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Bowling club

GAZETTE

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Dear all Club Members,

Was it yesterday we had our official opening day or is it as we get older time goes by much faster? The summer bowling season draws to a close with our presentation day set down for Saturday 24th. May.

However there is still much for our bowlers to participate in and we list the following:-



Friday 25th. April the Anzac Day seeded Triples Tournament sponsored by the Glen Eden RSA with an Anzac Service at 9.30am followed by bowls at 10.00am. (*This is a Team Entry*) please get your entry in even as late as Thursday evening.

IMPORTANT ALTERATION TO PROGRAMME

Due to a change of date for Interclub Playoffs of which our club is involved (17th. May) Day one of the Championship Mixed Pairs is brought forward to Sunday 27th. April with closing day for entries on Friday 25th. April at 6.00pm.

This is a new Annual Event added to our Championship programme Sponsored by P. & Y. Lipsham and includes a new handsome Trophy. Be the first team to get your name on this trophy!!!

The 1-5 year Optional Pairs which entries close for again on Friday 25th. April at 6.00pm. will proceed on Saturday and day two has been put forward, entrants will be advised on the 26th.

Due to early greens renovations, there will only be one green available for the Hong Kong Pairs on Sunday 4th. May and can only accept 18 team entries. This event is sponsored by Mt Albert Retravisioin so do get your names up at once.

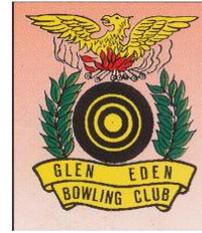
1st. Year Single close Friday 9th. May at 6.00pm so do get your entry up on the board for a start on the Saturday.

Another 18 Team Hong Kong Pairs is set down for Wednesday 14th. May sponsored by Thompson Memorials the board will be up for that by next week.

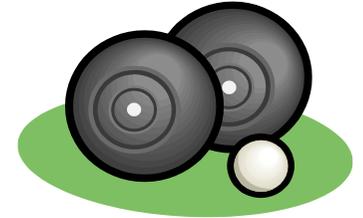
The Roll Up days are as to the book and remember:-



Prizegiving afternoon and evening is Saturday 24th. May at 3.00pm. **And we ask attending bowlers to please come in creams with emphasis on those receiving presentations!!!**



**Club Championships
Wednesday & Sunday
Open Tournaments
Interclub (all forms)
Jubilee Cup
Easter Classic Tournament**



It is most disheartening that the club of ours of some consequence with past records of some significance has had in the past two to three years a fall off of entrants for the above mentioned Championships, Tournaments and Interclub events.

We show here broken down figures of our bowling membership:-
Full Playing 142, Life 9, Full Playing over 80s 29, as at 1st. March.

Of our older group of players in some instances playing a full day of bowls is not within their capabilities but from the membership we have, many many players could and should vie for honours in all of these events etc?

Not for embarrasments sake we list here the 13 players who participated in our most important Tournament of the season the Easter Classic with prize money of \$10,000.00, they were:-

Ray Brown, Fay Yates, Phil Metcalfe, Jane Fenton, Bob O'Brien, John Halloran, Val Brown, Anton Laus, Murray Le Prou, Fay Downing, Rosemary Stephenson, Ned Marinich and Judy Olsson, just 13 bowlers three Club Teams and thanks to Judy for putting together a team from far afield.

We acknowledge that for various reasons some of our bowlers had other commitments but others could and should have entered teams???

However dwelling on the Classic we had 22 teams overall and almost to every Man & Woman who played praised our club persons for making this

Tournament one of their favorites' for their season and promise to return again next year.

Why did we not have more home teams???

That of course is that these uttering's now in the past and whilst it is worth dwelling upon note should be taken from these words for the next seasons events should they not?

Just a big thank you to all those volunteers who made the Classic the success it was and this includes the 11 singles markers who just on a minute's phone call offered their services so thanks to those as well.

Now to---



**Our Newly Completed
Artificial Green**



Much unjust comment has been passed since the this was first laid without thought to the fact that this surface was not to be enjoyably playable until much more work had to be done and from September until now it was difficult to play as well as some of our senior players would wish, but during that period and since its laying we have been able to play on this surface in some inclement weather and with much thanks to those willing volunteers who ran two x six weekly sessions of Social Bowls our coffers have benefited significantly and your club has prospered since its installation.

The reigns were handed over to Peter Lipsham (always give important tasks to those who have more than enough work of their own if you want success) and Peter has handled the task of seeing the completion of this green almost to the end and here are his comments:----

NEW SYNTHETIC GREEN.

“The new synthetic green is substantially complete and has been in use for a period now but the full advantage of the new green will become obvious throughout the winter months as the green will be open for play all year round.

