



55+ TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND



KAPITI TOURNAMENT JUNE 2021

Thanks to everyone for contributions to this Newsletter which are greatly appreciated and make my job so much easier. You have really exceeded my expectations CHEERS!

The Kapiti team did a wonderful job, as did the 'Dream Team' of our Tournament Director, Kerry Williams and Benny Bensemen. It is fortunate that they are both able to keep their cool when the unexpected happens, like the computer glitch we experienced during this meeting - well done you two. **Shirley CLARE**. Please e.mail me at: shirley.clare@yahoo.com.au with any items for inclusion in the next News Letter.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fantastic tournament held at Kapiti. Record entries and superb scoring. Congratulations to the **Men's Champion David Thomas from the home centre**, and **runner-up Ron Morgan from Rotorua** with an average over 12 games of 202.

Also, congratulations to **Ladies Champion Susie Mann from North City (Porirua)** and runner-up **Rose Gwerder from New Plymouth**.

New tournament averages have been posted on the Kapiti results page; these have been calculated over the last three tournaments and make interesting reading. Congratulations to all who have gone to a new grade.

Looking forward to the next Tournament in **Dunedin**. Early indications are that many of our bowlers are making the effort to attend so make sure your accommodation is sorted soon. Cheers to all, hoping the weather in the deep south improves on this week.

Kerry WILLIAMS

Marie WHITAKER (HASTINGS) wrote: A very eventful tournament for Hastings at Kapiti, not in the medal department for any of us.

Kevin spent Friday night in Wellington Hospital, after falling and knocking his head at the RSA, which meant he was out of the tournament. Some of us were with Kevin when all this happened and we had to wait for two and a half hours for an ambulance to come from Porirua. There was an exceptional lady, Miranda, there who helped Kevin to keep awake all this time and two particularly good staff members who did not seem to mind keeping the place open until the ambulance arrived.

We finally got back to our accommodation and into bed at 4.30 am. Some of us had to check in at 7.30 am the next day, hence the tired eyes!

We did enjoy the tournament and most of us will see you all in Dunedin, hopefully with some medals and less drama. **Marie**

Alma JAMIESON (PORIRUA) wrote: Another great weekend of bowling and catching up with friends from different centres. Kapiti put on a great tournament and Dion was a star.

We welcomed two new bowlers, Bill Mann who, by the way, is 91 years young and Peter Benstead who is just a bit younger. I hope they both get a lot of enjoyment out of the friendship of 55+.

There appeared to be a number of senior moments in our team this weekend but I won't delve too deeply into that (maybe I can't remember) but they did make for some hilarity both on and off the lanes.

Porirua had some success with:

Diane - 1st Ladies Mystery Pairs

Tony - 1st Men's Mystery Pairs

Susie - 1st Ladies Open and 1st Scratch All Events

Preston 3rd Men's C Grade

Woofie - 3rd Open Mens

Arlene DUNN (PALMERSTON NORTH) wrote: wow! What a great four days of bowling we have all enjoyed, away at the Kapiti Bowling Centre! Congrats to all at the Centre for a well-run Tournament and also for a fantastic dinner and an entertaining night - well done Irene and her crew of many! The choices that we had for dinner were weighing the tables down (and our bellies) by the time we finished eating. Everybody got into the theme 'Country and Western' with gun-slingers, ladies of the night (or day), Shirley the sexy Saloon Girl with a very dapper/dandy John B getting himself a bottle of wine as the Saloon Owner/card sharp!

Huge congratulations to the Palmerston North team for their exceptional medal haul as follows:-

Lesley Barrow	1 st	Ladies A Grade Singles
Guy Brankston	2 nd	Mens All Events Scratch
Bryan Yuile	2 nd	Mens Mystery Pairs
Brian Mackenzie	2 nd	Mens C Grade Singles
John Spackman	2 nd	Mens Mystery Pairs
Kay Spackman	3 rd	Ladies B Grade
Arlene and Wayne Dunn plus Kay and John Spackman	3 rd	Teams

Arlene also wished to congratulate those Palmerston North Players who achieved 4th places, just missing out on bronze medals. She made special mention of Pat Gallagher who played his first Tournament and hopes that he has now got the 'bowling bug' and that we will see him again.

