

# 55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

## October 2014 Newsletter

### Editorial

The recent Association Tournament held at Kapiti was a great success, with Members who participated coming away satisfied and happy.

Apart from the novelty factor of Kapiti being a new centre to the majority of Tournament Participants, the lanes were well maintained throughout the Tournament, the service from the centre was excellent and provided cheerfully, bowlers were getting good scores, with over 70% of them achieving a Tournament bowling average in excess of their respective Tournament entering averages, quality food provided at a good tournament dinner venue and approximately 80% of those who attended the dinner dressed up in the dinner's Asian theme. In addition the weather outside was generally sunny and warm which was a bonus, especially after a generally wet and cool winter. With this reputation, members will be happy to return to Kapiti in the future for further Association tournaments being hosted at the Kapiti Centre.

### CONGRATULATIONS KAPITI

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#### Judy O'Rourke, Association Secretary/Treasurer

I was born in Wellington – my parents, brother and I moved to Waihi Beach about 1946. I went to primary school there then on to Waihi College.

Waihi Beach is my roots and is still where I go to get away from it all.

I moved to Auckland when I was 16 to begin work in the YWCA Gymnasium in Queen Street- we ran all sorts of clubs and classes for all age groups but it was the exercise to music classes (or "Keep Fit" as it was known then) that were to play a major part in my life.

I worked at the YWCA until I married then went to work at Farmers Trading Co. There I worked as a cashier and also did credit control – I still kept up with the Keep Fit as well as playing netball and basketball.



I worked at Farmers until the family arrived and I got more involved with the Keep Fit. As a stay at home mum with two little boys I could go to class and take the children with me – this was encouraged in our classes and worked really well. About this time I started to play badminton – while the children were at school I could play interclub as well. By this time I was teaching Keep Fit, involved in the demonstration group – (we did demonstrations to all sorts of community groups and it was good advertising for our classes)- and training teachers. We got invited to Intergym in Germany – what a wonderful trip and experience this was – we were lucky enough to repeat this trip a few years later and we had the German group come here as well.

I spent some time in Singapore at the invitation of the Singapore Sports Council training teachers for Keep Fit classes.

Judo was another sport I was involved in – not as a player but ran the schedule for the tournaments. When I did my Diploma in Recreation and Sport I did my thesis on ‘Running a Judo Tournament’. In 1987 I started work with a clothing manufacturer – I am still there – I cut my Keep Fit classes to two a week in the evening.

I retired from Keep Fit – one day in the middle of organising more routines for the teachers I decided I didn’t want to do it any more so I retired after 40 years. I started ten pin bowling and love it especially as it is indoors and not controlled by the weather.

55Plus is a great Association when we see each other at the various tournaments it is like meeting up with family.

## Marie Whitaker, Hastings Delegate

I was born in a small village in The New Forest called Woodlands, south England.

I attended Netley Marsh Primary School and Bartley Secondary Modern. When I first left school I



worked as a Candler, where basically I tested eggs. Then I went on to do Floristry and worked for Blundell’s Florist in Totton, Hampshire.

I meet and married Dave in the village where I lived; he was doing his OE plus riding Solo speedway bikes all over the UK. We married 1970 and sailed for NZ January 1971. Dave joined his Father’s business, Whitaker Motor Cycles, which later became Dave Whitaker Honda. Apart from a short stint sewing I spent my working life in the office at the Motorcycle shop. Dave and I have two daughters, Hayley and Jolie; they are married, two grandchildren and another on the way.

I started bowling approximately twenty one years ago (quite a wonder that I am not better at it, really) and became hooked. I bowl in two leagues at Superstrike Hastings, plus of course 55+. I most certainly believe

in having fun in most things that I do and I love the re-union of friends that we have in 55+ tournaments.

## Our President’s Corner

Hi all,

Thanks to Dave for the way he has put this newsletter together, it has indeed made for very interesting reading.

