

# 55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

## October 2015 Newsletter

### Editorial

The recent Association Tournament held at Palmerston North was successful, with Members who participated coming away satisfied and happy.

Although the Palmerston North Bowlarama Centre has been in existence for many years, it was refurbished late in 2014 with new lanes, flat panel monitors for displaying results and lane machinery, making the centre a much more pleasant place to bowl at. Although there was a novelty factor of Palmerston North 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 75% of them achieving a Tournament bowling average in excess of their respective Tournament entering averages, quality food provided at a good tournament dinner venue with a high proportion of those who attended the dinner dressed up in the dinner's "P" theme. With this reputation, members will be happy to return to Palmerston North in the future for further Association tournaments being hosted at the Palmerston North Bowlarama Centre.

**CONGRATULATIONS Wanganui/Palmerston North**

### Pen Picture

#### Anne Faulkner, Panmure Delegate

I was born in 1946 in Hackney, South East London where I lived with my Mum and Dad and younger Sister. I moved to Hainault, Ilford Essex when I was 11 years old and at the age of 15 left school and got a job as an apprentice hairdresser. I stayed in the hairdressing profession for 13 years working my way up to being manageress.

In 1969 my friends and I decided to visit a small country pub where I met my husband Barry. We married in 1971 and 2 years later decided to make a new life in New Zealand. After arriving I decided to try something new from hairdressing and got a job at Tip Top as a printer. I was there for 2 years



before getting pregnant with my first daughter I had a second daughter 2 years later and now also have 3 grandchildren.

In 1986 our friend asked if I would like to join a bowling league, as there was a new tenpin bowling centre being opened in Waitakere. I joined The Gadabouts League on a Friday night. This was the start of my bowling interest. I lived in Glen Eden for 30 years and had numerous part time jobs while the children were young. I also worked at Big Fresh as administrator. Once the girls were older I got a fulltime job at State insurance processing credit card payments. During this time my husband Barry became ill and was eventually diagnosed with dementia so that when voluntary redundancies were asked for I put my hand up so that I could be at home with him. I moved to Pukekohe in 2004 and after 3 years of no bowling was browsing on the internet and found the 55 + website with a lot of bowlers still bowling that I knew. The next 55+ tournament was being held at Manukau and so I went along. This is when I decided to join the club and get back into bowling. I

also joined a Manukau league for a while before joining and travelling to Panmure centre. I have been the Panmure delegate now for some years and have made lots of new friends and really look forward to our tournaments.

Barry and I recently moved to Longford Park retirement village in Takanini. This is a lifetime change and although I have only been there a few weeks feel this is the right move for both of us.

## Our President's Corner

It has been a hard and arduous year for some of our association members and Bev and I hope that those families are feeling better as time goes by. I refer to our Tom Hollier from Waitakere, who, together with wife Barbara travelled to Hastings in 2000 for our very first tournament held for the 55+ Association and has been a stalwart's for the Association. I would also like to add Noelene Ericksen to this list. Noelene recently passed away, as you will read a little further on in the newsletter. She was actually one of the members who travelled to Taupo where the inaugural setup was made in April 1999. She was unable to attend the Hastings tournament, but has attended many others. On a different approach, the most pleasurable memories are that of travelling to our tournaments and meet up with our Association family and friends from past years.

The most important, to Bev and I, are the likes of: Joan Edhouse who told me she was now 91 and still loves to come to the tournaments and meet up with others of our association and I see she still bowls rather well considering.

Joan, Rosemary, Walter Benseman, Jan Reeves, Daph Harvey and many others are truly inspirational. What more can I say about the Palmerston North Tournament, as with all other accolades from other centres, I thank Shirley and her team for all the hard work put into having set up a great tournament. Finally, as this is the last newsletter for this 2015 year.

Have very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you all next year at Waitakere.

Les and Bev S

## From Panmure

Greetings Fellow 55plus Bowlers, Well another well run 55plus Tournament at Palmerston North Bowling centre 2015. Congratulations to the 55plus committee and to the staff at the centre for an enjoyable weekend. Hardly any breakdowns, if there were very minor. The centre itself was very enjoyable to bowl at and clean/bright.

Congratulations to Anne Faulkner for winning Gold/Silver Medals in the Mystery Doubles/B grade singles and to Adrian Chitty for winning the Gold medal in the Mixed Doubles. Also congratulations to Margaret Chitty/Adrian Chitty/Gordon/Ivan Kesha for winning the Gold Medal in the Teams event. Going by the photos on the website looked like everyone enjoyed themselves. The motel was very comfortable and only two minutes' walk to the bowling centre. Weather was warm/sunny one day then the cold/raining the next. But overall an enjoyable stay and I would go back to Palmerston North anytime. But will buy myself a new bowling ball before that happens.

Went for a walking tour of the town centre and found it has changed from when I lived there many years ago. Had to ask where the places I wanted to go to for shopping: Kmart/Farmers/\$2 shops. And the square looked a treat after all these years of having trains running through the centre it. I am an ex Palmerston North Born/Bred left there when I was 17 years young and went to Auckland in the 50's.

The Journey down to Palmerston North was a rather long journey. We went through Hamilton then west Hamilton came out the back of Otorohanga/Te Kuiti/Taumarunui came out at Waiouru and arrive at Palmerston North about 4.30pm. So Roll on Pins Henderson February 2016. Did hear either

Christchurch/Rotorua either one could be in the mix for 2016. This scribe will be cutting back on going away because of cost to get there. I will be only traveling away once a year. But will go to Porirua in September 2016. Give me time to save plenty of money.

