

55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

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Editorial

Question - What do the sporting codes Synchronised Swimming and Tenpin Bowling have in common?

Answer – They are the two sports from the optional sports list that the host nation of this year's Commonwealth Games has elected not to be included.

The seven optional sporting codes that have been included are: Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Table Tennis, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

Looking at all of the nine sports on the optional list, from my observations, the two sports that have missed out probably get the least amount of coverage in the New Zealand print and Television media. For Tenpin Bowling, to my knowledge the only local coverage on Television in recent years has been provided by Southland TV when this Association's tournaments have been held in Invercargill. Both Sky Sports and ESPN have provided Weber Cup and American Professional Bowling Association competitions respectively over the last few years, often showing these during unsociable hours. Newspaper coverage is minimal and even getting something on local tenpin bowling activities included in local give-away free newspapers can be difficult.

Tenpin Bowling is generally a non-age limiting sport, so that normally there is an ongoing flow of bowlers progressing from juniors through the system to seniors. There are always some bowlers who attend an Association Tournament who are attending for the first time. These days, school holiday programs do their bit by bringing groups of children into the bowling centres. My six year old grandson recently was one of a bus load of 67 children that attended such a session. The next step is to get some of these children to attend "learn to bowl" classes and then into Junior bowling leagues. This is where more publicity in reporting results of competitions by the news media would be of great benefit to the sport. The question is, how do we achieve this? Any ideas from Members to bring our sport to the forefront of public attention would be greatly appreciated.

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1. Lorraine Heath – Tournament

Director

Once upon a time this little Maori girl was born in Auckland into a family of 7 children. We lived in the middle of town in East Street situated in the middle of Karangahape Rd. I went to Beresford St Primary school, and then to Auckland Girls Grammar School. Due to circumstances and losing my father at an early age, I left school when I was 15. I got my first job at Paykel Bros in the city as an office junior and through this firm I learnt all office positions and became a credit controller. At the age of 22 I became a housewife

and through the next few years became the mother of 4 girls. We built a home in Manurewa and this is where we lived for 11 years and then we brought a dairy in Westmere. After 2 ½ years we sold the dairy and finally ended up in West Auckland. Tenpin bowling came into my life when I was working for Farmers and Lincoln Rd Tenpin opened, we all received notices that a business league was starting so we entered a team into the Roulettes division. I became the secretary for this league for many years. So from there on Tenpin has been part of my life and I have met some wonderful people who I now can call very good friends.

2. Shirley Wilson – Vice President

I went to Clarkville Primary School (where my seven siblings and my dad had all spent their school days) and then went to Rangiora High. When I was 14 my parents separated, so with all the other siblings already having left my parents home, it was time for me to grow up fast - off to work at 15 as a Hairdresser as I had already done my training at night College while still attending school. I moved



to Wanganui at 16 to continue my hairdressing career. I then moved to Auckland at 17 to find some nightlife and have some fun. I stayed there for 5 years and discovered there was much more money to be made sewing, so I worked for Colin Cole making exquisite clothing for rich people (great training for a country kid) and the training led to other great jobs.

Then it was 'Home Time' back to the South Island to manage a work room in Rangiora, Training, Hiring and Firing Staff. Then along came Tara, my one and only Daughter (who I might add has given me a great son-in-law and 2 grandsons now 13 & 14). My husband, being a horse trainer, decided the North Island was the place to be, so we moved to Newstead (just out of Hamilton) where I worked as a supervisor at Livestock Improvement. After fire took our house we moved to Wanganui to start a fresh. I worked for Livestock Arahuri. I discovered Tenpin bowling and became hooked and "WHAT" they closed our Centre for UCOL. A group of us Wanganui bowlers decided we still wanted to bowl so we hired a van and travelled to Palmerston North Cuba Street which is where we still bowl. Have meet lots of lovely people through tenpin bowling. With my Bowling, Ballroom Dancing, Rock & Roll, Line Dance, Bike Riding, and Gardening I keep myself fit and healthy.

Our President's Corner

Greetings to everyone,

It was so nice to be in Rotorua again and to be part of the splendid tournament run by Chris and his merry band of followers. However I feel he did go over the top a bit by including that swarm of earthquakes we had.

It is good to see members wearing either of the two club shirts. Thanks to Waitakere for initiating the second one. After nearly 15 years a change was due and the new one looks very smart whilst keeping the club colours. Also it is good to see all 4 team members wearing the same shirt, the same with the mixed doubles. Taking pride in what we are wearing is important as a group. The words in the rules have been altered to read a neat/tidy standard of dress is required. Lorraine is coming to

grips with her job as tournament director. It is a big task and we are grateful that someone has stepped up to do the job and is trying to maintain the way our tournaments are run. Hope you are all keeping well and will see you in Kapiti Les.

From Our Tournament Director, Lorraine Heath

Well another tournament down and dusted, it was a pity we had a few people missing but a big thank you to all of those bowlers who filled in for me and you all know who you are.

Many thanks to Chris Clare who made sure everything ran smoothly in the centre. I must say Daph always got there before me to do the check in, etc. Well done to Rotorua.

To the rest of my executive committee, Les, Judy, and Shirley and also Bev, couldn't do it without you.

As most of you know we now have tournaments scheduled to the end of 2016 and that is wonderful. Well that about all I have to say, so see you all in Kapiti in September.

Your Tournament Director, Lorraine Heath.

