



TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER – CHRISTMAS 2020

Christmas will be upon us very quickly now and I must apologise for the lack of news. However, we all know that 2020 has proved to be a very difficult year thus far, mostly due to Covid-19 and the disruption to our usual way of life, our tenpin bowling and tournaments. Thankfully, compared to other countries in the world, New Zealand has fared extremely well and, at the time of writing, it is wonderful that we are more-or-less back to 'normal' and the re-scheduled Palmerston North tournament was able to go ahead on the 5th November. My husband, Chris and I were unable to take part because we had booked a holiday which clashed with the re-scheduled date.

Originally there were 139 bowlers entered but, after rescheduling, this number was reduced to 124.

Thank you, Kerry Williams (Tournament Director), for providing me with much-needed and comprehensive notes - you're a star!

If you were not at the Palmerston North tournament dinner, you may not know that our Association recognised, with sadness, the passing of the following members:

Pauline Blackman (Hastings), Cathie McLean (Petone), Michael Hepburn (Porirua),
Richard Ridings, Steve Sapich and Judy Woods (all from Waitakere).

In addition, Dave Hercus, who produced the Newsletter prior to me taking on the role, made contact to explain that his main reason, for standing down as editor, was because his son was terminally ill and his time and energy was needed to help look after him. Sadly, Dave's son has since died and I wrote to him on receiving his e-mail, to express commiserations on behalf of the Association. Also, our sincere commiserations go to all other members who have lost loved ones.

There was some good scoring (and some not so good!). We were pleased to present Guy Bankston (Palmerston North) with the third of our 250+ badges for his high game of 256. There are now just two of those special badges remaining.

Special praise should be given to Shirley Wilson and her Palmerston North team, and to Bowlerama, Palmerston North, for hosting us all. There were no major issues and the tournament ran ahead of schedule all weekend.

A financial highlight was the record number of raffles sold, which keeps the cost of running these tournaments to a manageable level for us all. **Give yourselves a pat on the back for your contributions.**

Congratulations to all medalists, with particular mention of Susie Mann (Porirua) and Peter Jones (Tauranga) who won the Champion of Champion awards and a special mention for Graham Barrow (Palmerston North) and Beth Lomas (Christchurch) who won the All Events Handicap awards and just missed out on the big prizes.

All results from this tournament are available on the 55+ website and Kerry Williams has advised that future results will now be posted immediately after each event is concluded. Wow! What an accomplishment.

Thanks to our President, Preston Epplert, for all his 'behind the scenes' assistance and to Benny Benseman for his invaluable help in running the scoring system.

New averages have already been posted, along with bowlers' new handicaps and appropriate Grades.





President's Corner

It was great to be part of a very successful tournament in Palmerston North especially after the delays caused by Covid. We had record entries and the tournament went off without a hitch. A big thanks to Marty, the Palmerston North manager.

We also need to recognize the efforts of our Tournament Director, Kerry Williams, who ensured everything went to plan and usually ahead of schedule.

The Executive Committee's decisions regarding the cancellation of New Plymouth and the postponement of Palmerston North were done with the primary concern being the health and safety of all of our 55 Plus members. Thank you everyone for your patience, understanding and acceptance of our decision making.

A very special thanks to Shirley Riddell and her big team from Palmerston North for all their organisation. We had a record number of raffle sales and the Saturday night dinner was a huge success with lots of fun being had by all.

The website now has indicative dates for the next six tournaments.

We are continually working on making the website better and getting information to you quicker. Kerry is now able to post the results of each event on the website instantly.

We've also uploaded all of the photos from Palmerston North. A big thanks to George Proctor from Palmerston North for providing many of those photos.

I look forward to seeing you all in Petone next year - Preston Epplett -President

I am pleased to inform you that our next series of tournaments are:

PETONE

25th to 28th FEBRUARY 2021

Closing date for entries: 20th January 2021

THEME: MASKED PARADE

KAPATI

10th to 13th JUNE 2021

TAURANGA

NOVEMBER 2021 - Dates to be confirmed

WAITAKERE

FEBRUARY 2022 - Dates to be confirmed

NEW PLYMOUTH

JUNE 2022 Dates to be confirmed

CHRISTCHURCH

SEPT/OCT/NOV - dates to be confirmed

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL
AND GOOD BOWLING

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