I am very disappointed we had to cancel the Tauranga Tournament in February.

After intensive discussions with centre management and due to first agreeing to holding the tournament and then making it virtually impossible for us, the executive, to put something together for the benefit of our members, cancellation was the only solution.

Many thanks to Anne Faulkner who put so much time and effort into the tournament for June and then transferring it to February.

To Jen Hynds of Tauranga, I am sure all of our members feel for you and your members, the disappointment of having the tournament cancelled after all the effort you had put in. Some members will not have heard of Jen Hynds (not spelt Hynes).

We met Jen at the Rotorua Tournament and she is now the delegate for Tauranga.

She had achieved a great lot of information and made all the required bookings for what was going to be the reuniting of Tauranga. Many Thanks.

Since this may be the final newsletter for the year, Bev and I would like to wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and hope to see you all at Panmure in February..

## **From Our Tournament Director, Lorraine Heath**

Hi everyone, well I am sure everyone that attended our Kapiti Tournament had a great time.

Many thanks to Ivena and her team the centre was set up for great bowling, and I am sure getting a GOLD CUP for a 200 game became a prize many bowlers were aiming for including myself, it became a great incentive.

To those people who organised our dinner this was another lovely event with once again some great costumes.

Many thanks for all your help to our President Les and his wife Bev; Vice President Shirley and Treasurer/Secretary Judy.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next tournament in Panmure on the 27th and 28th February and the 1st March 2015

Regards

Lorraine Heath

Tournament Director.

## **From Kapiti**

What turned out to be a most enjoyable, friendly and competitive tournament heralded the Association's first visit to Paraparaumu. The weather behaved for the visitors. The centre staff looked after all bowlers well on the lanes and in the cafe. The dinner at the Kapiti Golf Club was a huge success, with the caterer providing an extremely good range of food. The amenities were good and all members enjoyed the social side and each other's company. It was pleasing to see so many members in costume dress for the occasion. All in all a very good 4 days and we at Kapiti look forward to a return visit in the not too distant future. Special thanks to Wendy and Warwick Avery in arranging the venue, caterer and decorations for the dinner.

Jim Twist,

Kapiti Delegate

## **From Panmure**

Greetings from Panmure 55plus scribe, Tiki touring to Kapiti Coast for 55plus bowling tournament 2014. Well another 55plus tournament done/dusted, great venue but far too long between games otherwise I enjoyed the time away and meeting other bowlers. Plus the venue was very clean/tidy, staff very friendly and helpful.

The journey down to Kapiti only took seven and half hours and that included time for comfort stops and food. I went to sleep a number of times, which is not unusual for me. Weather was good sunny

but a bit cool, arrived at Wrights by the Sea Motel at 4.30pm where the rooms were very comfortable. We left John Hutson's place in Papakura on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept at 9 am with the weather a bit cool/overcast, travelled down the Main Highway and stopped at the Farmlands Café about Midday just after Tokoroa for comfort stops/meal/coffee. Left at about 12.30pm and changed drivers onwards to the new Taupo bypass interchange, Turangi, then onto the Desert Road where about halfway we were stopped by a Traffic Officer for speeding (relief driver shall remain nameless) After that everything went smoothly, saw the 3 volcanoes partly covered in cloud but a great view of them. The motel unit had one double bed plus 3 single beds upstairs. Guess who got the double bed (scribe).

