

# 55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

## July 2017 Newsletter

### Editorial

Welcome to the second 55+ Association Newsletter for 2017. Congratulations to Shirley Wilson and her Palmerston North/Wanganui team for hosting a successful Association tournament and congratulations to all medal winners on their respective bowling achievements.

It is great to learn that Invercargill is coming back into the Association and that the September 2018 tournament will be held at the Invercargill Centre. Having attended 3 Association tournaments at Invercargill, it is a most friendly centre to visit and the Invercargill members have always been very hospitable and helpful to their visitors.

New Zealanders have been spoilt over the past couple of months with some excellent sporting competitions, including those involving New Zealand competitors to watch on TV, including the Americas Cup won by Team New Zealand in Bermuda, the Lions Rugby tour of New Zealand and Wimbledon tennis, all of which help to entertain us when it is too cold to be doing things for ourselves outside during the winter season.

I can also remember being at a Hastings tournament some years ago when Team New Zealand was defeated by Oracle USA in San Francisco in the final race on the morning we were due to check out of our Hastings motel to come home and the Motel manager said to all his guests to stay on later than the normal 10.00 am check-out time to watch the end of the race on TV.

The first week of the July school holidays has seen some rather nasty weather around New Zealand and this caused some leagues to be cancelled in that week due to the impact of the weather in Kapiti and Porirua. Let's hope that none of our members suffered any personal damage due to this weather event.

### Our President's Corner

We had a very enjoyable tournament in Palmerston North. Thanks to Shirley and her local team who made sure everything ran smoothly. Special thanks for organising to have food on site. I should also mention Norman Dancy who came to our rescue. Palmerston North did not have a sound system and it was going to be a real struggle to run the Tournament properly without one. Norman "just happened" to have a sound system in his vehicle and kindly lent it to us for the tournament. My vocal cords were very appreciative!!!!

The Saturday night was an excellent celebration with many hobbies on display. Well done everyone it was good to see the large numbers of varied costumes. We enjoyed the Music and Hastings continued to practice **their** "hobby".

55+ is as much about fellowship as it is about bowling and Saturday night is an important part of that. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Four Seasons" costumes at Kapiti.

In my closing comments in Palmerston North I mentioned Lorraine and her small team. They do a fantastic job and we had a tournament which went very smoothly. It's often difficult to appreciate the amount of effort which goes into that job. WE are very lucky to have Lorraine and her team.

At our delegates meeting we received confirmation that the September 2018 tournament will be held in Invercargill and that meant June 2018 will be in New Plymouth. We will shortly be posting the dates on the website.

Just a reminder for those looking at coming to Hastings in Feb 2018 you might like to consider staying a little longer as the Art Deco weekend will be on the following weekend. Be sure you book early if you are looking at doing that as a lot of the accommodation is booked 12 months in advance. The new Hastings lanes are fantastic with averages increasing markedly.

In my report at the AGM I missed recognising our "webmaster" Les Stuart. I apologise for that Les. Les does a fantastic job with the website and we all appreciate your efforts Les.

Preston Epplett

## **From Hastings**

Once again we had a very enjoyable tournament. Many thanks for the efforts put in by Lorraine and all her helpers.

I have to say a big thank you to Shirley and her band of helpers, not only with the usual things, raffles etc. but for organising all the food for us all at the centre.

Saturday evening was enjoyed by all of us from Hastings but then we normally have lots of fun, great job!

We are looking forward to being at Kapiti and we are putting our thinking caps on re the theme for Saturday evening.

See you all there.

Marie  
Hastings

## **From New Plymouth**

Hi Everyone from New Plymouth.

Firstly, we thank Lorraine, Shirley and co for an excellent tournament at Palmerston North. It was extremely well run and a hell of a lot of fun. Congratulations on a job well done.

