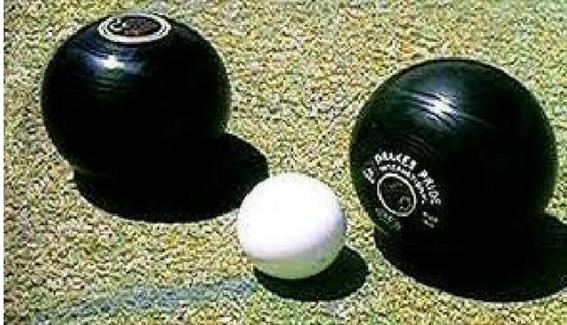




THE TOUCHER



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From the President

Hi All

The season is drawing to a close with mainly champ of champs and representative fixtures left listed on our competitive program.

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of our Patron, Pat Bentley (94). She just loved her bowls and our club and over the later years, when unable to play, always wanted to be kept informed of our progress. She will be sadly missed by many of us. On another sad note we also record the death of Bill Ward (Senior). His health had deteriorated over the past few months and died peacefully in Kena Kena Rest Home. He will be remembered by me every time I walk into the pavilion...all the notice boards on stands were made by Bill. Lastly but not forgotten was the passing of Shirley Wilkins (a social member). Shirley is the wife of Russ and has had a long association with our club. To all of these families, we send you our thoughts and best wishes at this sad time.

At our last executive meeting it was resolved to recommend to the next AGM that Bill Moffatt be given Life Membership. Bill has been a long time member of the club and has been very involved with many of the executive decisions over the years. I am also pleased to advise that he has also accepted the position of being our new Patron. Thank you Bill.

I would like to thank both Brian Gray and Liz Halfacre who have been our Almoners this year. Liz is off to live in France and Brian has resigned because of health issues. Both have done a great job and we wish them well. Naturally we will be looking for volunteers to take over these rolls. Later in the newsletter reference is made to the formation of a social sub-committee but as well we will be looking for a new SecretaryI am hopeful this role can be divided 2 possibly 3 ways as it is becoming very demanding for one person...also new Executive members will also be required for the next season. Please, all give these positions some serious thought and I would love to hear from anyone who is keen to help. New blood is very welcome and for the continuous success of this club, is very necessary.

Good bowling to all the Champ of Champ participants, our Representative players competing in the Inter-centre in Auckland, 8's and under in Wellington and also those competing in the National Club Championship in Hamilton. A busy time for many.

Pat Taylor
President

General Items of interest from Executive Meeting held 16 March

Bar – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with bar duties. If you have any cash handling experience or would just like to help out, we need you to come forward. Even if you can only help one day a week or just be on call. Bar cannot be open when required if we don't have staff available.

Social Committee – The club is once again looking at the formation of a Social Committee. This committee is essential for any club to function well, and with the right person as Convenor and enthusiastic members to help, it can add so much to the fun in a club and welfare of its membership. Unfortunately our club has not had one for several seasons and has suffered because of it. Members of the Executive do their best alongside their mainstream duties but must become disillusioned without support from others in the club who only come along to play. What are wanted are a "good ideas man/woman" and some enthusiastic members to support that person. Is that person you?

Rotational Mixed Triples Gala – 2 April. Great to see that all 48 spots have been filled by our own club members. If you missed out getting your name on the board in time you can still put your name down as a reserve. Please remember that as we have a major sponsor (Wellington Hospitality Group) we will be wearing **whites**.

We will be doing the blind draw and will post teams shortly. **If for any reason you can't play on the day please contact Keith Williamson.**

Social Members' morning tea – Everyone attending had a great time catching up with friends. Our speaker was Gene Mitchell who gave a very interesting talk about guiding visitors on walks through various areas of London and Wellington.

Centre News

Two new members have joined the Board. Ken Hayward from Levin BC and Eileen Jones from Paraparaumu Beach BC.

Club News

Greens

Ongoing discussions with Tiger Turf about the small patches on the green.

Green 1 watering system has been repaired and working well.

Arnold Osborne

Greens Supervisor

A Special Report by Bill Moffatt

Use of a Bowling Arm Extension

This is a short summary of my experience using the Bowling Arm Extension.

What induced me to change? Very basically my bowling had seriously deteriorated due to various factors but including:

1. I was dumping the bowls and hence losing both line and distance.
2. Due to problems with my legs and back I could not get down low enough to prevent dumping.
3. Associated with my health problems I was not able to lift my head sufficiently to see the line of delivery - I was using a spot too close to my delivery position.
4. Last, but not least, I was not enjoying my bowls due to not achieving my desired standard of bowling.

Some time ago I managed to acquire a second hand *bowling arm extension* which I tried out and found that it was suitable for me to use. Length of the *arm* is important! I was reluctant to use it when I first acquired it due mostly to pride and I kept it for possible future use.

The time arrived to either use the *arm* or give up bowls. You know the answer I began using it and my bowls have dramatically improved. I still have some problems with getting the distance correct, mainly due to not always getting a smooth delivery. My following of the correct delivery line has been vastly improved. Getting the bowl release correct has not been a major problem.

