



DUNEDIN

Southern Comfort and Pjs!



Dunedin.

Members were welcomed by their hosts at the Bowl Line Centre who were very welcoming but also apologetic for the lack of new equipment which had been promised but had not yet arrived. The dinner was held in the Centre and was very plentiful and by all accounts, enjoyed by all. The theme of the night was Southern Comfort and Pjs – photos that have been posted look a sight with everybody enjoying the night - Judy Sinclair (Tauranga) taking the ladies and Bruce Parrant (Palmerston North) both winning themselves a box of chocolates for their efforts!

Some members had travelled early or stayed after the event to enjoy the many sights of the South.

Congrats to our Dunedin Champions:

Champion of Champion Ladies

Judy Reed (*Tauranga*)

Runner up

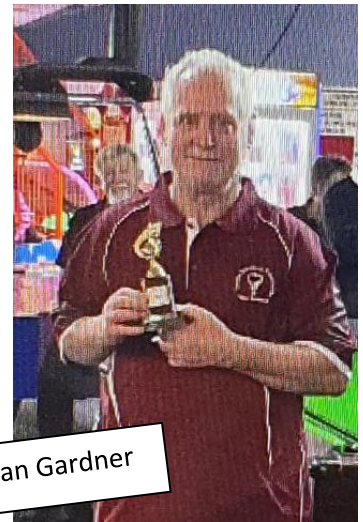
Ainsley Gardner (*Palmerston North*)

Champion of Champion Men

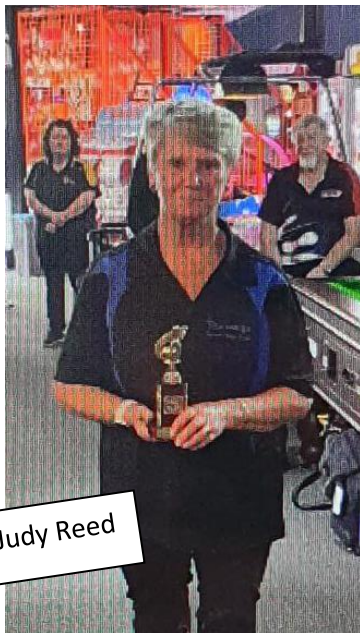
Ian Gardner (*Palmerston North*)

Runner Up

Phil Gillespie (*Dunedin*)



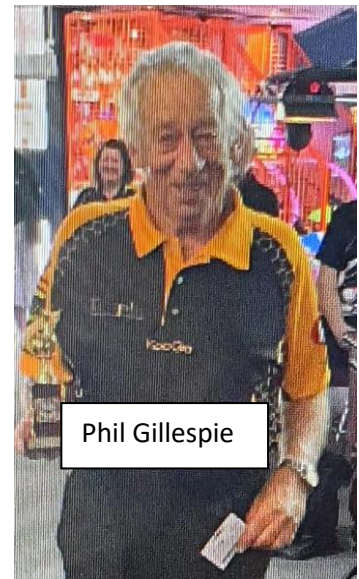
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Judy Reed



Ainsley Gardner



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Presidents Corner

Another year has disappeared already. Covid continued to be an issue but we thankfully managed to get 2 tournaments bowled. Dunedin was an interesting experience. To those who attended, thanks for your patience. I really felt for Lindsay and his team who were trying to create good conditions for us and by doing so ended up with major issues with the ball returns. Hopefully Lindsay will finally see his centre transformed in the New Year after the major upgrade, which incidentally was supposed to happen before our tournament.

I am sure 55plus will return to Dunedin in a few years. The five of us from Hastings who made the trip down, we had a great time. Fantastic to see Kevin and Raewyn getting medals.



We saw a lot of Dunedin in the 8 days we were there. A highlight was our "High Tea" at Lanach Castle.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to catching up again in Rotorua.

Preston Epplett

Tournament Directors Report, Dunedin 2022

Hi All,

A big thanks and well done to all bowlers who took on the challenge of the deep south. The weather was pleasant and the hospitality superb. Lane conditions were challenging but by the end of the tournament we managed to sort everything out and the scoring improved. New averages have been posted on the 55plus website under the Dunedin results. It is good to see that most gradings have remained the same, showing the new average calculations are fair to all.