When a representative from New Plymouth first started playing in the 55plus tournaments there was just 1 (me) taking part. Now we are up to 14 bowlers with another due to join us. One of these was away on holiday at the time, and the other is not yet 55, but will be in a year's time. I found it extremely pleasing to note that the majority of the bowlers that bowled for New Plymouth at

Palmerston North had been bowling for less than 2 years, so to come away with the number of medals that we did (22) was an excellent effort. The fact that 2 of those bowlers also contested the Champion of Champions competitions was especially pleasing. We all bowl for a 50's Forward league each Wednesday. There are 40+ bowlers each week which means that the lanes are full; so much so that we often have to have 3 bowlers per lane. If ever you are in New Plymouth on a Wednesday morning and at a loose end as to what you can do, please come along to Bowlarama where you will be made most welcome and get to test yourself against New Plymouth bowlers.

Hope to see you soon, Barry

## **From Our Honorary Members Corner**

We continue to be amazed by the thoughtfulness of Association members. This time it is Lorraine and Trevor Heath who have taken our breath away with the giving of 5 special medals. It is the first time in 18 years that anyone has done that for the Association. Thank you to Lorraine and Trevor for your thoughtfulness. We are sure that it is appreciated by Association members. Although we no longer bowl, we enjoyed our visit to Palmerston North catching up with you all again. We noticed there were a lot of new faces indicating a healthy Association. A lot has happened since the start of the Association and 2019 marks our 20th year in operation. A time for celebration no doubt.

Les and Bev Stuart

## **From Porirua**

Greetings from Porirua. The Porirua contingent at the tournament in Palmerston North was lighter than expected, but some of our members are now finding attending tournaments is getting too expensive. Let's hope that some of the additional payments promise's being touted for the upcoming General Election can come to fruition, so Porirua attendance can increase.

Fran and I didn't attend the Saturday night function because Fran's elder daughter moved from Napier to Marton the week before, so we wanted to take the opportunity to visit her and her partner at their new home. This was also the reason why we did not attend the final day at the tournament and in any event we had completed our bowling commitments for the weekend. In this regard, I thank Colin McClean for collecting my medal that I won in the Men's Mystery Pairs with Trevor Heath of Waitakere.

Some of the bowling results from the tournament were quite interesting and no doubt those who got lower than normal scores at Palmerston North will get higher scores if they attend the next Tournament at Kapiti.

Fran and I will not be attending the Kapiti Tournament because Fran's younger daughter, who lives in Far North Queensland, is getting married that weekend in Kuranda, which is over the hill from Cairns.

Look forward to seeing you in the New Year at Hastings and their new lanes.

Regards, Dave Hercus, Porirua Delegate

## **From Petone**

Congratulations to Palmerston North for running an excellent tournament. The Petone members had an enjoyable time, and we hope we will see everyone again at Kapiti in September. Hopefully the weather will be a bit nicer than at present time. I would like to express a very big thank you to the volunteer members of Palmerston North who did such a sterling job with the café food; it was most welcome after the bowling. Cecilia Jenner, Petone Delegate.

## **Upcoming Tournament Events**

Kapiti Tournament, 14 to 17 September 2017. This is a 4-day tournament. The closing date for this tournament is 14 August 2017. The Saturday Evening is being held at the Kapiti Tenpin Bowling Centre and the Theme is the Four Seasons.

Hastings Tournament, 22 to 25 February 2018. This is a 4-day tournament. The closing date for this tournament is 5 February 2018. The venue for the Saturday Evening Meal is still to be confirmed, but the Theme is a Day at the Races.

The June 2018 tournament will be at New Plymouth and the September tournament will be at Invercargill. More information on these 2 tournaments will be included in later Newsletters.

Dates of the Memorial tournament at Kapiti and the Gil Evans Memorial Tournament at North City Tenpin have still to be determined and information will be posted on the Association's website once details are finalised.

As I won't be at Kapiti for the reasons stated earlier in this Newsletter, I look forward to seeing you all at Hastings in February next year. For the October Newsletter, I shall be dependent on information from Centre Delegates and/or their newsletter scribes for contributions to the Newsletter.

Dave Hercus  
Editor