

The Circus



55+

Rotorua



We have met for our 1st of 3 tournaments for 2023. Alas it was with tears in our eyes and heavy hearts for the ones that we had lost from our own centres, past and present and also for our members from Hastings and surrounding areas for their own personal losses and damage that was wreaked by the wrath of Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle and the storms the few weeks before. Then to hear that Judith and Benny had also had the news on Saturday morning of a Tornado which had touched down in Waihi Beach– but luck was with them as their home is safe. Thanks to our members who contributed to the Flood Relief collection.

Our dinner at The Copthorne Hotel was plentiful and delicious – no complaints from our table. Medals were presented to those who had won them up until that afternoon. Our comedian Judith had us all roaring with laughter during our desert with her jokes and then after dinner our self - appointed *Entertainment Manager* Ron from Rotorua had us all up singing, dancing and clapping along to `Living next door to Alice`! Lollipops were handed to those who we welcomed as first time 55+ members and also to those who had a 99 in their score! Lollipops were also given to those who had a senior moment - Yvette Vazey from Waitakere - who had forgotten to bring her bowling shirts, Kerry was lending her his - also to our technician for this tournament, Ron Morgan - for lying on the lane under the machines he was trying to clear, where as it turned out, he found himself in a right predicament. Thanks goes once again to our hosts Rotorua. Chris Clare and his band of helpers - Janelle and her crew in front and behind the counter, Ron and any of the other techs that were on hand and to Daphne for helping out on the registration desk. To all our other 55+ members for stepping in to help as marshals, registrations and the selling of raffles where and when required. The theme for the dinner was The Circus and boy didn't we do well with our dress ups! Photos were taken of some of us as we were entering the hotel by some tourists who had just alighted from their bus and then as we were leaving, we were asked again if pictures could be taken. We must have looked a sight! Our winners of the night were – Karin Good as a Lion Tamer, who was stunning in her black pants, knee high boots and a sparkling silver jacket and top hat and equipped with her whip and John Burmeister, dressed as a clown from top to toes. Team Costume was won by North City!



Congratulations to our Rotorua Champion of Champion finalists!

Champion of Champion Ladies

Coralie Duignan (*Rotorua*)

Runner Up

Gillian Benstead (*North City*)

Champion Of Champion Men

Kerry Williams (*Waitakere*)

Runner UP

David Giddy (*North City*)



Rotorua

Rotorua were very pleased to host the 55+ tenpin tournament

Everything went off smoothly with only a couple of small hiccups. Congratulations to Coralie Duignan for winning overall the Ladies Champion of Champion.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped ensure that the raffles and registration went without a hitch. A special thank you to Daph Harvey who came in each day at 8.00a.m and stayed all day.

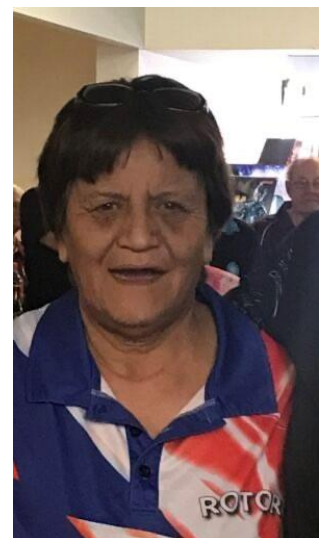
For those who didn't know the raffle cards were done by the Hastings members. Prestons' son - in-law was driving a lorry north via Palmerston North, so he dropped the cards off at the BP garage in Tirau, where Kerry picked them up on his way through to Rotorua. We made \$1100 on the raffles and a further \$340 for the Hawkes Bay Relief Fund.

The Copthorne Hotel did us proud with the food and there was plenty for everyone.

The costumes were awesome and made everybody smile, especially the staff at the Emergency Doctors in Rotorua when I had to take one of the players to see them.

Looking forward to my next tournament.

Chris Clare



Tauranga

Greetings from Tauranga, firstly a big thankyou to Chris Clare, Ron Morgan and all the Rotorua team for a great tournament.

Dinner on Saturday night was superb, the costumes were amazing and the entertainment a local star (Who is Alice??)

7of the Tauranga bowlers stayed together (including 3 Judy`s and I won`t say which one knocked over a full glass of wine) in a 4 bedroom house, we had a lot of laughs and chats and it was a fun 4 days and nights.

Thanks Macca and Pauline for the line dancing to Achy Breaky Heart at the bowling centre it was truly entertaining.

Congratulations to all of the Tauranga bowlers and a special mention to those who bought home medals.

Stan Wrathall | 1st Mens Mystery Pairs 1st Mens Open singles 2nd Mens All Events Scratch

Benny Benseman 2nd Mens Mystery Pairs

Richard Reed 1st Mens A Grade Singles

Peter Jones 3rd Mens All Events Scratch

Catherine Sellman 2nd Ladies Mystery Pairs

Marion Jones 3rd Ladies Mystery Pairs

3rd Ladies All Events Scratch

Judith O`Rourke 2nd Ladies Open Singles

Margaret Chitty 3rd Ladies Open Singles

Judy Sinclair 2nd Ladies A Grade Singles

Well done to you all.

Our thoughts are with Hawkes Bay bowlers who were unable to attend. We really did miss you.

Hope to see you all in Waitakere in June.