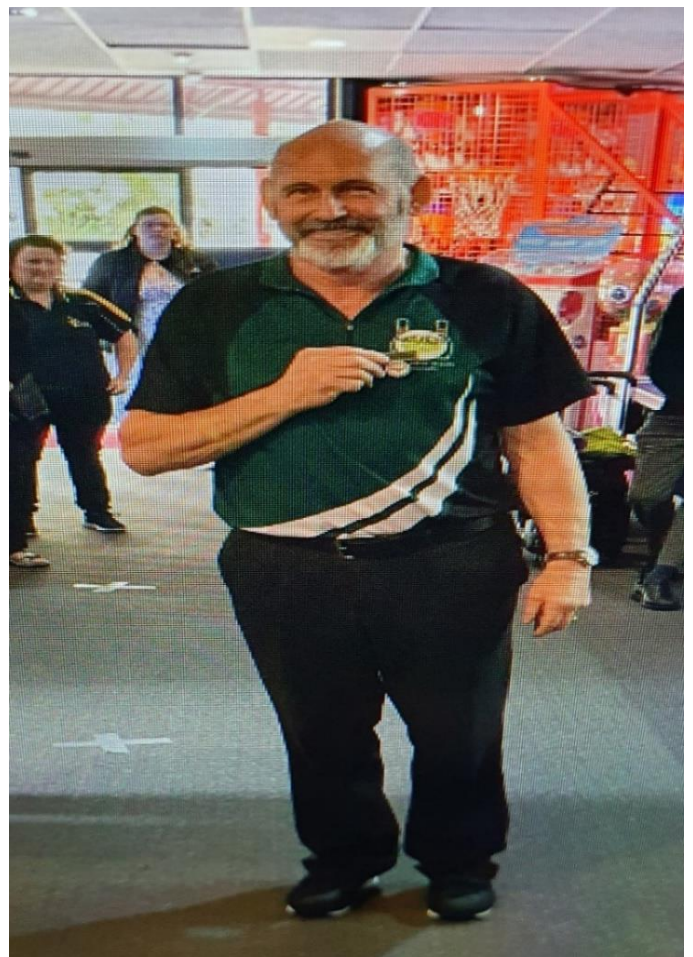
We were very pleased to see representations from Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill, and we look forward to catching up with you guys soon.

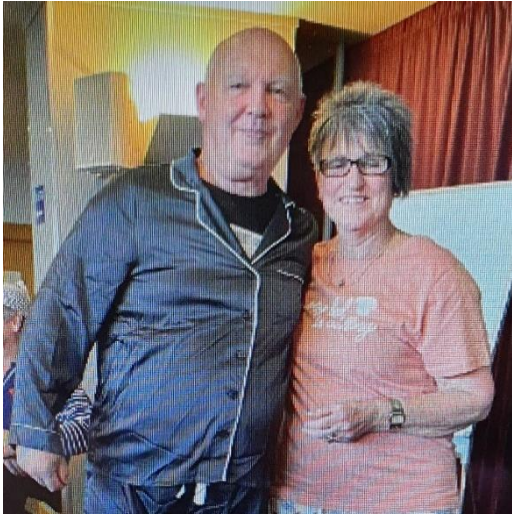
Rotorua is all go for late February, but make sure accommodation is sorted early.

Lastly a big thanks to Benny and Judith for taking my box of goodies back to Auckland.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone in Rotovegas, and wishing each of you Seasons greetings.

