

The Glen Eden bowling club

GAZETTE

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Hello *ALL* Club Members,

Due to an extremely cold wet winter and with no lively Social Committee breathing life into our club during that period, with just a handful of bowling and social members frequenting our pavilion over that bad period, our treasurer could not print a very pretty picture of our financial position for a number of monthly meetings and we headed to our AGM with the ways and means to change the red writing on his reports and trusted the incoming committee would change these to black.

With changes approved by you our members, an extensive Membership Drive was begun particularly for Social Members and this has been a great success with an addition of near 50 being accepted as members and from these we have 8 First Year Players who in time will bolster our bowling membership which even as we write is in excess of 160 of young and not so young, this in itself has started removing the frown lines from our treasurers brow.

However just being a member and not frequenting your club is not the ideal situation and as each one of you receive this Gazette and reads it please remember *your frequent attendance makes the club tic.*

Was it just yesterday we began our Bowling Season firstly with the Walker Memorial on September 16th the Handicap Singles come and gone Saturday Interclub into the final round Graded Fours ended Handicap Pairs decided Thode Cup completed and what a grand Family Night in October attended by so many two tournaments cancelled by rain and a further day reduced to just two games and a mention also that the Men's and Ladies Champ Fours have been completed.

This shows just how busy our club has been since new committees were formed and might I add with plenty more to follow in the months to follow as will be shown a little further into this epistle.

Entries to those fixtures mention have been reasonable to excellent but the Bowls Committee would prefer to see more entries for club events and a less tardy approach to enter teams in our tournaments to encourage our sponsors to continue supporting the GEBC when they see larger numbers in attendance at prize presentation times.

Keep you Club Bible (Handbook) handy at all times referring to the calendar frequently and see you and your teams are on the boards for as many events you are able *a list of must does follows further on* with a week by week itinerary with a couple of additions requiring you support just that little bit extra.

Here are a few happenings that also have been dealt with since way back in July: -



Because we are now amalgamated and are awaiting councils take over of the past ladies club a member looked into the premises and noted their unkempt look and how overgrown the property had become, *soo* Club Members of all ages gathered there on a Saturday in July for the big clean up of the Clubrooms, Green and surrounds.

Due to the sterling effort for three days during the preceding week by club stalwarts Des & Lorna Hollings Ron Alexander and Norm Bailey the back of the work was broken enabling the whole place to be made spic and span on the Saturday.

Including the above four the others involved were: - Bev Nash, Yvonne Jaquierey, Margaret Sawell, Rona & Barney Clark, Vera & Don Greenhalgh, Yvonne Peter & Kath Lipsham, Brenda & Graeme Bradford, Audrey Roberts, Doreen & Pat Burgoyne Judy & Bo Olsson, Les Dunn, Martin Cornall Bob Lee, Kevin Wood, Murray Le Prou and Keith Broderson

What a magnificent turnout---The Club spirit is well and truly alive and long may it continue.

Following the AGM our Gaming Machines have been up-graded to a very high standard with some digital screens we also now have the latest Plasma 50" T. V. with all three Sports Channels & the weather channel which can be shown on our other 2 T. V's. as well

We mention here that thanks to three Life Members in Roy Gash, Peter Lipsham and Dennis Judd towards their *not inconsiderable donations* towards the T. V. to enable us to go Digital.

We were also again fortunate in obtaining a grant from The Waitakere Trust for the funds to cover and heat our deck area for all seasons and mention that on some quiet nights this is used more than the pavilion, certainly a worthwhile acquisition.

Also at our AGM you approved steps to be taken to either change a green to all weather surface or have an additional green for that purpose which we can then have a winter programme which will bring our and other bowlers to us during what have been quite quiet months and will enable us to make more use of the club facilities

Our Committee headed by Dave McMurchy has plans well in hand and will be able to present the facts and figures to you our members at a special meeting in due course to proceed with the most proven changes.

Your committee is performing at a very high standard and we must all be pleased with those members who are putting so much effort into the many improvements our club must have and would add here that all this is being handled in a very professional manner even with the blessing of our serious treasurer.



Graeme Bradford with his voluntary helpers has changed the direction of the Social requirements and has implemented ideas that *are* bringing new members to the club much more so than the very recent years.

PLEASE TAKE PAGES 3 & 4 AND ATTACH IT TO YOUR DAILY REMINDER BOARD.
It records a busy and important calendar of Bowls-Social-and Family events from this week and into January 2007



HAM RAFFLES. These will be on the 100 number board and will continue til near Christmas

FRIDAY MEMBERSHIP DRAW stands at \$550 (17.11.06). Jackpot must go at \$1000 so get down to the Club on a Friday night, not in attendance if your number comes up then it will Jackpot-Raffles, Food, Draw and of course good company.

There will be no membership draw between 16 December and 12 January.

MOVIE NIGHT is Sunday December 3rd at GEBC starting with your first drink free at 4.30, pizzas at 5.30, free popcorn and "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" showing at 6pm.

Tickets must be purchased for catering purposes available from Graeme Bradford or at the bar - \$15

KIDS XMAS PARTY is December 16th .- \$15 Please note the change of time 1pm-3pm to allow for last round of Men's Interclub to be played in the morning.

Please place names on the board by the end of November and money to Les Dunn.

CLUB XMAS PARTY is also December 16th. We request **ALL** Interclub Players both Ladies & Men either come along or remain at the club for this afternoon and evening as the Interclub BBQ is now combined with the Xmas Party. There will be fun bowls played from 3.30pm till 4.30pm approximately but with a family atmosphere. Children welcome! Dress up in the Christmas spirit, there will be a prize for best hat!!!

BOWLS The first of a busy calendar is this Friday with the Masterframe Sponsored Twilight Pairs to be played on both greens until dusk with a BBQ after the first game.

