



## March 2018 Newsletter

### Editorial

Welcome to your first 55+ Association Newsletter for 2018 and I trust you all enjoyed the warm and rather dry summer we all experienced since the previous newsletter issued towards the end of 2017. For some of us, who rely on rainwater for watering our gardens from rain water stored in tanks, the stored water was insufficient to sustain grass and plant growth, so landscaping may be required to lessen the demand on rain water.

Congratulations Hastings on hosting an excellent Tournament and congratulations to the Hastings Centre on your new lanes and your other updated facilities.

Personally, I like to have a practice game on the Lanes of the hosting Centre the day before the tournament starts and I did so at Hastings on the Wednesday, but only arranged for one game instead of my usual 3 games, but this time one game was enough, because my ball just did what I told it to. What more could one want.

It was great to be told that there were 11 new Association Members at Hastings this time. To those 11 new Members, welcome to the 55+ Association and trust you all enjoyed your Hastings experience.

Our President, Preston Epplett, has asked me to include the Bowling Etiquette Rules in this Newsletter as a reminder to all Members to follow them when bowling and to avoid interfering with bowlers who are bowling on adjacent lanes. These rules are:

- Be ready to bowl when the pins are set, but wait until the pin-setting machine has completed its cycle and the sweep bar is raised to make your delivery. Throwing a ball before the machine is ready may damage the ball or equipment.
- Observe one lane courtesy. The bowler on the right should bowl if both players reach the approach at the same time.
- Stay off the approach while you wait your turn.
- Don't walk back on another players' approach.
- Don't rush or take too long to get set up when you are on the approach.
- Try to remain in your approach area while delivering the ball,
- Step off the approach once you have delivered the ball
- Good bowling requires concentration. Have fun, but keep in mind excessive movement or noise could be distracting when others are up to bowl.

- Respect all lane machinery & bowling equipment.
- Get permission to use another player's ball.
- Refrain from using abusive language, obscene gestures and behavior.
- Play the game to win, but be a gracious loser. Good sportsmanship is always the key to a successful game.
- Don't go past the foul line and bring oil back onto the **approach**.
- Don't use powder or rosin on shoes in players' area, food or drinks.

Many of us also have grandchildren who like to bowl with their grandparents and when bowling with children it is very important that they stay out of the approach area when you are delivering a ball as if you accidentally let your ball go on your backswing, your grandchild could get seriously hurt with the ball going backwards instead of forwards.

For those who were at Hasting, Judith O'Rourke advised Members that Walter Bensemen of Petone was in hospital and thanked those Members who had asked after Walter. Sadly, as reported in this newsletter by Petone, Walter passed away on 21 March and condolences are extended to Walter's wife, Rosemary and to all the Bensemen family

## Presidents Corner

### PRESIDENTS REPORT TO AGM FEBRUARY 2018

55+ continues to thrive and it is great to have been able to welcome you to Hastings where the first tournament was held in February 2000. A small group of bowlers joined forces in 1999 and NZ 55+ Tenpin bowling Association was formed. Next year in Waitakere we will have a big 20<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

So another year has passed and 3 more successful tournaments have been held. 55+ is in great heart and continues to be a very special organisation where we can enjoy bowling, Long term friendships and fellowship.

For any organisation to be successful it needs the dedicated few who give of their time and talents. We owe a very special thanks to our Tournament director, Lorraine who does a fantastic job, sometimes in quite trying conditions.

We also need to thank our Secretary/treasurer Judy as well as and Shirley and Benny for their work at tournaments.

Our delegates are our link to you our members. They are also responsible for co-ordinating lane marshals, and the check in and raffle tables when a tournament is held in their centre. So I also thank them for all their work.

We should also recognise the work Les Stuart still does maintaining our Website and Dave Hercus who is the editor of our Newsletter.

This year, after a gap of a few years, we will venture back to the South Island for our September Tournament. Hopefully this will regenerate our South Island membership.

Financially the Association is sound but we always face the potential of increasing charges. Our raffles are an integral part of funding and I thank you for your continued support.

I have enjoyed my two years as President and wish the Association every success in the future.

Preston Epplett

## **President's Report to the Hastings Delegates Meeting**

Thank you everyone for the vote of confidence and electing me as President for further term.

I love the 55+ Association, the fellowship and friends. I will do everything I can to ensure the continued success of 55+ and keep the NZ 55+ Tenpin Bowling Association a healthy and strong organisation.

For me it was a real pleasure to welcome you to my home town Hastings for our February Tournament. We in Hastings are proud of our refurbished Centre and we so pleased with the very positive comments we received.

