



## October 2018 Newsletter

### Editorial

Welcome to your third 55+ Association Newsletter for 2018. Since the July Newsletter was published, the Association has established a new website to promote its activities to Members, so please make sure you have time to visit the new website at [//55plus/](http://55plus/) if you haven't already done so. The new website was planned to be active from the end of September, but this had to be advanced, because the previous website was closed down about 2 months early. Our President, Preston Epplett, has put a great deal of effort in managing the establishment of our new website. Well done Preston.

It is great to have both Invercargill and Christchurch back in the Association and from the contributions to this Newsletter; those who went to Invercargill really enjoyed the experience, so congratulations Invercargill for all your efforts. Fran and I had planned to go to Invercargill, but my deteriorating eyesight meant that I had to have cataract operations on each eye. Fortunately both operations went well and my league bowling at Porirua was not affected, but I wasn't to know this in advance.

As Members would have seen from the New Plymouth Delegates Meeting minutes, our Tournament Director had resigned her position as from the end of the Invercargill Tournament and at Invercargill a Special General Meeting was scheduled to elect a replacement Tournament Director. See the updated information given in the "Presidents Corner below regarding this meeting. I am sure all Members join with me to thank Lorraine for her kind offer to continue as Tournament Directors for a further 12 months.

### Presidents Corner

Well the long trip to Invercargill was well worth it. A great tournament and special thanks goes to Dawn and her team as well as the acting manager Keith Rankin. Sure many of us had problems coping with and understanding the scoring system but by day two it was not a big issue.

Our dinner was well attended and it was great to see all the colourful costumes.

I enjoyed visiting Invercargill, 42 years had elapsed from my last visit. I crossed another thing off my bucket list when we went Curling at Gore. A fun time.

I look forward to catching up with a good number of the South Island bowlers at Waitakere.

Talking of Waitakere it will be our birthday celebration. The Theme is Hollywood and I hope many of you will come suitably attired to our birthday dinner.

We were to have an election for a new Tournament director in Invercargill, but we received no nominations. Lorraine has kindly agreed to continue for another 12 months. Benny will understudy and test the new program over that period with a view to becoming tournament director for 2020.

I sincerely thank Lorraine for her ongoing support and Benny for his work re the new program.

The new website was hurriedly launched after the old one was shut down earlier than agreed and without any communication. Progress has been made and we are almost there. I thank those who have provided constructive comments. One thing the change has highlighted is that rules on the old site was well out of date. They are being updated to reflect a number of changes which had been passed over the last few years. WE are also updating the schedule of delegate's responsibilities. All this will be confirmed at Waitakere and then uploaded to the site. The new site makes it easier to view photos and you are welcome to upload and suitable pictures via the news link on the website.

So until we meet again in Waitakere ..... good bowling and high scores !!!!!

Preston Epplett

## **From Hastings**

We all had such a great time in Invercargill! For a start we didn't have any snow!!! The last day there was the coldest but even that was bearable. We went there the day before competition and looked at Bluff. Went to Gore after the competition had finished. Then we went to Riverton on Monday, Well worth the extra days to have a look around.

The lanes were great, the lane marshals worked very hard and amazingly stayed calm, more than I can say about some of the bowlers. I do think the scoring could be improved though!!!

Another big thank you to Lorraine and all her fellow workers and so pleased to hear that she will stay put until the end of next year.

We did miss a few of the usual bowlers but also met a lot of new bowlers from the South Island and we are really pleased to hear that so many of them are coming North next year!

Marie.  
Hastings

## **From Petone**

Congratulations to Invercargill on a very well run Tournament. Petone's only participant, Rosemary Benseman, says she had a wonderful time, she says it was like she had walked into a large family party and she enjoyed catching up with all the friends she has made over the years of bowling.

It is great to welcome Invercargill and Christchurch back into the 55+ Association and we look forward to seeing their members at future Tournaments.