Kind Regards, Kerry



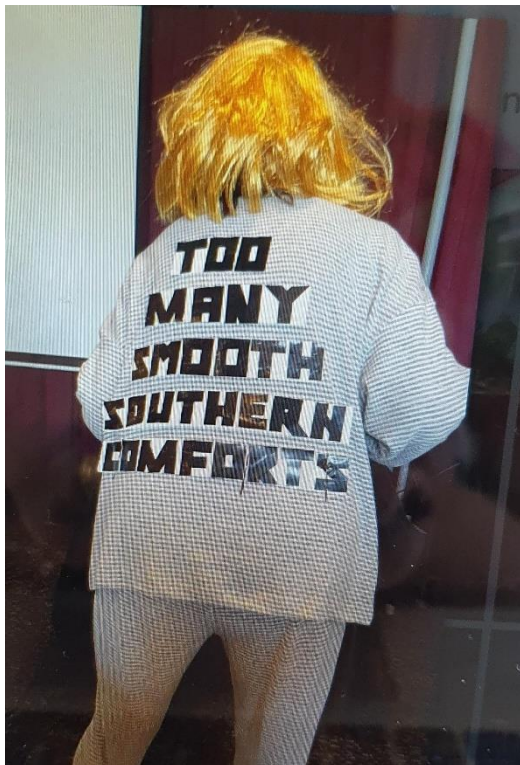


Just some pics

Greetings from Petone.

What a great tournament Dunedin organised for us. They were so welcoming and provided us with great food every day. The condition of the lanes evened us all out to the same level and I think we all did well to cope as well as we did. It will be very interesting to return when new equipment is installed. Congratulations to Rosemary, Cecilia, and Linda who managed to bring home medals. The variety and imaginative costumes at the dinner were great and congratulations to Liz for her Southern Comfort disguise which had everyone guessing. It will be nice to all meet up again in Rotorua in February. From all Petone members we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay safe and bring your best bowling to Rotorua.

Cecilia



Christchurch

Hi everyone

Christchurch team would like to say thankyou to everyone who came to Dunedin and made it a success, we all had a very enjoyable time.

Only one medal to take home but that's ok.

The only almost disaster was on the last day when my car would not start, thought I would be late and in for a new battery. Luckily my husband got hold of AA and they started my car. *Someone* left a light on inside the vehicle, oops. See you in Rotorua

Cheers

Gillian and Christchurch Team



Tauranga

Well done to the Tauranga bowlers, we did very well in the medal tally considering there was only about six of us who attended. It was a great four days of bowling and evening meals had by all of us. Thank you to the Dunedin Staff who were kept busy for most of the tournament, well done guys you did an amazing job as did our own tournament director (Kerry Williams) There were times I thought you had swapped sides and had become a technician himself you did a great job getting everything to run on time and actually finish just a little later than the set programme on the Sunday. Thanks to Judy O'Rourke for the great laughs at the dinner on Saturday night and to Benny for all the behind the scenes work that you do. It is very much appreciated.

Tauranga continued...

Oh! and here are the medal results:

Women's Open Singles	Judy O'Rourke	1 st
	Judy Reed	2 nd
Women's A Grade Singles	Judy Sinclair	2 nd
Ladies Mystery Pairs	Judy Reed/Gillian Russel	1 st
Mixed Doubles	Judy Sinclair & Benny Benseman	2 nd
	Judy O'Rourke & Benny Benseman	3 rd
Men's All Event Scratch	Benny Benseman	3 rd
Women's All Events Scratch	Judy Reed	1 st
	Judy O'Rourke	2 nd
	Judy Sinclair	4 th



Have a good Christmas and New Year, enjoy your break and see you all in Rotorua next February.

Judy Reed

North City

It is always lovely to meet up with all our friends at 55+ tournaments. A huge thank you to the team in Dunedin.

What a great tournament once we got through our frustrations with the lanes. Another eventful tournament for North City with only one of our team of eight not getting a medal. I wonder who that was? Oh, it was me, but I did get a lollipop!

The dinner was great and our Pjs went down a treat. We managed as a team to do a bit of sightseeing going to the Chinese Gardens and around to Portobella. Dunedin is such a lovely city.

Hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year,
See you all in February in Rotorua .