A special thanks to Marie and her team of helpers. Raffles, lane marshals and dinner organisers. It was pleasing to see one of our Juniors (Rebecca Baxter) giving back to the game by volunteering her services for the Tournament.

The raffle result was very great. Thank you everyone for supporting the raffles. Often the result from the raffle is the difference between us making a loss or a profit on the Tournament.

I would also like to acknowledge Barb Nonu the Superstrike Hastings Centre owner. Her hospitality is the best. Superstrike sponsored the various prizes on Saturday night and the extra effort to decorate the centre in line with the Dinner theme was well received. Well done to those who dressed up. I think a good night was had by all.

A Big thanks also to Lorraine and Benny and their team who ran a very efficient tournament. Without the voluntary work of these bowlers we would not have a tournament. Many will not realise the amount of time put in before and after the tournament.

My other comments and thanks were included in my President's report to the 2018 AGM which I am also asking Dave to publish in this Newsletter.

We will mark 20 years of 55+ at the Waitakere Tournament in March 2018 and we look forward to a very special celebration. Thanks to Max and Irene Good who sold sweets as a fundraiser towards those celebrations.

In the meantime, good bowling, high scores and I look forward to seeing you all again in New Plymouth.

Preston Epplett

## **From Our Tournament Director**

Hasting was a great success with great raffles and everyone enjoyed the new lanes. I think the tournament ran very well

Lorraine Heath, Tournament Director

## From Hastings

I would like to thank each and every one of you for making the Hastings Tournament so special. We had a lot of feedback, good comments so I think all or most of the bowlers enjoyed their weekend.

The raffles went very well due to you all, lots of support. We made \$1300, well done.

The number one tech Ady and his fellow workers did a great job with the lanes, Barbs as always kept the delicious food going all week end and Lorraine and all her helpers did a great job.

Looking forward to the next Tournament in New Plymouth, might have to look out for some handicap on the way.

Marie

## From Petone

Greetings from Petone Members

We wish to thank Hastings for putting on a wonderful tournament, it was so nice to play on their new lanes, and the overall scores reflected the improved conditions. I am sure that all the bowlers at Hastings enjoyed their bowling as much as we did.

We had a very nice motel in Napier which was very close to the Expressway, but it was interesting how many times some of our bowlers managed to get lost, and/or find alternative roads to travel between Hastings and Napier by day and by night. I think the best "lost" score in one day was 4, but we did have all our members accounted for at the end of the Tournament. I congratulate Marie and her Team for putting on a lovely dinner and evening entertainment on the Saturday night, and to Barbara and the hard workers in the centre café for the good job they did keeping us all fed and watered. Many thanks to Lorraine, Judy, Benny and team for again having a smooth running tournament. We look forward to seeing everyone at New Plymouth in June.

It is with deep regret that I have to report that Walter Benseman passed away on Wednesday 21st March. Walter was, for many years an active member of the Petone Primetimers League and a member of the 55+ Association. He thoroughly enjoyed participating in all the Bowling tournaments he attended. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and we extend our sincere sympathy to Rosemary and all the family.

Cecilia Jenner, Petone.

## From Porirua

Congratulations to Hastings Bowlers and to Barb and her team for a great Tournament. The warm welcome, the new lanes and Loo's were so good. Once again the food was fresh and lovely and always served with a smile. A big bouquet to you all.

I hadn't bowled 12 games over 3 or 4 days since Palmerston North in 2017, so I struggled a bit. You can imagine my amazement that I got a silver medal.

On the way home on the Sunday, I fell asleep and Dave missed the turn-off for the Pahiatua Track, so Dave drove on to Masterton, refuelled the car and then headed south, but Dave discovered there had been some road changes since he live in Masterton in 1962, so we ended up at the Masterton airport before getting back on State Highway 2 towards a very windy Rumutaka Hill road. We finally got home around 5.00 pm.

Overall we had a good weekend, with good company, lots of laughs, food and wine. Keep it up 55+ Association; you have the right recipe for great Tournaments.

Fran Hercus

Just to add to Fran's contribution above, there were 13 Members from Porirua entered into the Hastings Tournament and 9 of these members received tournament medals as follows:

Roger Pedersen, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's Mystery Pairs event;

Avis Gardner, Kevin Gardner, Roger Pedersen and Joe Fraser, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Teams event;

Fran Hercus, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ladies C Grade Singles event;

Dave Hercus, who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Men's B Grade Singles event;

Preston Fenton, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Men's B Grade Singles event;

Colin McLean, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's Open Grade Singles event;

Roger Pedersen also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's All Events Handicap.

