

55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

October 2016 Newsletter

Editorial

Another successful year for the Association has now concluded and no doubt Members are now considering whether they will enter the first Association tournament for 2017, which is being held at Strike Lower Hutt in late February. This venue, which is home to Petone Members of the Association, will probably be new to most Association Members, so please enter and come to this tournament for the experience.

Like previous years, a number of Members have sadly passed on during the year, including the Kapiti Delegate, Wendy Avery, who died from lung cancer and an obituary for Wendy is included below in this Newsletter.

On a positive note, congratulations to two of our members, Pat Gowan and Len Cannon, who were married in late April 2016 at Wanganui.

It is also pleasing to learn that our President, Preston Epplett, has recovered from the illness that kept him away from the Porirua tournament.

Finally, in this newsletter there are 3 pen pictures of the current Delegates from Waitakere, Rotorua and Kapiti and I took photos of all 3 delegates at Porirua to go with the pen pictures in the Newsletter. Before I could download the photos, there was a rather large update to Windows 10, which has prevented me from downloading the photos to my Computer, so my apologies to the three delegates for not including the photos.



Obituary - Wendy Avery

On 19 August 2016, Wendy lost her battle with lung cancer.

During her bowling career, Wendy bowled with several leagues at Porirua and when the current Kapiti Centre opened in 2008 and being a Kapiti resident, Wendy and her husband, Warwick, became inaugural members of the Kapiti Krocks League. For many years, Wendy was the League secretary. She will be greatly missed by the Kapiti bowlers as she was the backbone of the League. She was also the Kapiti 55+ Association Delegate. You could always rely on Wendy to do the job and do it properly; she was a great communicator and

was a calming influence when needed.

Wendy loved her bowling and the social sides that came with it. We all had many fun Barbeques and Pot Luck dinners over the years.

Wendy's passing has left a huge hole in our lives. On 19 October we held a Memorial Tournament at Kapiti to honour both Wendy and also Frances Clay, who passed away late last year, also from cancer. The aim was to fundraise for the Mary Potter Hospice, who had provided support to both women and their families and the 36 bowlers who participated and the Kapiti Centre successfully raised \$875.00 for the Hospice. We plan to hold this tournament every year, which will be known as the Kapiti Memorial Tournament, as a thank you for all the help they both received from the Hospice.

Fran Hercus, President Kapiti Krock's Tenpin League

President's Corner

Well I was so disappointed not to be able to get to the Tournament in Porirua. It seemed that it was just not meant to happen. Initially I had a fall in a wet supermarket carpark ending up injuring my knees and arms and could not bowl. The Hastings crew convinced me to come as a non-playing supporter but then I got a bad virus two days before we were to embark south and was laid up for over a week.

I have to say it is tough not being there. I would like to thank those who sent get well messages, especially the crew from New Plymouth who sent a card. Its times like this when the real fellowship of 55+ comes to the fore.

I also need to thank Marie Whitaker who took over my role as Mrs Brown on Saturday night, and from the some of the Hasting pictures I see everyone had a good time.

Thanks to all those who were involved in organising Porirua. I hear the tournament was a great success.

Barb tells me I am wrapping myself in cotton wool after Christmas to avoid any further mishaps and that should mean I will be fighting fit and see you all again in February at Petone.

Its early I know but I hope everyone has a great Christmas, take care and roll on February!!!

Preston Epplett

From Hastings

Hastings Yet another great tournament and once again run very smoothly by centre staff, our lovely Lorraine and fellow helpers, what would we do without them. Thanks to Dave Hercus and his helpers for the work done in the centre and for organising the Saturday evening meal, although we did miss a bit of music. The whole tournament participants missed our friendly President Preston but our little band from Hastings missed him greatly, he was supposed to be

“Mrs Brown” but we made use of his op shop collections. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year. Marie

From Petone

Hi to all bowlers, Firstly I would like to congratulate Porirua on another well run tournament, and I hope that Fran has fully recovered from her fall. Congratulations to all the medal winners, especially all the Petone members, we all enjoyed ourselves over the weekend. I am deeply saddened by Wendy Avery's passing, and offer my deepest sympathy to Warwick and family. I first met Wendy in 1961 at the Onslow Table Tennis Club where we played on a Thursday and Friday evening, a mutual friend suggested we do a "Cruise" the following Xmas so four of us endeavoured to save every spare money we could and off we went on the "Oranje" for an Island cruise which we all enjoyed. I lost touch with Wendy after she married and moved away, so it was with great delight to have an "I know you" moment at a 55+ Tournament and catch up on years of memories. These memories I will always keep dear. I wish all 55+ Members a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing them at Strike Lower Hutt for the Petone tournament in February, have a safe and happy holiday time and come back on best form for the new season. Cecilia Jenner. Petone Delegate.