As this is the end of year Newsletter, on behalf of all the Petone members I would like to wish everyone a happy healthy Summer and a Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year, see you all at Waitakere for a "Birthday Bash".

Cecilia Jenner, Petone.

## From Wanganui/Manawatu

We have now made our journey back to our homes in the North Island with some of us staying on to visit with Family and Friends and to take in more of the beautiful sights of the South!

We had a lovely flight down to Invercargill from P.N, stopping over in Christchurch for lunch, then being greeted on board our new plane by some friendly bowlers who were also on their way South!

John B assisted the pilot with all the landings and take offs from his seat and I must say that these were mastered to perfection on our way down, but alas, there was a lot of room for improvement on our Journey back to P.N (just managed to snatch my cup of coffee mid-air as it was heading toward the ceiling and must add that not a drop was lost!)

We were met at the Invercargill airport by our fellow bowlers, Lesley and Graham, who had travelled down in their camper van and after collecting our bags and organising transport we made our way to our Motel . A quick drop off of our personal belongings and Lesley and Graham offered to take our bowling bags to the centre where we had an hours practice on the lanes before making our way to find something to eat.

We dined at local McDonalds, the Working Men's Club (R.S.A) thanks to Kerry from Rotorua for taking us, and then to the Southland Club for our Dinner! The theme was Bright Colours and this was again an amazing sight from all the clubs who had again dressed for the occasion!

My Daffodil took the Ladies Prize winning a lovely bottle of wine and a box of chocolates and I also won a Lollipop for my very hard earned score of 99 for my singles game!!

While I struggled with my games it was a pleasure to watch others play well -

Congratulations go to our following members:

Lesley Barrow 1st Mystery Pairs, Lil McGregor 1st Ladies B Grade Singles and 3rd Ladies All Events Handicapped

John Burmeister 2nd and John Spackman 3rd Men`s B Grade Singles

Graham Barrow 2nd Men`s Mystery Pairs and 1st Men`s A Grade Singles.

Congratulations to you all but a special mention to Graham as he has only been playing 55 plus for 3 years! (Words of wisdom must be working eh Lesley!!)

We have admired the sights of Invercargill which we have found during our time here - The Water Tower, Troops Memorial and Queens Park Garden just being a few of the ones we wandered through at our own leisure. And of course The World's Fastest Indian!

After the Final Days Play and Medal Presentation we made our way to the Bill Richardson Transport Museum and what a sight this was!

We ambled around at our own pace, visiting the cinema for a viewing of Pork Pie while we warmed up, admired the skill that was used in the Wearable Art, and were amazed at all the memorabilia that was around us.

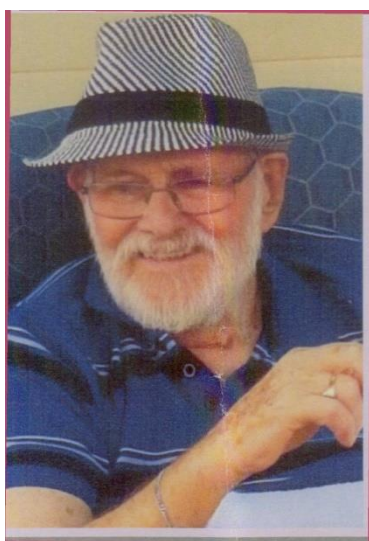
Well worth the visit!

Our members would like to thank our delegate Shirley for arranging our clean and comfortable accommodation at Heritage Court Motel and also our Airfares for those of us who needed them. Also, a big thank you to the Invercargill Bowling Centre for their Welcome and for the new friendships that we have formed.

We take this opportunity in wishing everybody an early Merry Christmas and a great Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in Waitakere for our Birthday Celebrations.