Please enter your names on the board for a 6pm start @ \$10 per team.

Other members present can enjoy the sausage and onions BBQ @ \$2 per head.

CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES Ladies & Men's close Nov. 24th play follows next day.

SUNDAY HAM TOURNAMENT '3D Cup' Optional Fours Sponsored again by Martin Cornall.

TWILIGHT FRIDAY EVENING OPT. PAIRS 15th December sponsored by Ross Hulme.

With another family night. BBQ available for players and other members.

WEDNESDAY OPEN OPT. TRIPLES HAM TOURNAMENT 20TH. December sponsored by the Mad Butcher.

NOW LOOKING AT THE JANUARY EVENTS

ADDITIONAL FRIDAY OPT. TRIPLES TOURNAMENT. To herald in the New Year on Friday 5th. January we have added another tournament sponsored by Geneva Finance the Format for which is still being dealt with by the Bowls Committee and will include a BBQ lunch this is to cater for us bowlers who will not be away during the break and other clubs will also be invited. Please watch the notice boards for this day which will be slightly different ***you will enjoy this day.***

SUNDAY TOURNAMENT The very important 'Glenn Tough Memorial Tournament' is set down yet again for the 14th. January and is sponsored by the Tough Family and is a must for our members.

FAMILY FRIDAY TWILIGHT NIGHT After the very successful family night last October our sponsors Ray White Real Estate Henderson with Joe Vordouw & Graeme Storie will be present along with some other staff members to again assist us with another similar family night with the addition of social bowls and a bouncy castle for the kidiwinkies. The usual BBQ will be available and we thank the sponsors for their interest in our club. Please members bowling and social come along and enjoy this evening with us!!!

JACK SUTTON PLATE Wednesday 17th. January sponsored by our friends from Greenview Park Village which is as usual single entry drawn but not progressive. Bowling members this is another day just for us.

JUBILEE CUP Anniversary Weekend 27-28 January for which most of you will have received your Invitation has been changed to an Open Optional Triples event played over the two days of 7 games to be won on wins ends & points with various cash prizes. Please be amongst the first 32 entries so get these in now!!!

HALL HIRE: Please note that our facilities are available to hire with special concessions to our own members. Call Brenda on 634 7890 or pick up an application form which are on the wall behind the big screen TV.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES

HOUSIE: Fred and his team and doing a sterling job every second Tuesday Night– Come and join in 6.30-8.30pm. Next session 28th November.

Congratulations to the following members – a great effort and marvellous representation for our Club.

Auckland Saturday Interclub: Premier Women placed third

Champ Four Winners:

MEN Ray Brown, John Holdsworth, Graeme Bradford, Varis Konstantinous

LADIES Fay Yates, Jenny Tough, Noeline Holdsworth, Val Brown

Semi-finalists Centre Triples: Fay Yates, Jenny Tough, Val Brown – resumed games to be played at Howick on Saturday 17 December at 2pm.

AUCKLAND CENTRE FOURS. Ray Brown, John Holdsworth, Graeme Bradford and Varis Konstantinous are through to the final eight after a shortened wet Saturday trust they go through to the end.





A word or two from our President Pat Kirkham.

Hi Brother & Sister Bowlers,

Just a short message to let you know that the club has picked up since the opening of the season. Graeme Burch our Treasurer has a smile on his face now that the bank balance is in the black, but there is no room to become complacent. It doesn't take much for things to swing the wrong way.

Thanks to the Greens Committee, Glen Eden has top greens again and it is wonderful to hear complimentary comments from visitors about our greens.

One small grizzle I have – I don't like hearing from the greens committee that on Tournament days they do not get much help with getting the mats and jacks out and doing small things like wiping the seats down and getting water jugs and glasses out.

Remember IT IS YOUR CLUB'S reputation as a well run club and such assistance is invaluable.

Sorry for the grizzle! Have lots of fun playing bowls and take part in all the functions and I am sure the rest of the season will be as good as it is to date.

Thank you
Pat Kirkham
President



WELFARE

Have just telephoned a few of our older members who have not been seen this season to date and they all say it has just been so inclement that they are leaving the gods to bring on the sunshine so that they can at least be down for roll ups. Laurie Mathews is now in the Dutch Village at Henderson unable to walk but is generally in good health. Tupae Pepe has been in hospital but we were not aware of this so if anyone knows of any sick members please advise President Pat for us to keep in touch.

Yours very sincerely

The Club Trumpeter.

A Fisherman's Woes
Dear Abby,



Now a funny to close this Gazette!!!



I have been blessed in my life with great parents, great wife and kids, great job and great education. When I finally retired I could hardly wait to spend my time enjoying my favorite pastime—bass fishing. I got my own little fishing boat and tried to get my wife to join me, but she never liked fishing. Finally one day at the Bait & Tackle Shop I got talking to Pat the shop owner who it turns out loves bass fishing as much as I do. We quickly became fishing buddies. As I said my wife doesn't care about fishing; she not only refuses to join us she always complains that I spend too much time fishing.

A few weeks ago Pat and I had the best fishing trip ever. Not only did I catch the most beautiful bass you've ever seen only a few minutes later Pat must have caught his twin brother! So I took a photo of Pat holding up the two nice bass that we caught and showed the picture to the wife hoping that maybe she'd get interested. Instead she says she doesn't want me to go fishing anymore! And she wants me to sell the boat! I think she just doesn't want me to enjoy myself. What would you do? Tell the wife to forget it and continue my hobby or quit fishing and sell the boat as she insists?

Thanks. A Fisherman.

P.S. I have enclosed the picture of Pat showing off the bass we caught.

Dear Fisherman

Get rid of the narrow minded wife.

