



This was our last tournament for 2023 with our members in North City hosting us all. Over 130 of our 55+ members had entered.

The theme 1920`s was great to see with everybody in their costumes. We have to thank Alma and her team

and also Ally, Chris and their staff for holding our Tournament over the 4 days. Nothing was a problem to anyone and service from food/drinks and Pro Shop was delivered with friendly smiles.

Our Tournament Director Kerry has done again a great job overseeing the assignment of the many lanes and people. Nothing was a problem from changing lanes etc, because members have been unable to attend or times did not suit.

We also got to sing "Happy Birthday" to Joan Edhouse from Petone who celebrated her 99th Birthday – Congratulations Joan.

Dinner was held at The Club, Judy filled in the time before dinner with her jokes and we were then entertained with Karaoke. Both Woofie and Ron gave their choice of songs, and Ron in full voice, has been posted on our

Facebook page. Dance floor was full for the remainder of the night which was enjoyed by all.

We have to have a special "Thank you" to Alma, Diane and her daughter Danielle. Between them we now have a sponsor for our medals and trophies.

Summerset have become our sponsor and with this tournament they have provided many vouchers for meals and some pens. Rusty Elmore presented the Finalists on the final day with their medals and trophies. Please take a book from their stand at future tournaments (was an interesting read)



North City Champion of Champions 2023

Ladies Champion of Champion

Sue Beckford (*North City*)

Runner Up

Ruth Couch (*Tauranga*)



Men`s Champion of Champion

Neil Rush (*Petone*)

Runner Up

Colin McLean (*North City*)

Congratulations to all medal winners.



North City

Greetings from North City

It was a pleasure hosting the September tournament and it was great to see so many old friends and lots of new faces. We were pleased to see so many of you embracing the 1920`s.



We really enjoyed our dinner and by all the comments most who were there did as well. I would like to Thank Diane Hallet and Gillian Benstead for help in organising of the Dinner, Also, Wendy Howard for her help, it would not have been as successful without their input. Thank you again my friends. Thanks also to the Lane Marshalls and all who manned the Check In and Raffles table, especially Barb Nonu who sat most of the tournament at the Raffle Table. Thanks also to Tisha Klein for her photography skills (the photos are great) and to John the DJ who got the crowd rocking.

North City cont...

Congratulations to our 13 bowlers who received medals and a big Congratulations to Susan Beckford - Woman`s Champion of Champion.

Woofie McLean - Runner Up Men`s Champion of Champion.

Great bowling you two.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Hastings in February.

Cheers

Alma

Waitakere

A rather small contingent of bowlers were present at Porirua but those who went enjoyed a very efficiently organised and run tournament (that is once we found our way into the venue).

Highlights for Waitakere were Jim Roberts bowling a 247 game and David Greaves a very new bowler (about a month) bowling his personal best of 145. We all enjoyed the Buffet dinner and the amazing twenties costumes! Looking forward to Hastings. Thank you to the Committee for a job well done.

On behalf of Waitakere,

Murry Rennie



Tauranga

Well, another great tournament and the last for this year. Thank you to Alma and the Porirua team for your hospitality and to all of the bowling alley staff for running such an amazing tournament over the 4 days.

The dinner was so well organised and the food and the entertainment was excellent. It was lovely to see so many of the bowlers dressed in their 1920`s costumes. Well done to all of the Tauranga bowlers for winning medals and to those who just missed out.

Special mention to Ruth Couch for being Runner Up in the Women`s Champion of Champions and winning the Ladies All Events Handicap. A full list of results can be found on the 55+ website along with...



Tauranga cont...

the fabulous photos from the dinner and the prize giving.

Have a good Christmas and hope to see you all in Hastings in February 2024.

Regards

Judy

Christchurch

Everyone had an enjoyable time. A huge thank you to Kerry for being able to work around our team dynamics, it was really appreciated.

Funny thing happened when we were waiting for our plane home, checking scores and medals we were jumping for joy when we won Gold for the Teams, check again, low and behold there is a mistake with the score. Duly ring Kerry to double check that what we were seeing wasn't what it should be and yep someone has put the wrong score in for a team member. It has now been remedied and a huge Congratulations to *Tauranga* who actually won Gold. We were thrilled to get our silver and thank you to our substitute from Porirua.

An update from me - My hand is still no better and now waiting to see a specialist mid Nov.

Thanks to all that asked me about it, especially

Irene Good who raced up to me yelling

"She`s here" followed by a big hug – made my day.