What are the main advantages of using the *arm*?

1. An up-right stance hence no great strain on the back or legs.

2. An up-right stance allows you to see the line of delivery so much clearer, and adjustments are easier to make. I am using the far bank as my aiming point again.

3. My *arm* length is right for me to deliver the bowl within a few centimetres of the ground, and hence a smooth delivery. If I step out too much or drop my shoulders the arm will touch the ground and hence affect the delivery.

There are three lengths of the *Bowling Arms* of the type that I use and I would expect that a short person, or a person who steps out a long way, would need a shorter *arm*. There are two types of release mechanism - the palm type like what I have and the thumb type like what the club has. My personal preference is the palm type.

There are other types of bowling arm extensions that essentially do the same job.

Bowls Law 41.8 States: *For domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve the use of artificial devices for delivering the jack or a bowl.*

As I understand it, our Club can approve use of such a device for Club play.

P.S. The Club Greens Superintendent is asking bowlers who dump or have other delivery problems affecting the green's surface to give the *bowling arm extension* a try. It will not bite you and you may be pleasantly surprised with the improvement to your delivery.

Bill Moffatt
March 2016

MAT TO JACK

Congratulations: Jane Bradbury - winner Kapiti Centre Junior Champ of Champ Ladies Singles. Well done Jane. A very special feat, as Jane is only in her first year of bowls.

Now that I'm back on deck, coaching is progressing well with 8 Juniors coming along regularly and a few of our more experienced bowlers who are seeking advice on a particular skill they are having problems with.

All this is very encouraging.

I would like to see more delivery of the jack to encourage our juniors.

THOUGHT TO PONDER

The person with a narrow vision sees a narrow horizon.

The person with a wide vision sees a wide horizon.

On behalf of Coaches
Dennis Hawkings

Club Captain's Report

Championship games are now almost completed with just the semi and final of the mixed pairs to be arranged.

Over this past weekend the Novice singles were played with great bowls played in all matches. There were 2 entries in the men's and 6 entries in the women's competition. Finalists in both were closely matched with the winners being Ken Spencer winning against Piet Kee and Jane Bradbury gaining the win playing Annemieke Aaron. Congratulations to all the players and winners.

Handicap singles – both men's and women's are making progress however if you have games to be played please do get onto these so we have the competition completed before closing day.

Franks Cup – we have a full green for this event – 16 teams which is fantastic. Easter Saturday and Monday – 10.00am start. Mufti.

There are a number of both **centre and club representative events** coming up and some of our members have been selected in these teams – **congratulations to all on your selection for all these events and best wishes for the competitions - enjoy.**

National Intercentre – this will be played in Auckland from March 31st – April 3rd. Tere Boag is playing the Singles and Pat Taylor is now skipping the fours (replacing Audrey Stevenson who is unavailable to play in the event)

Intercentre - 8 year and under – Gavin Muir has been selected and is playing 2 in the 4's. This will be in Wellington on. 9th & 10th April.

National Intercentre NZCCT Fours – to be held on 21st & 22nd April in Hamilton. Claire Jury, Pat Taylor, Janet Wills & Lyndsay Osborne are to play in this.

North vs South –Timeri Sanders has been selected and is playing in the South team on Wednesday 30th March at Waikanae.

See you all at club days over the next few weeks.

Sue & Ted

Club Hire – We have a number of small hires in April. Please try to avoid using the clubroom while these are on.

Thursday 7 April 7.30am-9.00am GJ Gardner Breakfast Conference

Thursday 7 April 2.45pm-4.30pm Antiques/Gold buyer roadshow

Tuesday 19 April 4pm-6pm Probus Meeting.

HELP REQUIRED – Dennis Wills would like to hear from anyone willing to help with some outside painting. Please contact Dennis directly 298-2868, 0272554297, or e mail dj.wills@clear.net.nz Dennis would like to get some indications of help before setting a date for the work to be done.

Upcoming Centre and Club Competitions

Franks Cup Mixed 2x4x2	Saturday 26 & Monday 28 March
North Vs South - Centre	Wednesday 30 March- Waikanae
Rotational Mixed Triples	Saturday 2 April
Seddon Shield - Centre	Wednesday 6 April - Levin
Triples Gala (men)	Thursday 7 April – Paraparaumu Beach
8 year and under - Centre	Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 April - Naenae
Centre Mixed Fours - Centre	Tuesday 12-Thursday 14 April
Kapiti Gala (women)	Thursday 14 April
Novice Singles - Centre	Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 April
Triples Gala	Thursday 21 April - Kapiti
Champ of Champ Pairs - Centre	Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April
Triples Gala (men)	Thursday 28 April - Kapiti
Johnny Simpson Cup	Saturday 30 April – Closing Day
5 years and under - Centre	Sunday 1 May
Quadrangular - Centre	Saturday 7 May
Winter Bowls start	Tuesday 17 May - Kapiti
Grassroots Mixed Triples	Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 May - Waikanae

Champ of Champ Triples date and venue to be confirmed. Won't be held until end of May.

The next "Toucher" will be out mid April