

June 2023 has seen us meet in Waitakere to enjoy their theme - **Mid Winter Christmas**

It was once again great to catch up with friends and to catch up on their latest news of their own wellbeing and that of their families.

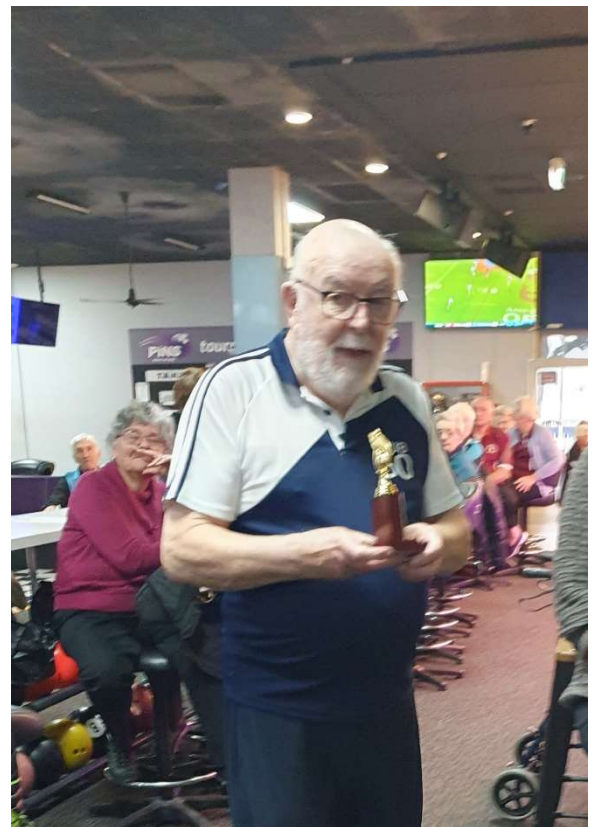
The gang from Hastings were back and it was great to welcome them back into our fold with all the dramas that they have endured this year!

It was also good to see both Kerry and Carol back on their feet - Kerry giving the lanes a go and Carol aiming to be bowling at North City. To all of our bowlers going through their own issues - we wish you well.

Pins – Waitakere - was a welcoming and friendly tournament and our thanks goes out to Cushla, Catherine, Sarah and crew for keeping the lanes up to scratch. We also thank Lane Marshalls and the Registration and Raffle table for your help as well.

Congratulations to our Waitakere Champions

Champion of Champion	Ladies	Judy Reed	<i>Tauranga</i>
Runner Up		Karin Good	<i>Palmerston North</i>
Champion of Champion	Men	Jim Roberts	<i>Waitakere</i>
Runner Up		Ron Morgan	<i>Rotorua</i>



To all others winners -congrats also.



The dress ups for the night were very Christmassy and varied, with the prizes for best dressed Man, Lady and team going to:

Kerry Williams

The Grinch

Marie Whitaker

Mother Christmas

Alma Jamieson, Gillian Benstead and Diane Hallett

Three Wise Men

Oops, that should be Three Wise Women

Our Dinner, which was held at the Swanson RSA, was plentiful and there was an array of choices across the tables to be had. Our entertainment for the night was Judith with her jokes which again had us all rumbling in our seats with laughter. We were left to amuse ourselves for the remainder of the night and there was plenty of chatter and laughter to be heard throughout the room.

Hastings

We had as always, a great time in Waitakere. Between us we got quite a few medals. Hastings achieved second and third in the teams which really lifted our spirits. Of course, I only achieved a bronze but am quite pleased with the result. The lanes were great even though the lane pattern wasn't long enough and Belle worked very hard!

Barb Nonu also put a lot of time in with the raffles and I think from memory there were 23 sold.

Marie



Greetings from North City.

Another great tournament and an excellent venue for our dinner.

The 3 wise women were the only North City bowlers who managed to get up to Waitakere this time. Thanks to the judges who picked us as the best team costume.

Gillian doesn't do dress-up but agreed to be a fairy on the night but Diane came up with the "3 Wise Women" much to Gillian's shock and horror.

There were histrionics in our room when we were getting dressed.

Congratulations to Diane who came 2nd in B Grade Ladies Singles. I just went along to make up the numbers for bowling but I must say that I came out a winner on the gaming machines, so all was not lost.

We are looking forward to hosting the tournament in September.

Hope to see you all there.

Alma



Tauranga

Another great tournament enjoyed by all who attended. A big thankyou to Sarah, Catherine and the rest of the Pins team for making it an enjoyable 3 days of bowling. Also, to the staff at the café, the food was amazing. It was nice to catch up with so many of the bowlers that we only see at these tournaments and great to meet new ones that we can look forward to seeing again at the next tournament.

Our Tauranga team did very well in the medal department, so well done to you all. A full list of the results can be found on the 55plus website. Of the 18 competing bowlers 17 of us were booked into the Lincoln Green which was pretty cool and made it easier to arrange our dinners (mainly the restaurant at the hotel) but a fun time was had by all. Was good to see everyone in their midwinter Christmas attire at the Swanson RSA dinner. The food was delicious. 😊

Lastly welcome to Wayne and Arlene Dunn who have finally moved from Palmerston North team to the Tauranga team. Well done guys we are pleased to have you in our team and look forward to many more tournaments.

See you all in Porirua in September.

Regards

Judy





Palmerston North

Greetings from Palmerston North.
We are all waiting for the summer sunshine to arrive.

In June, 12 of us travelled to Waitakere for another great tournament. Special thanks from us to Kerry for organising another great event. Was great to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. We bought home a few medals as usual and Karin was our outstanding bowler and the rest of us were just there for the Friendship, Food and Fun.

We are looking forward to Porirua where we hope to have 23 bowlers. One of our bowlers is in the US and he is allowed to bowl as much as he likes every day or evening for \$70 a month (Lucky John!) Not long now till Porirua, looking forward to the 1920's themed dinner!

Shirley and Kay



Waitakere

I have received 4 orders for 55+ Shirts, which I will bring to Porirua. If any other member would like a new lightweight shirt, that are \$55 monogrammed and with your name on the back. I do need accurate size to make sure they fit ...Men's shirt sizes from SM to 5XL. Ladie's shirt sizes (with tapered cut) from 8 to 26.

I am expecting this to be the largest tournament since Kapiti, so get your accommodation booked now.

Look forward to seeing you all in Porirua.

CHEERS

Kerry.

Petone

Hi from Petone,

The last tournament held at Waitakere was the first time since the 55+ Tournament started that Petone was unable to enter any bowlers, but we will be fielding a large contingent at the Porirua Tournament in September.

Petone cont...

We are all looking forward to catching up with everyone and enjoying some good bowling and lots of fun and company.

Regards Cecilia

Just a Snippet

To all our members who find themselves in airports or any other public buildings while travelling to or from our tournaments – beware of leaving your bags unattended or you may find that they disappear. I have heard that one of our members -

*“Took a long, long walk to Lost & Found
Was then questioned and asked to explain.
I was then suspected of
carrying a bomb in my bag”!*

OOPS!

Well that `s me. Once again “Thanks to all those Delegates and members for your input” – it gives the Newsletters a bit of oomph! See you all!

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY 5TH TO FRIDAY 8TH

North City – Porirua

“1920`s”



Please turn over...



Photos from across the Lane





