

55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

July 2015 Newsletter

Editorial

Welcome to the second 55+ Association Newsletter for 2015.

Fran and I moved into our new single level house at Waikanae on the Kapiti Coast on 21 April as scheduled, after which we had quite a bit of sorting out to do and to find homes in the house for all of our bits and pieces. We initially worked on getting the house into a comfortable living state and then we and some other Porirua members went into manufacturing of our black and white themed uniforms for Hastings. We are now also appreciating the benefits of double glazing, with temperatures inside the house getting up to 25 degrees Centigrade during the day in the middle of winter with no heating on and the lack of noise from outside coming in to the house.

While the bowling results from Hastings showed in general that members bowling averages went down, overall it was a very happy tournament to attend, which was strongly contributed to by the excellent services provided by Barb and her team to feed and water everyone and the great atmosphere and entertainment at the Saturday night social.

As many of you will know, the southern area of the North Island experienced very heavy rain during the weekend of the Hastings Tournament and our thoughts go out to those members whose homes were impacted by the weather conditions at that time. With the Manawatu Gorge road and the Pahiatua Track road being closed by slips, some of us, including myself, got to experience roads that we had never been on before, but the important thing was we got home safely and with very little delay.

Until we meet again in Palmerston North in September, good bowling and high scoring.

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Preston Epplett, Hastings Delegate

Hi my name is Preston Epplett. I am from Hastings and am married to Jenny; we have four children and 8 Grandchildren.

I am a Chartered Accountant with my own accounting practice in Hastings. We have a staff of 10, we have a wide variety of clients and we do a lot of work for Charitable Trusts. The New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants honoured me last year with a Fellowship.

It was accounting which indirectly led me to Tenpin bowling. I took my staff for a social night at Superstrike Hastings back in 2003 and we really had an enjoyable night, so much so that the owner of the Centre (Barb Nonu), who I did not know at that

stage, came up to us and told us about a Business House League and encouraged us to enter. We entered, and the rest is history. Barb is now a very good friend and Superstrike Hastings Ltd is a Client and I am bowling in 3 leagues.

I had been involved in sport in my younger days, playing cricket for over 20 years and I also represented Hawkes Bay in indoor Bowls for a number of years and a regular attendee at National Championships, before I had to retire when we had our children.

I was the Settlor of the HB Tenpin Bowling Foundation and am currently a trustee.

My other outside activities see me involved with the Catholic Church where I am Chairman of the Catholic Parish of Hastings Finance Committee, having been on that committee for over 35 years. I have also been a board member of the Catholic Education Management board and the Palmerston North diocese Management advisory board. I spent 10 year on the St Marys Board of trustees at the beginning of Tomorrows schools.

My real passion is for tenpin bowling, I really enjoy the 55+ Tournaments and I am happy to be the Hastings delegate. I am actively involved in promoting tenpin Bowling through the HB Tenpin Bowling Foundation and on the Radio. I have a regular slot every two weeks on the HB Sport program "Holden on Sport"

Our President's Corner

I have to start off with some not so good news:

Superstrike was broken into the other night by smashing in the front door to gain entrance, however, unbeknown to the burglars, the alarm was triggered and a response by the security firm, enabled the police to catch the person's involved.

Barbara has always been a friend of the Association and I personally feel for her. Nothing is worse than some low life doing this type of thing. I/we have had a similar experience of this nature. If you are reading this, Barbara, you have my sincere thoughts in mind.

Bev and I are off to Ozz on Friday to visit our son, who is having his 50th Birthday and will be back on the 12th August.

The bank is broke, so Bev, will have to go easy on the sales etc., mind you I just might be able to find something for myself. I'm not greedy though; I just might rethink that matter and dig deep into my very long pockets, just for my beloved.

I read on Face book that our Tournament Director has had her eye operation. I hope all is well with Lorraine and she has now stopped looking through the fog, as she said she was doing, at the Hastings Tournament. The problem for her now, maybe she sees more than she wants to. I also understand that our vice President has also had her eyes operated on.

Although I haven't heard from her, rumour has it that all went well and she too sees more than was possible before. Hope this is true Shirley?

Judy has done another very good job with the books and I see we are still in a reasonable financial state. Well done to Judy. (Talk to your Delegate about it)

You may have notice a new addition to our web. It is very easy to use and I have called it NEWSLETTER REPORTER. All any member needs to do is click the area, fill in the appropriate information and click the submit button. It is the easiest way for our Editor to get the information for our next newsletter.

Come on Members give it a go. Help with the TIT BITS from your area. How else are we to know what is happening in your part of the LONG WHITE CLOUD?

This is a great way to keep our very large Association family up to date, but can't be done without YOUR input..

To those with coughs and colds, hospitalised and generally off colour, get well soon.
I'm sure every family member of the Association is thinking of you and wants to catch up again at Palmerston North in September.

From Panmure

Well I finally got to the Hastings tournament after a health scare and a week in Auckland hospital. Wayne Milicich picked me up from Ellerslie where I live in his new 9 seater people mover at 9am Wednesday 17th June. Just Wayne/Peter S in the van. Nice sunny day, but rather cool. The drive over to Hastings was rather nice good roads since I drove over there 15 years ago. The country side looked okay lush green paddocks. All the roads have improved nice wide and more passing on two lanes. Saw Gordon Berry/John Hutson in Gordon's car ahead of us at Tokoroa but we passed him when they stopped for a break. Wayne drove straight through to the Taupo bypass then hung a left onto the Taupo/Napier Highway then came to the bypass to Hastings which is all new to me. No going to Napier then swinging right to Hastings. After 5 hours of continuous driving we arrived in Hastings went to the Motel which was very comfortable. Why do I sleep better away from home than I do at home? Then we went to the bowling centre for a practise bowl - not a good sign of things to come. Went Thursday Morning to the bowling centre bowled in the Mystery Pairs event not good. Then in the Mixed doubles same again. So overall the week was terrible, with everyone having trouble getting good scores.