When the green was first handed over to the Club in September it was obvious remedial work was required as the speed was too slow (only 13 seconds) and there were a lot of bumps and inconsistencies.

Remedial work was carried out after the Easter Classic, with the carpet being rolled back, another 4 tonnes of fine sand spread, the surface relevelled and rolled then the carpet was re-laid and retensioned.

After that remedial work the New Zealand Sports Turf Institute tested the green to ensure that it complied with the requirements of 'World Bowls

Performance Standard' for synthetic greens. (Full test results are available to view for those interested.)

Eight tests were carried out including green speed, surface draw and evenness, levels, water infiltration rate and surface cushioning. The new green passed all tests and the speed was measured at 14.7 seconds which is classed as a 'medium speed green'.

Since those tests, the contractors applied a heavy roller to the green and the result was a more consistent surface and a speed closer to 15 seconds.

The carpet manufacturer advises that the green speed should increase to 16 – 17 seconds over the next 12 to 18 months as the surface settles and weathers so all we can suggest is that you use and enjoy your new green”

All of us should thank Peter for the long hours he could ill afford, to enable us to have this green to the standard that it is and we are sure you will be one of the beneficiaries of his commitment. Thanks Peter.

Winter Bowls.

With the probable changing of the guard following the election for positions in our club, how about your suggestions of urgently putting together a program and the staffing required to run winter events.

A number of us have played elsewhere during the past winters and now should be playing at our own club, so what formats do **you** want?

Roll ups, Tournaments on what days (Wednesday-Sundays) of 3-4 Games played back to back morning and afternoon, 2 or 3 Game Saturday or Sundays (morning or afternoon). The Trumpeter is asking for your urgent suggestions so put them to paper and hand them to a present bowls committee person



Some changes have been made to our greens keeper situation with Evan's contract not being renewed and Murray Le Prou taking over meanwhile as Green Keeper with Martin Cornall acting as Green Superintendent until the election results come through on the 1st. May.

As of Monday 28th. April the 'B' green renovations begin a little earlier than usual this to take advantage of the reasonable weather at this time of the year. The Nationals are being held in Auckland soon after Christmas and our green will be used by Bowls NZ over that period



Social.

Alan Palmer has worked really hard this year in running the Social side of our club and is to be congratulated for arranging some great social evenings over many months all of which have been successful in hand with Don Hooper and his group of entertainers.



Fishing Social Section.

Under the auspices of Mark Todd this has been a well run addition to our club. Much was said by a few members about this section prior it being taken under the wing of the Social Section about where the money raised internally as to whom had control of these funds.

They are now banked as part of the social section and we should all get behind Mark for the members and fund raising he and Alan are doing for the benefit of the GEBC.

They have had a number of very well supported fishing trips to as far afield as the Great Barrier Island and many fish are brought back to the club to be raffled for the benefit of social funds and should be supported by as many members as can afford the tickets, Mark donates these fish at no cost to be raffled and should be thanked for his generosity.



Welfare.

In the hands of Pat Kirkham and Dennis Judd, Jenny Tough and Jim Grogan controlling the Welfare Funds, the families of those members we have lost recently have been approached for any help that section can offer them in their hour of need, and unfortunately we have lost some well respected members. Pat hopes to have Laurie Mathews with us more frequently as soon as he can arrange travel matters.

Des Hollings has had his problems in recent weeks and can now say he has had his by-pass and is well on the improve, hurry back Des as Brian & Fred Carr are a player short!!!



HOUSIE.

Fred Clark and his very friendly regular group of players turn up each Monday Evening and we do appreciate how much Fred and yourselves enjoy these weekly fun nights and how valuable you are to the harmony in our club.



Voting For Executive Positions.

You have received your voting papers for three Positions that have double nominations, ***Have you cast your democratic vote*** which closes 9.00am on May 1st.



Witticism for this Edition

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Three Australians and three Kiwis are traveling by train to a Rugby match at the World Cup in England. At the station, the three Aussies each buy a ticket and watch as the three Kiwis buy just one ticket between them.

"How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?" asks one of the Aussies. "Watch and learn lads," answers one of the Kiwis. They all board the train. The Aussies take their respective seats but all three Kiwis cram into a toilet and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket please."

The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The Aussies see this and agree it was quite a clever idea. So after the game, they decide to copy the Kiwis on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that).

When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Kiwis don't buy a ticket at all!!!

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed Aussie.

"Watch and learn lads" answers a Kiwi.

When they board the train the three Aussies cram into a toilet and soon after the three Kiwis cram into another nearby. The train departs.

Shortly afterwards, one of the Kiwis leaves the toilet and walks

over to the toilet where the Aussies are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket please."

Yours very sincerely

The Club Trumpeter.



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