Alma Jamieson

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Palmerston North

Our members seem to have found themselves making the most of the Dunedin Centre, bringing home quite a few of the medals. The theme of Southern Comfort and Pjs was taken on by all with Bruce Parrant winning a box of chocolates. We have enjoyed the hospitality and the friendliness of the Dunedin Centre very heart warming, as was the daily helping of food We wish to congratulate the following member

Women's Singles C Grade

Ainsley Gardner 1st

Men's Singles A Grade

Graham Barrow 1st

Men's Singles B Grade

Ian Gardner 1st
John Spackman 3rd

Men's Singles C Grade

Owen Gardner 2nd

Men's Mystery Pairs

Ian Gardner 1st
Colin McLean

Bruce Parrant 2nd
Stewart Cooper

Teams

Lois Gardner 1st
Ian Gardner
Owen Gardner
Ainsley Gardner

Mixed Doubles

Lois Gardner 1st
Ian Gardner

Men's All Event Handicap

Ian Gardner 1st

Women's All Event Handicap

Ainsley Gardner 2nd

Champion of Champion

Ian Gardner
Congratulations to you all!



We have had two couples who have recently celebrated milestones in their marriages. Not sure who gets these medals. Joking aside our heartfelt **Congratulations:**

John and Kay Spackman celebrated
Diamond Anniversary (60th)

Graham and Lesley Barrow celebrated
Golden Anniversary (50th)



New Plymouth

Our holiday started in New Plymouth at 4a.m with the airport shuttle picking us up at 5a.m. But there was an “Oh no” moment when one of the plane’s engines would not start. We only had a 30-minute window in Christchurch for our next flight. We made it with 10 minutes to spare. Jim and Amanda however, had their flight cancelled and had to fly to Auckland to get to Dunedin a day late.

It snowed the week before we arrived so we all had reservations about the cold weather we were expecting. Quite the opposite actually. We had packed an extra winter suitcase which had cost us \$30 but what we needed was a few Summer weight clothes. But it didn’t bother us at all as it was sunny and windy all week.

Our host at the Bowls Centre were marvellous. A Family Based business who cared.

Yes, we had issues with the bowl return that loved our bowls with globs of muck but the staff were very professional. Not once did I hear a raised voice from the staff at the venue. The technicians Steve and Ryan worked hard to fix the problems.

Yes, Thursday was frustrating for us players but it got sorted and by Friday afternoon we were away. And it was the same for all of us. We were all disadvantaged.

It was wonderful that so many of our members travelled so far to meet up again. Laughter is such good therapy and we had heaps of it over the week. So great to catch up with all the old crew and make some new friends from the South. We would travel on the back of a Harley to hear another one of Judith’s jokes. She never lets us down.

Good Luck to the Dunedin Centre when the new equipment arrives. It is a pity it wasn’t there before our tournament – but the challenges we all faced that week have definitely made us all better people and I can’t help but smile at how we all came through it. Just like the staff as they were all smiling.

Janet & Justin Jones

Kapiti

The Kapiti Centre is sold and all parts broken up. A number of the 55plus bowlers are playing out of North City and Max and I are bowling in Palmerston North. I think that Kapiti is in Recess, until I know anything more that’s us for now.

Irene Good

Snippets

One of our members has been left a bit miffed at herself for not taking up an opportunity to find out a bit more and is feeling a bit of “if only”...

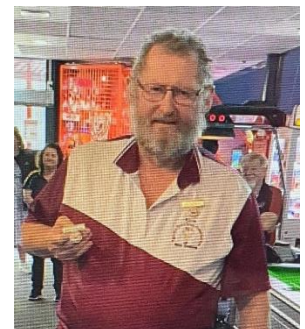
The story goes that while looking at the score sheet, a quietly spoken gents voice tells her that she had made an attractive sight on the lanes – she has turned around thanking the gent – nervously, she quickly changes the subject, told the gentleman concerned that she had visited Dunedin a number of times. Gentleman smiled, turned and walked away...

Kay Spackman had taken ill at the tournament and became confined to her room back at their motel.

If we hadn’t known ourselves how sick Kay was, I think we would be wondering what was happening in the Spackman Suite ...

Kay has told me that the room was very nice – possibly used as the honeymoon suite...she’s very breathless... that she has never had so many people visit her bedroom before...

PS: Kay is now regaining her voice, her health and her strength and is planning on returning to Bowling soon.





My appreciation to all our Delegates who have given their time writing for their own centres!
Your own accounts have made for great reading.

We have now come to the final 55plus Newsletter for the year.

I wish everybody a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Cheers and Good Health to all and we will see you
in 2023!



February 23rd -26th

Rotorua – theme *The Circus*