From Kapiti

Greetings from Kapiti.

Our small team, who attended the June Tournament at Rotorua, performed well above their own respective expectations and came away from the tournament with more than their fair share of the medals. Well done. Our bowlers had a great time at the tournament and enjoyed the friendship and social activities.

We now look forward to hosting the members of the Association at Paraparaumu as they compete and socialise in our centre at the September Tournament.

The Association has welcomed to its ranks 2 new members from Kapiti and who will be competing in their first Association tournament in September. They are June Pinnell and Ivena Heald. Ivena became the Manager of the Kapiti Centre in March this year and will be known to many of you already for her ability as a representative player and a coach.

I look forward to seeing and hosting you all in September.

Best wishes,

Jim Twist.

Kapiti Delegate.

From Porirua

Rotorua Tournament

Congratulations to Chris Clare and his Rotorua team for organising another great 55+ Association tournament, which we thoroughly enjoyed, It was also great to be able to catch up again with Ellen Slater, the Rotorua Marketing Manager. Prior to this year, Ellen lived in the Wellington area and was very active in local bowling activities, both as a player and an administrator and she worked for some years at Strike Porirua, looking after the various bowling leagues that played at that Centre.

As per our usual practice when participating in Association tournaments, Fran and I drove to and from Rotorua and this time we were incident free. This year was too early for the winter snow that can impact on driving on the Desert Road and the only snow we saw at all was on the slopes of Mt Ruapehu, when cloud cleared from the mountain while we were driving back home.

It was also interesting to experience the swarm of small earthquakes that struck the Rotorua area at depths of less than 5 km during the time of the Tournament, the maximum strength of any of the earthquakes being about 2.5. The noise generated was quite loud, but little or no ground movement accompanied the noise.

Dave Hercus

Porirua Delegate

Australia Calling

Towards the end of 2013 a team of senior bowlers from the Coolangatta/Tweed Heads area of the Queensland Gold Coast spent 2 weeks in the North Island bowling against 55+ Association members based at a number of North Island bowling centres on average every two days. They used a coach with a driver to travel around the North Island, which they also used for sight-seeing on the other days when they were not bowling. The visiting team had contacted the Association and said where they wanted to bowl in the North Island and sought the contact details for the centres they wished to visit. The visitors had a great time and were very keen for a reciprocal visit by a New Zealand team, either based at one centre or a number of centres within New Zealand.

The recommendation is that a visit would be best made in the month of August as the weather is normally very settled then and fine sunny days can be expected every day with temperatures in the low 20's. It is too late this year to get a team organised to visit the Gold Coast in August this year, so to start planning now for next year would be ideal.

Some background investigations have been done as follows:

- a) The Gold Coast, largely being a tourist destination has a lot of accommodation available, especially one and two bedroom units. Many places have a minimum stay period of 3 days and offer further discounts for a longer stay, but that is not considered a disadvantage as the maximum journey time to any Gold Coast location from another is around 4 hours. Also a 2 bedroom unit will generally provide cheaper accommodation compared to a single bedroom unit.
- b) Travel within the Gold Coast could be done either by a bus with driver or by rental car, with some of the New Zealand bowlers doing the driving.
- c) A budgetary minimum cost per person for making a 2-week trip to the Gold Coast is \$2,500. This amount is also similar to what the Australian's paid for their trip to New Zealand last year.

A form will shortly be placed on the Association's website seeking expressions of interest from members who are interested in making a trip to the Gold Coast. Provided there is sufficient interest, then it is proposed further progress in the planning of the trip will be conducted via email between those interested.

Upcoming Events

Kapiti Tournament 11 to 14 September 2014

The first Association Tournament to be held at Kapiti from 11 to 14 September 2014. This will also be a 4-day tournament, as Kapiti only has 14 lanes. Entries close on 14 August, so please get your entry in to your local Delegate before 14 August. There is a wide variety of accommodation available and

Jim Twist, the Kapiti Delegate, has approached them all about providing discount rates to Association Members and details are on the Association's website.

Gil Evans Memorial Tournament, 10 November 2014 at Porirua

Gil Evans, who passed away in late October 2011, was a very popular Bowler at Porirua. When Gil was first introduced to bowling, one of the first bowlers he met was Les Stuart and from that time, Gil and his wife, Sharyn, became lifelong friends with Les and Bev. Sharyn Evans has agreed to an annual tournament in Gil's name being held at Porirua. A Trophy has been donated together with engraving plates on the trophy by Porirua bowling friends of Gil and the first of these tournaments will be held on Monday 10 November 2014.

Each bowler entering the tournament will bowl 3 games and there will be a 1 game playoff by the top handicap and scratch bowlers to determine the overall winner.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$25.00, with the net proceeds from the tournament to be given to the Mary Potter Hospice, which is where Gil passed away.

Bowling will commence at 10.30 am on Monday 10 November. The number of squads bowling will depend on the number of entries received.

Entry Forms will be available in September and will be distributed to Bowling Centres. Alternatively you can email me for an entry form once they are available.

Dave Hercus
Porirua Delegate.

2015 and 2016 Association Tournaments

Tauranga, February 2015

Panmure, June 2015

Palmerston North, September 2015 (Note, this centre is being completely refurbished in late 2014)

Waitakere, February 2016

Hastings, June 2016

Porirua, September 2016.

More details will be included in later newsletters.