Arlene Dunn

## Obituary - Jon White, March 1937 to 5 August 2018



Jon White was probably unique in the history of the 55+ Association as he was firstly the Delegate for Rotorua and after he and his wife, Jocelyn, moved to Otaki in 2009 was elected the Delegate for Kapiti after the then Kapiti Delegate resigned because of ill-health in 2010.

Jon lived his younger years in the Wairarapa. Jon amused himself by making canoes and trolleys by scrounging from the local engineering scrap yard any item that could be used for wheels that would roll along the footpath and other items that could be used in canoes that were sailed in the town creek that went through Jon's home.

Jon met his the future wife, Jocelyn Cooper, at a party at a friend's place and ended up taking Jocelyn home after the party, romance blossomed followed by Jon and Jocelyn getting married.

Jon became the Rotorua Delegate around 2009 and held that position until he and Jocelyn moved down to Otaki in late 2009. After becoming the Kapiti Delegate in 2010, Jon held the position until sometime in 2013, when his health was starting to deteriorate, which resulted in Jon spending some short periods in hospital. Never the less, Jon still bowled with the Kapiti Krocks league and in 2015 won the Kapiti Krocks Singles Championship. Then in 2016 he didn't bowl, but Jon and Jocelyn ran the Kapiti Krocks weekly raffle until Jon had to enter the Madison rest home in Levin later that year, which was where he passed away on 5 August 2018. Jocelyn used to go and see Jon every day, where she would feed him his mid-day meal.

Jon's funeral was held in Levin and was attended by family and friends, including tenpin bowlers.

Dave Hercus

## Kapiti Memorial Tournament

A Memorial Tournament was held at Kapiti on Sunday September 30 in memory of those bowlers who had bowled at Kapiti since the Kapiti Centre opened, most of who were 55+ Association Members. Bowlers from Wanganui/Palmerston North, Porirua and Kapiti participated in the Tournament. Most of the Wanganui/Palmerston North Bowlers had also attended the 55+ Association tournament at Invercargill the previous weekend, but they assured me that they had been to their homes prior to coming down to Kapiti for the Memorial Tournament.

The Tournament winner was Alden Heppleston of Wanganui/Palmerston North, with Dave Hercus of Porirua, second and John Burmeister of Wanganui/Palmerston North, third.

Proceeds from the tournament were donated to a local cancer charity by the Kapiti Centre.

Dave Hercus

## Upcoming Tournament Events

Porirua – Gil Evans Memorial Tournament 16 November 2018. Entries close Wednesday 7 November 2018 and the entry fee is \$25.00 per person. Please contact Dave Hercus at [davenfran.hercus@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davenfran.hercus@xtra.co.nz) if you need an entry form for this tournament.

Waitakere – March 1 - 3 2019. During this tournament, the Association will be celebrating being in existence for 20 years. It will probably be wise to book your accommodation for this Tournament now as I am aware that some Members have already made their bookings. The dinner will be held at the Henderson RSA. Playing times will finish at 5.30 pm on the Friday and at 4.00 pm on the Saturday.

Rotorua – Either 6 to 9 or 13 to 16 June 2019, to be confirmed. Playing times: Thursday and Friday, 8.00 am to 5.30 pm; Saturday, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm and Sunday 8.00 am till noon. 12 lanes are available.

Porirua - September 13 – 15 2019

Hastings – February 2020 dates to be confirmed.

New Plymouth – June 2020 2nd weekend dates to be confirmed.

Palmerston Nth – September 2020 dates to be confirmed.

Waitakere – February 2021 to be confirmed

Kapiti – June 2021, dates to be confirmed. It is proposed that the Tournament dinner will be held at the Kapiti Centre.

Petone – February 2022 to be confirmed/

Finally, as this is the last Association Newsletter for 2018, Fran joins with me to wish all Members of the 55+ Association a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see many of you at the Waitakere tournament in March 2019 when we will be celebrating the Association's 20 year Anniversary. Don't forget your Hollywood uniforms for the celebrations.

Dave Hercus, Editor