It would appear that the Palmerston North team, like so many of us, enjoyed the hospitality at the local RSA, as well as at the home of their dear friend, Joy, where they shared fish n chips! John B and Bryan, with the assistance of Lois, were the comics in the dining area and the lounge was entertained by the 'Fab Four', ie - John S, Ian, Shirley and Wayne. I don't think Joy's neighbours were used to the noise!

Our accommodation at the Kapiti Lindale Motel was both comfy and clean and given the thumbs up by all who stayed there. Lois, Ian and Bryan were the three roomies and were enjoying each other's banter. We had Lesley and Graham parked up in the car park at the

Arlene DUNN (PALMERSTONE NORTH) contd.....

Centre. Unis and Pat, also in a van, were at the Linsdale Camp and the rest were travelling each day.

Our thanks to Marty for popping into the Centre and checking out how we were all doing and showing us his support. Over the last four days of the Tournament, we clapped and cheered but most of all we enjoyed the company of all our friends - the 55+ members. After putting all that together, Arlene admits that, with Southern Comfort in hand and having to find some PJs.... We will see you all in DUNEDIN. Wow! what a marathon effort, Arlene!

Cecilia JENNER (PETONE) wrote: Greetings Bowlers from Petone. Hopefully my report doesn't vanish into the ether like last time. I would first like to say a big thank you to all the members who gave me so much help at Petone to make our Tournament such a success. We were so lucky that the elevation in Covid levels didn't happen before the dinner on Saturday night and we managed to get the Sunday games played.

A big congratulation to Irene, Max and their team for another great tournament at Kapiti it was a most enjoyable weekend, even with the very early starts. I would like to congratulate all the winners of medals especially Dennise Nicol who was playing in only her second tournament, plus Rosemary Bensemén who spent all her free time selling raffles and chocolate and then managed to survive an early Sunday start to win her Singles grade.

We are all looking forward to playing in Dunedin as it will be a new experience, especially the step back to wooden lanes. Hope the weather cooperates and we can get some sightseeing done.

See you all in Dunedin, Covid permitting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had a very successful tournament in Kapiti. Record entries and a big number of new bowlers.

Thanks to Irene and Max and their helpers. To all those who sold raffles, did lane marshalling or helped in other ways. You did a great job.

The raffles are needed to keep us in a surplus position. It is getting more and more difficult to find suitable dinner venues that are prepared to charge \$30 for a meal. We will need to review dinner charges in the future.

Congratulations to the medal winners and to everyone who competed in such good spirits. Kerry did a fantastic job again running the Tournament, unflappable even during the system outage.

We ran ahead of time for most of the Tournament and I thank bowlers for their efforts in arriving before check-in time.

Arrangements are well in place for Dunedin. The dinner will be at the Edgar Centre and the theme is Southern Comfort PJs.

I am still trying to confirm dates for a Christchurch Tournament in September 2022. I am getting no response to my e-mails and it is almost impossible to talk to the manager by 'phone. If we do not get any response before the end of August, I will look to contacting the next Centre on the list.

In the meantime, good bowling, high scores and I look forward to seeing you all again in the deep south in Dunedin

Preston Epplett, President

S N I P P E T S

Who drove from New Plymouth to Porirua to find out how to get to Kapiti? Kerry knows their name!

Who turned right and drove for about 6 Kms to get to the RSA, which was only 500 metres away?

Who went to the Porirua Bowling Centre to get a new bowling ball and then went shopping at Tawa before realising that she was wearing her bowling shoes! She then had to buy a pair of trainers to wear for the remainder of her outing? - YES, HANDS UP, THAT WAS ME! Thanks so much to Colin McLean (Woofy) for very carefully cleaning my bowling shoes on my return, using the multitude of equipment that he carries with his bowling gear, like brushes, wet and dry abrasive paper, scrapers etc. Cheers Woofy for all your elbow grease. What a hero!

Who didn't want to leave her bowling ball at the centre so put it in the back of her car, only to get a lift to the centre the next day and had to return to her accommodation to retrieve it before the squad could start - that would be Alma!

Thanks for the contributions, they are greatly appreciated

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