest that may be included: wanted to buy, for sale, lost & found, gardening tips, computer advice etc. Regular reports from members e.g. Juniors, Ladies, Mens, Social Committee etc. for each issue. All *healthy* contributing articles gratefully accepted. This is an opportunity to voice views and opinions to all, not just "Mates"

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Numerous contributors are involved with this presentation , we hope you enjoy it.

MEN'S REPORT

JUNIOR INTER CLUB Norman Spencer

Congratulations to *Kevin Dumper/Albert Christian*

In winning the Handicapped pairs.

Junior twilight Inter club is stuttering along having only played one out of three games so far, due to weather cancellations. Howick have 4 teams competing, consisting of five players per team. One triple, one pairs.

Howick is very blessed with a strong Junior representation, both men & ladies and like all clubs, welcome new members. We want to keep them, so go out of your way to make them welcome, and if new members or any Juniors have any queries, problems or recommendations where we may be failing perhaps, please let me know. We aim to please.

MEN'S MIDWEEK OPEN / ALTERNATIVE TOURNAMENT

Gerald Flood-Smith

Entries to both tournaments have held up reasonably well. While additional teams would be welcome, attracting outside teams is difficult due to the large number of other summer tournaments competing for teams.

Each of our Open Tournaments has attracted 32 teams and the Alternative 22/24 teams.

A special thank-you to Skips/Team Leaders for their co-operation in responding to my request that they establish the availability of each of their team members by the Sunday preceding each Wednesday tournament. The system has worked well.

Additional entries are being sought for the Club's ham tournament (triples) on Tuesday 16 December. On this occasion team entry fee will be \$30 but the ham prizes by size and number will fully compensate for the additional \$2 charge per player.

The next Men's Alternative midweek triples is scheduled for 14 January. The Men's open games are scheduled for 3 December *Tuesday* 16 December, Ham Tournament.

Regular tournaments recommence on 7 January 2004.

I would particularly like to hear from any club member who would like to play in these tournaments but is not in a team. A call to 534 2506 would be very welcome.

Finally a very Happy Christmas to all members of both clubs.

MEN'S REPORT

JUNIOR INTER CLUB Frank Walmsley

A different format for the competition this year.

Optional teams triples & pairs, as against men's triples previously.

The weather has played havoc with the competition, only three of our teams having played twice and one team played three times out of five nights.

Howick Gold and Blue are holding their own in section 1 whilst Howick Green and Yellow are gaining plenty of experience in the other sections which should pay dividends in the years to come.

COACHING

Coaching is still available on Monday mornings. A short break will be taken over the Christmas period. For members who find Monday morning unsuitable coaches will make every effort to make themselves available at more convenient times.

ROLL UPS

We have had over the last two years quite a good number of new bowlers.

It is pleasing to notice the more experienced members who concentrate mainly on the Roll up afternoons, are assisting the new people and making them feel welcome both on the greens and in the Club rooms

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My Early Days in New Zealand

In 1957 while working as a 'nanny' to a family - living on the Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey, England - I was asked if I would join the household of Viscount and Lady Cobham, who was soon to be Governor General of New Zealand.



I joined the Cobham family with their eight children at their summer holiday home in Devon. We were one big family with a Governess and friend I had met while working in London. We then moved to Hagley Hall, their stately home near Birmingham, to pack for the six-week voyage to Wellington on the 'Rangatiki'.

The voyage out gave my girl friend and myself a great time on the ship. Lady Cobham said that it wouldn't be much fun for us eating in the first-class dining room. So we had first-class cabins with the children, and the run of the whole ship with our meals and free-time spend in tourist class. All the staff travelled with us - footman, chauffeur, maids and cooks - it was a good chance to get to know everyone.

We arrived in Wellington on a cold wet day on the 5th September, 1957, and whisked off to Government House. This was to be my new life for the next 2-1/2 years, with 9 months of each year in Wellington and three in Auckland. My friend and I helped to care for the younger children and the older girls during the school holidays.

Lady Cobham was a kind homely person and would call us to see her when dressed and ready to go downstairs in the evening. She always looked stunning especially with her fair hair. The things I will always remember is trying to get the 3 year old twins to curtsy to their mother first thing in the mornings, and to get the older children into the dining room for breakfast before their father arrived.

Moving to Auckland every year was a great event as everything was packed, including all bedding, into huge boxes. All the staff went on the overnight train, to unpack again in the old Auckland Government House - now part of Auckland University. We were in Auckland to see the opening of the Harbour Bridge in 1959, where I was one of the thousands who walked over it.

Government House entertained many important visitors. I had the pleasure to meet the late Queen Mother twice on her visit to NZ, firstly when she stayed in Wellington then again in Auckland. The Queen Mother always brought staff with her, and we liked to help them. It was my job to take the Queen Mother's maid 'Bo Bo' her morning cup of tea. It was tricky one day when one of her page boys found me in the Butlers Pantry with the Queen Mother's 'Union Jack' tea cosy on my head.

Being in New Zealand was a wonderful experience for two teenage girls, we loved the Balls and helped in the cloakrooms, taking the ladies 'rabbit' furs, and made sure they were wearing white gloves.

In 1960 it was time to return home to England, and my girlfriend and I caught a ship to Sydney then had a six weeks holiday while waiting for the 'Fair Sky'. I met my future husband onboard ship, and it was eleven years later that I returned to New Zealand with husband Ken and three small children.