Judy Reed



Palmerston North

Welcome to our new members Brenda Parrant and Mike Boobyer -we hope you have enjoyed your experience of our 55+ and hope to see you both at our next tournament. Our members were staying at different places in Rotorua. For those 12 members staying at our motel (Sport of Kings) we once again met for nibbles and drinks this time in Karin and Janet's room. Fish 'n' chips were bought in from Oopies in Fenton Street and they even offered to cook a GF Snapper on the grill for Shirley – very helpful and yummy! At our motel we enjoyed the use of the mineral pool and our rooms were spot on. Our bed was a big Californian King -Wayne was going to get very tired very quickly chasing anybody in his wildest dreams around here! We dined the next night at Hennesseys Irish Pub. Drink orders were happily taken by our waiter for the night, Lellie and delivered to each of us, the exception being Janet. "Still coming from the bar" says Lellie with a huge smile. Meal orders were then taken from each of us and Lellie delivered our cutlery to all and again the exception being Janet. Throwing her arms up in the air "Where's mine?" asked Janet and Lellie quickly disappears to bring back cutlery. He arrives by Janet's side and presents her with a large silver dessert spoon and pretends to stir her food for her! Our table erupts in laughter and Lellie joins in! We enjoyed our meals and I think the rest of the diners were pleased when we began to leave so they could enjoy the music playing and their own company. Dinner the next night was at the Citz Club. Lucky that we had made a booking while we were bowling as they were filled to the rafters. Our table which had the 3 reserved signs on, was already occupied. After a discussion with the staff, they were hastily moved and more tables and chairs were bought out to accommodate them. Drinks and our meals were ordered by us all -again no complaints -Yum. We all looked great in our costumes and well done to Karin and John B for winning yourselves the Best Dressed! Congratulations to all our bowlers – some of whom were finding the lanes tough and to others who have found them to their liking. Medals were taken home by the following:



Mystery Pairs Ladies

Arlene Dunn

1st *Coralie Duigan*

Mystery Pairs Men

Mike Boobyer

2nd *Benny Benseman*

Max Good

3rd *Graham Goodman*

John Spackman

4th John was beaten into 4th by 1 pin!

Mixed Doubles

Ainsley and Owen Gardner

1st

Shirley Wilson and John Burmeister

2nd

Dennis Mollet and Gillian Benstead

3rd



Teams

Kay and John Spackman
Wayne and Arlene Dunn

1st

Shirley Wilson
John Burmeister
Janet Black
Mike Boobyer

2nd

Karin Good

3rd

*Kerry Williams, Lesley Greaves
And Ron Morgan*



Ladies A Grade Singles

Karin Good

1st

Ladies B Grade Singles

Arlene Dunn

1st

Men Open Grade Singles

Dennis Mollet

2nd

Men A Grade Singles

Ian Gardner

3rd

Men B Grade Singles

Max Good

1st

John Spackman

2nd



Men C Grade Singles

Owen Gardner

1st

Ladies All Events Handicapped

Arlene Dunn

2nd

Ladies All Events Handicapped

Karin Good

3rd

Shirley Wilson

4th



Congratulations to the Rotorua Centre for hosting a great tournament which was very friendly and a lot of fun. The venue/ meal was enjoyed by us all as was your theme for the night – The Circus

This will be my last piece for the for my P.N team mates. Wayne and I feel it is time to join Tauranga now that they have established themselves with their own 55+ club and have a steady membership. I wish to Thank all our members over the past years for your friendship, support and strength to get us through our tough times and for your love that you have given us both. We will always be true friends and we will remain great bowling mates through our 55+ tournaments. Love to all and we will catch you up in *Waitakere!*



Arlene Dunn

North City

Another great 55+ tournament with mixed success from North City.

Mixed Doubles	Gillian Benstead/ Dennis Mollet	
Ladies B grade Singles	Dolly McLean	2 nd
	Alma Jamieson	3 rd
Ladies C grade Singles	Gillian Benstead	3 rd
Mens B grade Singles	Chris Hills	3 rd
All Events Ladies Handicap	Gillian Benstead	1 st



Massive “Congratulations” to Gillian
Champion Of Champion Runner UP

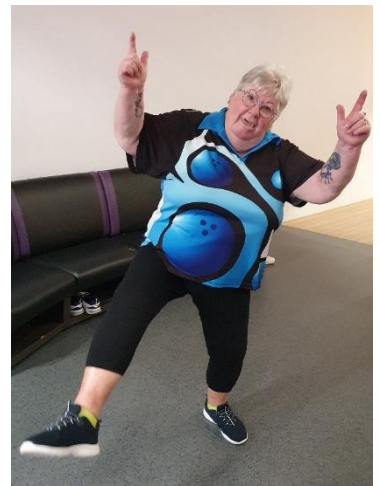


We had a great night at the dinner but were disappointed that our whole team were split to opposite ends of the room.
Congratulations to Bev, Maureen, Julia and David on winning the Team Costume.

Alma Jamieson



Just some Pics
From around the Lanes





Snippets

Heard that a fellow was driving through some roadworks on his way to Rotorua. Seems he caught the attention of a police officer. On questioning he voiced his concern that the roadworks had now been finished and the removal of those ***** orange cones should have already been made! Officer must have agreed - he got a warning!

Heard that a lovely lady had kindly donated some clothes from her wardrobe to those in need in Hawkes Bay. On packing her own bag, she searches everywhere for her bowling shirts. None to be found so thought they must have got donated to. She orders herself some new ones on the first day of bowling. On Day 3 she had to cancel. Had found her bowling shirts – they were wrapped up in a jacket – in her bag!

Well, that's me all done. Thanks again for all of your input. Stay Safe – Stay Strong

Don't forget to pack your bag with your bowling ball/s, shirts and shoes and we will see you in June!

Waitakere – Mid Winter

