



**55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND
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At the time of writing, New Zealand, like so many countries throughout the world, is battling the Covid-19 Virus. I do hope our members are keeping well and, like me, safe at home, in their 'bubbles' during a period of 'shut down'. No doubt, our tenpin bowling will be rather rusty when we resume but, hey, it our best chance of survival! Similarly, that was why the decision was made to cancel the New Plymouth Tournament – a very wise move as it turns out.

I haven't much to report since the December Newsletter but I have heard from **Dave Hercus**, my predecessor as Editor, who provided us with news for so many years.

Dave has explained why he needed to resign so suddenly. He had made the Association's Executive aware but would like all members to understand.

Unfortunately, Dave's son, who lives just four streets away from him and Fran at Waikanae Beach, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and, quite rightly, his priority at this time is to support his son.

Dave has asked me to express his thanks to all members who provided him with items for the Newsletter during his 'reign'! We don't expect to outlive our 'children', so I would like to pass on kind thoughts and great strength to you and Fran at this very sad time.

I've also had a message from **Bev Stuart**, who explained that she and Les were pleased to chat with so many familiar faces at the Hastings Tournament. Many members asked what she and Les were doing with their spare time and Bev has said:

"What spare time Les and I ask? Many of you may not know that Les had a pilot's licence and has put a simulator in a spare room at their house. He daily flies around different parts of New Zealand and I sometimes join him if he is doing an interesting flight, e.g. Timaru to Mt. Cook. I garden, do crafts and jigsaws."

"So, when we learned that 55 Plus was coming to Hastings, we knew we needed to catch up. It was great to see so many of you again. Time passed so quickly and we are sorry we missed many of you. It was good to see members from Invercargill and Tauranga with the group again."

Bev also said that she appreciated the mention by Preston at the beginning of the AGM and was impressed with the alterations of the bowling centre, making it look fresh and inviting, saying, "Goodness knows when that was done..."

"Many of you asked after Del Girven. I am happy to say, Del is well and still enjoying her lawn bowling."

"Some of you may remember Les's partially blind sister from Invercargill; she will be 90 on her next birthday but her health is not the best."

"We wish everyone well and hope you continue to enjoy your bowling and the friendship of the group." Bev and Les Stuart.

HAPPY EASTER ONE AND ALL AND PLEASE, PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH SOME MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ie funny moments from your centre, special anniversaries or birthdays celebrated by players or quips **ANYTHING!** **SHIRLEY CLARE (ROTORUA)** shirley.clare@yahoo.com.au