When the children were all off to school I joined Farmers Trading Co. where I worked for more than 20 years, and made many friends with staff and customers.

I joined the Howick Bowling Club as a novice bowler six years ago, and never dreamed that I would be President for this year, and I am really enjoying the experiences.

On retiring three years ago I joined the Howick Historical Village where I help with the school children visiting groups, and at weekends act as tour guide.

My wish is for you and your family to enjoy a happy and safe Christmas, with good bowling in the year ahead.

Joan Ransom
(President)

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMITTEE REPORT Clive Cockle

Executive met 17 November 2003.

Re Auckland Centre Competitions. Members should check the Centre handbook for closing date of entries and forward to Club Secretary *before* the closing date. Cheques should be made out to "Auckland Bowls Inc." not Howick BC.

Dogs:

Executive agreed that no dogs should be allowed inside the Club rooms.

Auckland Bowls are attempting to obtain e-mail addresses of bowlers, so that they can pass on Centre information directly to the members. Those members with e-mail addresses should consider passing on address to Auckland Bowls: jean@aucklandbowls.co.nz

ALMONER Men's

This club has two almoners, namely, Ray Haycock and Cecil Jones but neither of them receive information about sick or hospitalised members in time to make arrangements for a card or a visit. If you know of someone who is sick or in hospital who would appreciate a visit, please contact us :

Ray Haycock 534 7541

Cecil Jones 534 9093

Currently John Carroll is convalescing at home following major surgery. Ian Cunningham is still house bound following major surgery. *Doug Farrell* has been ill, welcome back *Doug*.

Trevor King has been recovering slowly in Ward 8 at Middlemore and is now at home. We wish them well.

HOUSIE

Housie is held in the Clubhouse every Thursday evening from 7.30. It's a great atmosphere - a big evening for a small outlay and it's a major fundraiser for the Club. Supper is provided. Last night for this year is Dec 18th resuming again Jan15th. Bring a friend along.

CARDS

All you card sharps take note

Bolivia Monday 10am

' 500' Wednesdaypm

Whist Thursday 10am

phone *Mary Bird* for details 534 9675

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of ladies reading glasses has been handed in to the bar personnel. These are in an attractive tortoiseshell case and the kind that fold up to fit in pocket or purse.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Fred Chipperfield fellow gardeners and advisers to qualify for this award.



LADIES REPORT

News from the Junior Ladies Club Captain:-

The intermediate singles for Leads & twos had a high representation of junior ladies, and eight of the eleven qualifiers were junior players. The eventual winner was Pamela Boyd and runner-up Lorna Boyd, both promising junior players, and sought after leads, when any team competition arises. Also we have mixed junior inter-club teams that compete on a Thursday evening at various clubs within the Auckland area. The major event for junior ladies is the "Simpson Cup", held at the end of January, and one Howick has enjoyed success in the past. At this present time we have a possible 6 - 8 teams, for this competition, an indication of the keenness of our junior ladies. On the 18th January we are holding a "Seven Year & Under" open ladies triples, as a lead-up to this competition. Once again coaching and practise time will be available on a Tuesday evening, for competition teams, and individuals. The Sunday tournaments for Open Mixed Juniors - 6 Years & Under, have finished for the year and begin again on March 14th, and April 11th 2004. I wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, and Good Bowling.

Pat McDonnell.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Club is holding a social event on Friday 12th December from 7.30pm. Ladies bring a plate and men pay \$5.00. Enter your names on the blackboard in the lower bar - partners and friends are most welcome.

Bob Holt has generously donated a sound system to the Club and compiled some dance music so dust off those dancing shoes and enjoy a fun evening.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Jenny Letcher is organising Christmas raffles and contributions are welcome in the form of hamper items. Jenny is particularly looking for suitable baskets to be donated. Please bring items to the Club and leave in the box downstairs.

KITCHEN HELP

Yvonne Flood-Smith would welcome offers to man the kitchen on Wednesdays for the Open Triples competitions. Duties are not too onerous and you will be free after the lunch dishes are cleared away. Can YOU help?

LADIES REPORT

FROM THE MATCH CONVENOR: Phyllis Yuill

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

SINGLES; Winner, Nola Priestley, Runner Up, Linda Ralph.

TRIPLES; Still in progress. Three teams left with one life each.
Betty Rush, Christine Gibson, Joy Baughan.
Estelle Hickey, Nola Priestley, Glennis Davey.
Sue Bevan, Shirl Carey, Pam Boyd.

B. Rush team to play S. Bevan team at 9.00 am Sat. 6th December the winner to play E. Hickey team in a final.

PAIRS; Estelle Hickey, Glennis Davey (2 lives) to play Phyllis Yuill, Adrienne Mandel (1 life) in finals at 9.00 am on Sun. 7th December.

DRAWN GRADED FOURS have been rained off twice and a new date is yet to be set. Watch the notice board.

Other Competitions - All played with one day qualifying followed by sudden death the next day.

BELL TRIPLES; Winner, Nola Priestley, Kathy Jenkins, Ellen Taylor.
R/Up, Linda Ralph, Norah Spencer, Mary Fong.

INTERMEDIATE SINGLES; An all Boyd final. (no relationship)
Winner, Pam Boyd. Runner-up, Lorna Boyd.

SENIOR SINGLES; Winner, Joy Baughan Runner-up, Nola Priestley.

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