From Porirua

Thank you to all Association bowlers who entered the Porirua Tournament and thank you to those members who congratulated Porirua on their efforts. It was our pleasure to do so. I also take this opportunity to thank my fellow Porirua bowlers who assisted me during the Tournament.

Congratulations to all who won medals in the Tournament. It looks as though Porirua bowlers got more than their fair share of the medals, with special congratulations to Roger Pedersen for becoming the top overall men's bowler. Congratulations also to Hastings for being the top My Favourite TV Program winners at the Saturday Night Social with their impersonation of Mrs Brown.

As I indicated in the July Newsletter, Fran and I stayed in a Porirua motel rather than drive the nominal 45 minutes it takes from our home in Waikanae to the Porirua Centre, which was just as well as it was a rather wet weekend during the tournament, but by the time we got back home again on the Sunday afternoon, the sky had cleared and the roads had dried up. There was a downside to staying in the Porirua motel this time, as on the Friday night, Fran tripped in our motel room and crashed into a wall of the motel damaging her head and she was concussed. An ambulance was called that took Fran to Wellington Hospital Emergency Department where Fran was treated and given an MRI scan and I followed in our car, so we could get back to our motel after Fran was discharged and we eventually arrived back about 3.00 am on Saturday morning. Fran has now recovered from her accident and was back bowling 2 weeks after the Tournament. During the Kapiti Memorial Tournament she bowled a 201 scratch game, which is only about the 4th one she has bowled during her bowling career.

Dave Hercus,
Porirua Delegate

Delegate Pen Pictures

Patricia Smith, Kapiti

Hi, I'm Patricia and I would like to tell you, what an honour and a privilege it is to bowl with you all. It's always lovely to catch up with you at our Tournaments and if your name escapes me, put it down to old age, (Oops, did I say that) So many happy, friendly faces that I know so well.

I have played sport of one kind or another since I was old enough to climb into the back of the Taxi my brother used as transport to get to Softball in the Hutt. He introduced me to that game when I was around 12 years old and I never looked back. I loved it and I played it for many years (25 in all) and was privilege to play for New Zealand in 1962 when I was 21. Then a boyfriend, a husband and 3 baby girls interrupted my flow. Happily, the girls grew, married and produced 6 grandchildren. Later in 2006 my husband sadly passed away with Cancer. Later that year I read of a Public Meeting at Kapiti Bowling Centre and it caught my interest and so I went along to be nosy. After the meeting we were invited to a Roll Up with a house ball. Wow.... This game could be interesting, not so different from Softball I thought, so I joined a league early 2007 and basically you know the rest. I was hooked then and still am. I love the game; I play in 3 leagues, 2 at Kapiti and 1 in Porirua and have made many friends along the way. I have plenty of Bowls left in me and hope to continue for many years to come.

Thank you for your friendship and companionship.

See you at Bowling
Patricia

Chris Clare, Rotorua

I sound English but I was born in New Zealand, in Lower Hutt. My parents moved to the UK in 1955 as my father wanted to re-join the RAF, having served there during World War II, in Bomber Command. His last posting, before retiring, was to Norwich which is where I met Shirley, my wife of 45 yrs. We have two daughters, Louise and Frances. One is a State Registered General Practice Nurse and the other is a Physiotherapist, which comes in handy sometimes! We have six grandchildren, three boys and three girls as well as a great grandson who has just had his 1st birthday.