Congratulations to Gordon Berry Gold medal B grade/Barry Faulkner Silver Medal/Wayne Milicich Silver Medal. As for the other Panmure bowlers better luck at Palmerston North in September where there are new lanes.

Wayne Milicich/Peter Smith left Hastings at 9am Sunday 21st June to head for home filled the van up with fuel, so Auckland here we come. We experienced a few rain showers on the way. Drove straight through again, 5 ½ hours driving, stopping off at Panmure centre to drop my bowling bag off in the locker plus a comfort stop as well. Arrived home 2.30pm. Good to be home BUT I enjoyed the 5 days away a nice break away from what I normally do.

So fellow Bowlers, until Palmerston North September 2015 high scoring but enjoy each other's company. Quote: Be yourself, everyone else is taken. CHEERS PANMURE SCRIBE.

From Whangaparaoa

Hi There from Whangaparaoa.

We would like to thank all the folk involved who make these 55+Tournaments a great success. It's always good to compete and catch up with many of the friends and familiar faces from past tournaments. We had a great time and the Saturday night themed dinner most enjoyable, with so many putting a huge effort into those fantastic costumes. What a laugh.

As we headed back to our homes, our thoughts were with those who were unable to get home due to the bad weather. No doubt we will catch up when we all meet up again.

As we look forward to Palmerston North in September, we are hoping we can field a team. We are now in the process of trying to recruit new members, which seems to be a problem for several clubs now days.

Cheers,

Keith n Judy Gemmell

From Petone

Another well run Tournament at Hastings, it was great to catch up with all our friends, thank you to Barbara and all her hard working staff in the Café for all the great food they cheerfully produced every day. Thank you to Lorraine, Shirley, Les & Bev for the smooth running of the Tournament. Another great evening at the National Services club with a simple theme that was easy for everyone to participate in and everyone's efforts looked really good. The less said about bowling efforts the better on most people's part, but I must congratulate Moli Letoa and his magnificent effort and ability to master the lanes, "WELL DONE" Moli. There will be a larger group from Petone participating at Palmerston North, and I wish you all good luck and good bowling, I shall be in UK celebrating our Golden Wedding with family living over there, hopefully with warmer weather than we are currently having. Cecilia, Petone Delegate.

From Porirua

Congratulations to all involved in providing a well-run tournament at Hastings. It certainly helped to make the weekend most enjoyable. Congratulations to all members attending the Saturday night function who actively participated in the function theme of black and white. While Porirua won the team prize on the night, we had a lot of competition from other centres and we thank all who participated. In Porirua there is a shop called "Pete's Emporium", which is a great source of items at reasonable cost for those who wish to actively participate in such events by dressing up.

Congratulations to Patricia Smith on winning the gold medal in the ladies Open Grade Singles and also for getting into the play-offs at the end of the tournament.

We left Hastings on the Monday morning after the Tournament for home, as planned and after getting lunch at Woodville, we then headed over the Saddle Road to Ashhurst and then south on State Highway 57 towards home. We could see that a lot of rural land was under floodwater and knowing that some of the area is designated flood plains, the land had flooded as it was supposed to do as a result of the heavy weekend rainfall. Travelling down State Highway 57, it was evident that some sections had recently been under flood waters, so possibly the road had been closed the day before. We got back home without incident, which is the important thing.

The Porirua bowling centre now has new owners and with the change of ownership the centre has been re-branded from Strike to North City Tenpin. The new owners are Chris and Allison Haynes, who previously managed the centre from about 2000 to 2008. Allison, until sometime last year was the CEO of the New Zealand Tenpin Bowling Association for a few years.

We look forward to catching up with everyone again in Palmerston North in September.

Dave Hercus
Porirua Delegate

Upcoming Events

Palmerston North Tournament 18 to 20 September 2015

This will be the first Association tournament held at Palmerston North, where the Cuba Street centre has recently been updated with new lanes and equipment. The centre has 20 lanes. The closing date for entries is 18 August. The Theme for the Saturday Night social is the letter "P", so get your thinking caps on to determine what your "P" will be.

Second Gil Evans Memorial Tournament, Monday 2 November 2015 at Porirua

The inaugural Gil Evans Memorial Tournament held in November 2014 was a huge success. Gil was a popular Porirua 55+ Association member who enjoyed his bowling until he passed away from lung cancer in late 2011 and his widow, Sharyn, kindly gave her permission to hold this tournament on an annual basis. As for last year's tournament, when \$600.00 was raised, all proceeds from this Tournament will be donated to the Mary Potter Hospice, where Gil passed away. Entry Forms for this tournament will be available in August or September.

Waitakere Tournament, 26 to 28 February 2016 at Pins Lincoln, Waitakere

Entries for this tournament close on 5 February 2016.

Proposed Future Association Tournaments Through to End 2016

Subject to confirmation, the June 2016 tournament is scheduled to be held at Rotorua, possibly at a new centre venue that is planned for that city and the September 2016 tournament is scheduled to be held at North City Tenpin in Porirua.

Final Word

To produce this newsletter, I am very much dependent on input from Association Members, so thank you to those who contributed to this newsletter and please keep your inputs coming for future newsletters. It is now easy for members to provide me with their inputs by going to the Association's website, click on the panel in the top line that says "Newsletter Reporter" and then type your contribution and provide the other details requested. It is that simple.

Dave Hercus
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