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 8am start. Arrived at the centre and walked in to a very happy atmosphere lanes looked good well-oiled Lanes 1 and 2. My 3 games very average but quite happy with the result. Caught up with a lot of bowlers I had not seen for a while. No games for the rest of the day. Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, another 8am start-mixed doubles had a mighty mixed doubles game - 540 series. Lanes just right. Weather was fine/sunny/warm day outside. Later, Gordon Berry and I were taken back to motel unit and had a good sleep and afterwards went for a walk to have a look at the scenery and foreshore and Kapiti Island. We found a shopping centre and had a good look around the place before going back to the motel.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Bowled the Teams' event at 10.30am lanes still okay, bowled a 502 series game. At 3.30pm I bowled my singles game which was a complete disaster with only me to blame. But after I added up my scores from the four games I still remain in Open grade. Panmure Mixed teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mixed teams result, Congratulations to Beth Sharpe/Margaret Chitty/John Hutson and Ivan Kesha for a well-deserved effort.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, Arrived at the centre at 7.30am said our farewells and left at 8.15am and headed for home. It was raining when we left but it fined up after Waiouru, Stopped at Wairakei pit stop for Comfort stop/eats and when we came out of the eatery right next door to John Hutson's car was a 1962 immaculate Zephyr Zodiac Station Wagon Gold in Colour but did not have a camera with me but will next time. Arrived at John Hutson place Papakura 3.30pm. Then Gordon Berry/Ivan Kesha took me home to Ellerslie at 4pm.

Yours in Bowling,  
Panmure Scribe.

## From Porirua

It was a pleasant change to not have to travel a long distance to attend the Kapiti Tournament, as the Kapiti Centre is only about a 30 minutes' drive from our home in Porirua outside of rush hour traffic times. With a number of Porirua Members living in the Kapiti area participating in the Tournament, Fran and I were invited to stay in the Kapiti area, so we didn't have the daily commute from our home in Porirua to Kapiti.

Congratulations to Porirua Members Edna van Bemmelen and Trish Kingi for coming first and second respectively in the Ladies Mixed Doubles and to Barry Riddell for winning the Men's A Grade Singles. With some Porirua Members living in the Kapiti area and with some other Kapiti Members having bowled at Porirua prior to the Kapiti Centre opening in late 2007 plus some Porirua Members who live in Porirua also bowling at Kapiti, there is a close bond between the 2 groups of members. In this regard, it was particularly pleasing to have Porirua Members helping out the Kapiti Members in various tournament non-playing activities behind the scene.

A big thank you to Ivena Heald and her Kapiti Centre team for the facilities and services provided during the Tournament. You have set a very high standard for other Centres to follow.

Dave Hercus  
Porirua Delegate.

## **Australia Calling**

Further to the July Association Newsletter, there is now a tab on the homepage of the Association's website where Members can click on to register their interest in making a trip to the Gold Coast of Australia as part of a New Zealand senior tenpin bowling team in August 2015.

This tab will remain on the website until after the Association's Panmure Tournament being held 27 February-1 March 2015, when a decision is made as whether there is sufficient interest to proceed with organising a tour to the Gold Coast. So please register now.

Just as a reminder, background investigations for this potential trip 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.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Gil Evans Memorial Tournament, 10 November 2014 at Porirua**

The Entry Form for this tournament is now available on the Association website, from where the form can be downloaded. The only change from that advertised previously is that the tournament will start at 10.00 am on Monday 10 November instead of 10.30 am stated in the previous Association newsletter.

Entries for this tournament close at Strike Porirua on 31 October 2014. A number of entries have already been received from Members.

### **2015 and 2016 Association Tournaments**

Just a reminder that the Tauranga Tournament proposed for February/March 2015 has been cancelled and that the Tournament originally set down for Panmure in June 2015 has been brought forward to February-March 2015. Currently no replacement Tournament has been decided for the June 2015 timeframe.

Panmure, 27 February – 1 March 2015

To be decided, 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.

## Conclusion

This being the last Association Newsletter for 2014, I trust that all Members have enjoyed reading this year's Newsletters and I, along with my Wife, Fran, take this opportunity to wish all Members and their families Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous 2015.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided contributions to the News Letters in 2014.

We will not be attending the Panmure tournament in 2015 because we currently have a new home under construction (In the Kapiti area would you believe) and we will be setting up our new home at the time of the tournament. Fran and I will still be bowling at Porirua.

Dave Hercus  
Editor  
Porirua Delegate.