



55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

NEWSLETTER – EASTER 2021

Following the Petone Tournament held between 25th and 28th February 2021

DURING THE TOURNAMENT: Our 'dream team' partnership of Kerry Williams (Tournament Director) and Benny Bensemén worked their socks off to collate results and get them printed at break-neck speed, to allow us to view them on the noticeboard with undue delay, which was a fabulous achievement! How things have changed in recent years! Well done you two.

The Centre did a marvellous job of fixing the very few problems that occurred, causing little delay and inconvenience. – excellent work on the part of the Petone technical staff.

THE DINNER: It was a lovely, spacious venue which had been decorated beautifully to reflect the MASK THEME chosen by the Petone team – congratulations to everyone involved. The main course was plentiful and tasty with seconds available for those with larger appetites. Dessert was also a hit – well done to the caterers and to all who put the menu together.

BEREAVEMENT: Sadly, it was announced that Mark Wegener, one of Petone's players had died recently and we would like to convey our condolences to his family and friends.

MASK PARADE: The winners of the mask parade were Donna Verburg (Petone) in a very elaborate and feathery mask and Colin McClean (Porirua) who wore an imaginative mask and was virtually unrecognisable.

ROASTINGS: Firstly, to Eddie Hoskins (Waitakere) who, on arrival in Petone, had forgotten where he was staying! Also, to John Spackman (Palmerston North) who brought the wrong bowling ball for his wife – oh dear, John, what was your penalty for that faux pas?

LOLLIES: were awarded to Colleen McLaughlin (Petone) and Guy Brankston (Palmerston North) for scores of 99 and 199 respectively.

THANKS: To everyone who helped to check in players, sell raffle tickets and to Irene and Max Good for providing chocolates to sell; the profits from which help to boost the Association's funds.

MANY THANKS ALSO TO: Marie Whittaker (Hastings) for providing me with an article for this Newsletter, which is much appreciated but, sadly, it was the only item I received, in spite of writing to every one of our Delegates. Please could I beg all clubs to come up with some information in the future.

Marie wrote: *'Once again a very enjoyable Tournament and what a relief it was for us to get together after the cancellation of our June gathering in New Plymouth.'*

'The whole tournament ran smoothly without any hiccups. Cecelia and her team did well. Saturday night's dinner was great and the music downstairs was a hit for a lot of us' Hastings' one and only medal was won by Preston who was placed third in the men's all events – well done Preston!

Short and sweet I think you would call my report.'

Looking forward to our next tournament in Kapiti' – MARIE

STARS OF THE LANES:

Shorty Madeley (Waitakere) was 1st in the Men's All Events with Handicap. Unfortunately, like Elvis, he had left the building when the Champion of Champions deciding game was played and his place was taken by Jim Tulloch (New Plymouth). Similarly, In the Men's All Events Scratch, Guy Bankston (Palmerston North) was the winning player but he too had left for home. So, the play-off ended up between Jim Tulloch and scratch player Alan Poskitt (Petone – formerly Yorkshire!), resulting in a win for Jim Tulloch – CONGRATULATIONS JIM! And, well done Alan.

In the Ladies Champion of Champions, Vicki Majoc (Petone) should have played for the title but wasn't available at the bowling centre at the time of the play-off, which ended up between Karin Good (Palmerston North) and Rosemary Bensemen (Petone). Karin came out on top and took the Champion of Champions title. CONGRATULATIONS KARIN! and well done to Rosemary who did herself proud as the runner-up; a brilliant achievement for one of our lovely and long-serving gentlewomen.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

A BIG THANK YOU to Shirley for putting this together. Very difficult to put together a newsletter without input from our delegates and members. Please use the news page on the Website to send info to Shirley or if that is too hard her email address appears below.

It was very pleasing to agree a date with Dunedin for our September tournament. From the feed back I have had already there is a lot of interest.

We are doing a few tweaks to the Website, a couple of fixes and some changes based on your feedback. They should be live by mid month. This will also ensure Kerry can get the results on the Web within minutes of completion of each event.

TO THE FUTURE: Our next Tournament will be in KAPITI from 10th to 13th JUNE 2021, with a closing date for entries of 25th May 2021. It would be great to see a good turn out once again.

DUNEDIN will be the venue from 16th to 19th September 2021 – closing date to be agreed.

As you will know, Dunedin is our oldest city and has some beautiful architecture and there is so much to see and do. Being a university city, there is a lively nightlife, with lots of cafes and restaurants. I would recommend the Savoy Italian Restaurant, formerly the Savoy Hotel. Whilst it doesn't look grand from outside, once through the doors of the restaurant itself (up a stairway) it has retained the beautiful and glamorous architecture of a bygone era, with stained-glass windows and crystal chandeliers and the food is very good.

The Saturday morning market, next to the iconic Railway Station, is definitely worth a visit if you would like an early breakfast, some delicious cheese or bakery items.

Also, if there is a group of you arriving at Dunedin Airport together, I can recommend contacting Bex Hill, who has a 19-seater coach plus a luggage trailer. She can be contacted at office@bookatour.co.nz. Similarly, if you and others have some hours to spare, Bex could probably do you a tour of the city. Or, Baldy, take a group of you to Baldwin Street, the world's steepest street, to see if you can make it to the top. Bex is great fun and very knowledgeable.

The Tournament following Dunedin will be held at is Waitakere, from 25th to 27th February 2022.

As always, I would beg you for some input for the next Newsletter which will be prepared following the completion of the Kapiti Tournament.

Meanwhile, keep safe and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Kapiti.

Kind regards – Shirley Clare - ROTORUA

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