Quote of the month: "Nobody is perfect, that's why pencils come with erasers". So people there you have another 55Plus tournament done/dusted, roll on 2016.

Yours in Bowling  
Panmure Scribe.

## From Petone

I hope everyone enjoyed their tournament at Palmerston North, I was thinking of you all as I enjoyed myself with family in the UK, we had a lovely time even though the weather in London for the first half of our holiday was very showery and not very warm. We had a lovely 10 days in south of France with our daughter and son-in-law, seeing new sights such as the Millau viaduct over the Gorge du Tarn, a magnificent feat of engineering, and revisiting places we couldn't see because of rain when last there 43 years ago, such as Carcassonne, now very much more busy with tourists. We had some lovely weather on our return to UK, especially in Edinburgh and then in London before our return to windy New Zealand. I am now eager to get back to bowling and would like to wish all 55+ bowlers a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and look forward to catching up with you all in 2016. It is with deep sadness I have to report the passing of one of our bowlers. Noeleen Ericksen passed away suddenly in October, she was a very enthusiastic member of Club 55, the Thursday league in Petone, she was always eager for the 55+ Petone members to participate in tournaments and was also a regular entrant in the National Veterans tournament held in Tauranga each October, and she will be sorely missed at Petone. R.I.P. Noeleen.  
Cecilia Jenner, Petone

## From Porirua

Some Porirua members have been bowling once a year at Palmerston North on mutual interleague visits, but hadn't had the opportunity to do so after the Palmerston North Centre was upgraded at the end of last year, so we went up and bowled about 6 weeks prior to the tournament and enjoyed our experience. At the same time we confirmed our bookings for the Tournament at the B-K Motel next door. The Motel co-owner was quite relieved when we said we wanted to confirm our bookings for the Tournament, as she thought we had wanted units for the night and the motel was already fully booked and we enjoyed a laugh with her on that issue when we did book in for the tournament.

Staying in the B-K Motel was a good move, as we could just walk next door to the bowling centre and also on the Sunday morning, we could leave our cars in the motel car park after having checked out, which was very handy. The Co-owner of the motel was also very impressed with our "Pebbles" uniforms for the Saturday night Social and she took some photos of us all in the Motel conference centre, which are now probably posted on the Motel's Facebook page. (I don't belong to Facebook.) A number of Porirua bowlers won medals at the tournament and congratulations go to Helen Young (2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Mystery Pairs), Len Cannon (2<sup>nd</sup> Men's Mystery Pairs), Michael Hepburn (1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Doubles), Fran Hercus (3<sup>rd</sup> = Ladies C Grade Singles), Patricia Smith (1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Open Singles) and Len Cannon (1<sup>st</sup> Men's B Grade Singles).

We were very pleased to win the best dressed team with our Pebbles uniforms at the Saturday night social. The team also included some Kapiti bowlers and also the uniform manufacture was a joint effort and only cost a few dollars in materials each to make. Once again we made good use of Pete's Emporium in Porirua for supplies of materials.

Dave Hercus

Porirua Delegate.

## From Wanganui/Palmerston North

The Palmerston North Bowlarama played Host to our members for the first time since the revamp of our centre.

This was a new experience for many of the Manawatu/Wanganui members but one which we feel we coped with very well. All of our members played a valuable part in the running of the tournament, from Check In, Kitchen and Counter Staff, Decorators for our Dinner, Raffle Sellers, Setting Up and Clearing away, to Lane Marshalls - A big Thank You to you all! (And anybody else I may have forgotten!)

Our Dinner was a huge success with nearly all members "dressing up" for the occasion. The letter "P" was our theme. Special mention to Popeye (Leslie Barrow) Jack Sparrow the Pirate( Graham Barrow), tall and swanky Pilot, Maverick from the Tom Cruise movie Top Gun (Alden Heppleston) and of course our Lady Pirate (Shirley Wilson) all who did an exceptional effort with their costumes. Entertainment for the night was a Deejay whose selection of music was enjoyed by all the dancers and members of the Cossie Club who had stayed on, but the highlight for entertainment on the night went to our Manager Alex, and Preston (Kapiti), for their version of the hit song **Grease Lightning** .I didn't get to witness this show in person but watched the version on Sunday morning on Alex's phone. An excellent performance by both, but who would have thought that our Alex showed such talent!

We must also Thank Alex in doing his part towards the Tournament; he cleaned up so well and did a great job at not upsetting the Members too much!! Also, all the early morning starts that he undertook – We Thank You.

Our Members had a Great time and even managed to win a few medals. Feedback from other 55plus members since has also been terrific, so to our Manawatu/Wanganui members –**Congratulations and Job Well Done!!**

Arlene Dunn

## Upcoming Events

### 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. Although entries have officially closed, you can still enter on the day at North City Tenpin

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

Entries for this tournament close on 5 February 2016. The Association's AGM will be held during this tournament and nominations will be called for shortly for the Executive positions on the Association.

### June 2016 Tournament

Subject to confirmation, the June 2016 tournament is scheduled to be held at Rotorua.

## **Porirua Tournament**

The September 2016 tournament will be held at North City Tenpin in Porirua from 16 to 18 September. Entries for this tournament will close on 16 August 2016.

## **Conclusion**

This being the last Association Newsletter for 2015, 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 2016 and look forward to meeting all again at Waitakere in February.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided contributions to the News Letters in 2015.

Dave Hercus  
Editor