A note from the Rotorua Tournament – I have added a photo of two clowns and two people in normal clothing. You don't often come across two girls with the same names and also the two husbands sharing their name too.

We are Gillian (pronounced the Gaelic way) and Peter

Russell (dressed as the two Clowns),

Gillian (pronounced the English Way) and Peter

Benstead.

Hope to see everyone in Hastings, if not then

definitely in Invercargill. Cheers

Gillian Russell



Hastings

As always Hastings had so much fun and always enjoy the reunion with everyone. Alma did an amazing job and the dinner and entertainment was amazing. The bowling was a bit hard but Hastings got two medals.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in Hastings in February.

Marie



New Plymouth

First, we must say a huge Thank you to Summerset for the Sponsorship of our Tournament. It brings a whole new light to our fun.

There were seven of us from New Plymouth and we went home with 4 medals. Lois Goodman 1st B Grade Women and 3rd All Events Handicap, Mark Goodwin 1st Men`s B Grade, David Giddy 3rd Men`s B Grade. All very happy. It was nice to catch up with old adversaries again. We just love the camaraderie and respect we have for our group. It was great to introduce Mark and Rosemary to you all. Hopefully they will join us in Hastings, we have already booked our motel and our leave from work. Dinner on Thursday night was wonderful and so many dishes and heaps available.

So many mouths to feed and done so smoothly.



New Plymouth cont...

A thank you must go out to our DJ and the photographer who both did a fine job. It was so good to see so many on the dance floor.

We were fortunate to visit with both sides of the families on our trip.

We caught up with everyone but were pleased to be home to the quiet again.

So much noise and talking can be very tiring.

Still knitting clowns whose bodies are now stuffed, now have hats, hair and shoes. HEHE.

Janet and Justin



Palmerston North

Greetings from Palmerston North. It has been super weather the last few days with sunshine which is a nice change for September.

Well 26 of our members travelled to Porirua for another great 55+ tournament. Thanks to Kerry and Co for another well -run event.

Congratulations to all the medal winners, our group did very well.

We welcomed new members to the group, Shaz, Kitch, Raylene, Jim and John P who all received medals "Well done"

The Centre did a great job serving food etc, and a special "Thanks" to Ally for providing Gluten Free Bread so I could have some toasties.

We all enjoyed the Dinner and the Fabulous outfits, what a great era the 1920`s was.

We now look forward to meeting again in Hastings in February. In the mean- time, enjoy Christmas and the Summer holidays.

Cheers

Shirley & Kay

P.S Just to give you a smile
My teacher pointed a ruler at me and said,
"At the end of this ruler is an Idiot"
I got detention for asking "WHICH END"



Petone

Greetings from Petone

Congratulations to Porirua for another well -run Tournament. It is always good to catch up with all our bowling friends from around NZ. The dinner at Porirua Club was a real fun event, good friends, good food, good company, lots of good costumes and especially the good music to dance to, I think there were some rather tired bodies at bowling on Friday morning. A big thank you to the staff at North City for all the help and friendly service they gave to us during the tournament, they kept the drinks and food flowing and the machinery working smoothly. We wish all those people who caught Covid before and during the tournament a speedy recovery.

Petone bowlers managed to collect 10 medals this tournament, well done bowlers, a special Congratulations to Neil Rush who won the Men`s Champion of Champion play-off against Woofie McLean. I would like to say a big thank you to all the bowlers who surprised and delighted

Joan Edhouse by singing “Happy Birthday” to her on her 99th Birthday.

Joan has been bowling with Petone Primetimers on Wednesdays and Club 55 Petone on Thursdays for over 30 years and has only recently had to give up bowling after a fall.

Joan was one of the first 55 Plus Association and loved travelling to and playing in our Tournaments. If she won a medal, she was known to wear it to bed.

Joan always greets everyone with a big smile and a hug and still takes a keen interest in how everyone is bowling. Well done, Joan.

As this is the last newsletter for the year. We wish all members a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to catching up in Hastings in February for the 25th Anniversary. I have recently found a copy of my entry form for the first “Icebreaker” tournament which was held at Hastings!



Cecilia







AROUND THE LANES



I wish you all an early but safe and hearty Merry Christmas



We will be celebrating our:

25th Anniversary!

February 2024

Hastings



Wednesday 21st to Sunday 25th

Theme

Your Favourite T.V or Movie Character