In addition 10 Porirua Members ended up with new averages that were higher than their respective Tournament incoming averages, which is a great achievement.

Recent visitors to North City Tenpin Bowling Centre will have noticed there have been extensive earthworks just to the south of the Centre building, due initially to having to relocate the main Porirua sewer line plus the construction of an on and off access route to the Transmission Gully motorway that is scheduled to be completed in 2020. Once completed, this construction will be of benefit to all bowlers coming from north of Porirua, but not to those coming from south of Porirua.

Dave Hercus, Porirua Delegate

## **From Wanganui/Manawatu**

WOW...what a great 4 days that we have just experienced!! Congrats to Hastings on a wonderful 55 + tournament!! Friend's with smiling faces who were pleased to see us again and the centre at Hastings was welcoming. Always a pleasure to be met with hugs and kisses from all!! Congrats to Barbara and friends on your revamped centre, for the help behind the scenes - from the cooks in the kitchen, staff assisting behind counters, Marshall's helping with any problems arising while we were bowling to Ady and his technicians working to keep everything up to scratch - A great big "thanks" to you all. Bowling was a challenge at times with me registering my lowest score for some time, but boy was that a struggle to even reach that!! But for those bowlers that were bowling well games of 200+ were achievable and a pleasure to watch! Those that played well again came home with medals and we welcomed Janet Black and Wayne Dunn to our family of 55+ Bowlers and hope that we have not frightened you too much and that we will see you both when we bowl in New Plymouth. Congrats goes to Lesley Barrow - 3rd A Grade Ladies Singles, Shirley Wilson - 3rd Ladies Mystery Pairs, Graham Barrow - 2nd Men's B Grade Singles and Brian Mackenzie -2nd Men's C Grade Singles, for the medals that you were presented with! What a selection we were given to choose from for our beautiful dinner which was enjoyed by all who attended at Club Hastings and boy what a night we had! Every centre had taken on the challenge of "A Day at the races" and the "fashion in the fields" was a sight to behold. A win of a beautiful basket of goodies for "best dressed" table and also a win for the "race Trivia" which saw us all searching the race books for the answers! A little bit of inside knowledge also helped.. Once again "thanks for the memories" and we will see you all in New Plymouth in June Bring on "Yellow and Black"!!

Arlene Dunn

## Honorary Members Corner

The profit from three days of raffles from the Hastings tournament is going to be colossal. The members of the Association are to be congratulated for their fantastic support for the raffles displayed at each of our tournaments.

The raffles were originally introduced to offset the cost of the medals so that the tournaments could break even.

It was never intended for the raffles to become a source of income for the Association. We were impressed when the bank balance was \$4663.03 and are now concerned that it has risen to \$8529.41.

We need to remember that the Association was formed for friendship and fellowship. Whenever there was excess money in the bank the executive would find ways of giving the money back to the members. A small way of showing appreciation to the members for their continued loyalty, one time the dinner had risen to 26.50 and the members were only asked for 25.00 and another time the bowling fee went from 5.00 to 6.50, the members paid only 5.00.

The Association has no overheads to be saving money for, so let's give it back to our loyal members, in some way. Perhaps our executive could start thinking along these lines too.

Another thought is to give a donation to St John's. We have had to use them a few times over the years and no doubt will use them again.

Perhaps the delegates would like to get their members opinion to take to the next delegates meeting.

We will have a lot of money from the raffles at the Hasting tournament to add to the bank balance so we do need to give some serious thought to this matter.

For 19 years we have operated comfortably around the \$5000.00 and know of no reason why we should not continue to do so. According to our constitution we are a non-profit making organisation and should keep this in mind.

Les and Bev Stuart

## Upcoming Tournament Events

The June 2018 tournament will be at New Plymouth from 14 to 17 June. More detailed information on this tournament was emailed to the Executive and Delegates by Barry Dick on 13 March 2018, so Delegates, please pass these on to your members if you have not already done so.

The September tournament will be at Invercargill from 20 to 23 September 2018 and the first Tournament in 2019 will be held at Waitakere from 1 to 3 March, which will include the celebration of 20 years of the Association. Invercargill have always provided excellent hospitality to their visiting bowlers who have gone to Invercargill for 55+ Association tournaments. If you are coming from the North Island and are driving down via Cook Strait, I suggest you allow 2 days each way for the drive between Picton and Invercargill and enjoy the South Island scenery in between.

More information on these Tournaments will be included in the next Newsletter. Furthermore, activities are in place to finalise the venues for the 2019 June and September Association tournaments.

Dave Hercus,  
Editor