

The new season has started and we are already into club competitions.

Opening day was a great start to the season with a great turnout. The men reversed the disturbing recent trend of female dominance with a narrow victory. The weather added to the occasion by turning on a very nice day indeed.

Club Days - Our first Wednesday club day was a wash out but since then have had good days with attendance of around 40. We are off to a good start and the standard of bowling was excellent for early season.

Pennants & Interclub - Pennants are also upon us and while first round games have been played, members are encouraged to put themselves up for selection. Interclub will also start soon and more names for the selectors can be added. Players should not decide if they are good enough themselves, that is the role of the selectors, so make yourself available. Great results from the first week in many of the games.

Club Championship events - It would be appreciated if, when you have made up your team to please enter it on the entry sheets in men's or women's rooms so others who would like to form a team know who is already committed and have plenty of time to organise this. The cooperation last season between the men and women, particularly with marking and assisting in club champs was excellent and strengthened the club. It is hoped that this will continue and strengthen.

Mixed Championship Fours – these needed to be postponed due to the appalling weather and a new date will be announced once a couple of free days are found. You will be advised as soon as this is known.

Club Handbook - Members should read their club programme booklet very carefully and note in their diaries or calendar all key dates. Please take some time to read about the formats of competitions. Club members are encouraged to have a chat with either of the club captains if they have concerns about any aspect of the clubs activities, we may not be able to solve everything but will listen and facilitate where needed.

Handicap Singles – as often this is not competed by closing day we have scheduled the first two rounds of handicap singles twilight games on a Monday. If people cannot play on these dates it **does not** exclude them from the competition but they will need to arrange and play their games in that time period. Speak with your club captain if you are in this position.

Rosters - The club runs on volunteer contribution from members so it is very important to note when duties fall and either do them or find a substitute.

Champ of Champ Triples from 15/16 season – as this was not played last year

due to a clash with another event it has been rescheduled for the weekend of 8th & 9th October at Raumati South BC. Our teams are:

Claire Jury, Pat Taylor & Janet Wills. Arnold Osborne, Chris Cobb & Bill Ward
Please give them your support – should be some close competition.

Christmas Luncheon - Friday 16th December – caterer has been booked and cost will be \$20 each. Please mark this down on your calendar, tickets will be available soon

Friday Fives – A reminder to you all...Friday Fives is still on. Over the winter months we had 4 regulars (well done guys) but now that daylight savings has started, we hope more of you will attend. This is a great couple of hours where we all can catch up and if you like “solve all world problems” over a drink or two.

Bowling Seminars - we are planning 2 or 3 seminars for all members in the New Year covering topics such as etiquette, rules, building a head, roles and responsibilities of each position in the team. If you have any specific topics you would like included in these please let someone on the executive know about it.

Centre Representatives - Congratulations and good luck to our members who have been selected for events.

Last weekend both Pat Taylor and Tere Boag were in the senior rep team against Taranaki and the team won all their games. Jane Bradbury was in the 8 and under who won 5 of their 8 games.

This coming weekend is the Men's & Women's 5 year and under academy – we have 3 players in the teams. Ted Marshall, Jane Bradbury & Sarah Searson.

Your thoughts and opinions please There has been a suggestion that on club days we could play 2 games of 65 minutes and then afternoon tea/drinks at 3.45 to give members a better opportunity to mix and talk and enjoy the fellowship. We would be pleased to hear from members about this suggestion. Please get back us either at club days or by phone or email.

kipted@xtra.co.nz or smcfarlane@slingshot.co.nz .

This months “newsletter” has come in this format, thanks to Sue McFarlane. From October we will have a full newsletter, thanks to Sarah Searson who has kindly offered to take over from Glenys Ward.

Good Bowling to you all

Executive