I worked for the same company in the UK for 37 years. You may know it as Norwich Union (they owned State Insurance at one time) but it is now known as AVIVA; the name was changed after the company bought several other large insurance companies. My job for the last 15 years of my working life was as the International IT Services Manager, which meant a lot of travel to Southern Ireland, Europe and America/Canada as well as a two day commute by train to London each week. When in Norwich I was based at the Company's Datacentre on the outskirts of the city, close to a 10 pin bowling alley. Most people at the Datacentre worked flexitime which allowed us to have the occasional long lunch break. As there was very little to do locally, time was spent at the bowling alley where there was a bar. It was a pleasant way to spend a lunchtime!

I retired in 2005 when my children decided to move to NZ. They both have NZ Citizenship and NZ passports because of me being a New Zealander, so it was an easy process for them,

their husbands and the oldest three grandchildren to take up residence here in the land of the long white cloud. They moved to Rotorua simply because one of my sons-in-law had been offered a job in printing, although he has subsequently retrained to be a builder. My other son-in-law, married to Physio Frances, is also a Physiotherapist. Within a few days of settling here in NZ, they went to Rotorua DHP and were lucky enough to get jobs straight away. Around three years ago they bought into a Physiotherapy Practice and Pilates Studio which is thriving.

I have never been taught tenpin bowling - I just picked it up from watching other bowlers, which explains my rather unorthodox style. It is a sport I really enjoy. My other sporting loves were soccer (too old now and too injury prone). I also played a lot of table tennis which I recently stopped, due to a persistent back injury.

Shirley and I have recently moved house to be closer to town. The fact that the new Rotorua bowling centre will be just down the road is a total co-incidence! I am considering taking up lawn bowls but it may have to wait until the renovations on the house are complete. Soon after we moved to New Zealand Shirley realised that, if she wanted to see more of me, she was going to have to take up tenpin bowling as well. She did the same with SCUBA diving after spending several holidays aboard, sitting by herself on the beach whilst I was off exploring the underwater world. She too got herself qualified so that she could join me discovering the beauty of aquatic life. It is something we really enjoyed together, although we are only warm water divers!

I always look forward to the tournaments and the chance to catch up with the many friends and delightful characters I have encountered over the years. These occasions are always such fun and long may they continue.

Warwick Jones, Waitakere

My name is Warwick Bayliss Jones and I was born in Auckland in September 1940. I have been married to my wife, Elaine, for 52 years and we have eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter. For my secondary education, I was a pupil at Mt Albert Grammar in Auckland, where I took Engineering courses followed by 8 years working for the RNZAF in Electronics and 32 years with the Automobile Association (Auckland) and the New Zealand AA, progressing from the position one of the first Breakdown Service Officer in Auckland City to the Northern Regional Manager responsible for all activities north of Taupo.

In 1997, I set myself up as a sole trader, undertaking home and light commercial maintenance. Then I established a small civil works company with my son Stephen undertaking electricity and fibre optic installation services.

My eldest son has a home based business making a wide range of wooden toys, some of which I make, which keeps me off the streets!

I began tenpin bowling about 25 years ago and I have travelled to many parts of the world, with our West Auckland League, met some wonderful people and enjoyed the many tournaments I have played in both at home and abroad.

Upcoming Events

The Third Gil Evans Memorial Tournament will be held on Monday 7 November 2016 at Porirua. I have already emailed the entry form and Rules for this Tournament to Delegates and also it is available from the home page of the Association's website. Although entries officially close at the end of October, being a fund raising tournament for the Mary Potter Hospice in Wellington, any late entries should also be accepted.

The following Association Tournaments are scheduled for 2017 and 2018 although most still need to have their dates confirmed

Petone (Strike Lower Hutt) confirmed for 24, 25 and 26 February 2017, with entries closing on 6 February 2017. The venue and the Theme for the Saturday Night social have still to be confirmed.

Rotorua, June 2017. A new Centre at Rotorua is almost completed and Chris Clare, the Rotorua Delegate will have discussions with the Owners on dates and costs once the new centre is operational

Kapiti, September 2017. Details still to be determined/

Hastings, February 2018. Details still to be determined.

More details will be included in later newsletters.

Conclusion

This being the last Association Newsletter for 2016, 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 2017 and look forward to meeting you all again at Petone (Strike Lower Hutt) in February.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided contributions to the Newsletters in 2016. Please keep up the good work in 2017.

Dave Hercus
Editor