



55+

Invercargill 2024

Blue September



Our members were met and welcomed by 55+ members in Invercargill, at the Super Bowl Centre which is now being run by new owner Angela Caughey. Didn't you all do well – got yourselves a mention in the local news papers, though Rosemary Benseman had become *Benson*. You can watch the interview with Kerry Williams www.odt.co.nz/tv The Otago Daily Times *Sept 21* and the Southland Express *Sept 26* were the local papers that they appeared in! The dinner was held at Club Southland and was very plentiful and tasty. Members collected \$441.90 from the “*Blue September*” Dinner and this was presented by Dawn Bolger from Invercargill on our behalf and was much appreciated by the Cancer Association.

Many of you have found the tourist spots of Southland and it's surrounds very enjoyable even though the weather was a bit wet and cold.

It was great to have Preston back on the lanes – missed you!

To those members who found the Centre and its lane very enjoyable and winning medals- Congratulations.

A snippet:

Alan Jopson is now playing in our Thursday “55 Club” league in Tauranga as he and his lovely wife have recently settled in Katikati.

Joan Edhouse of North City and a former member of 55+, has recently celebrated her 100th Birthday. Congratulations Joan on reaching this fabulous Milestone and from all our members past and present **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

You won't believe this – but we recently learned that we are bowling with Joans 3 Granddaughters in leagues here in Tauranga – a small world eh!

Congratulations

55+

Champion of Champions

Invercargill 2024

Ladies

Cushla Burns *Waitakere*
Winner

Ljubica Nola *Waitakere*
Runner Up



Men's

Peter Holmes *Tauranga*
Winner

Kerry Williams *Waitakere*
Runner Up



Congratulations to Cushla Burns who won our very first

55+

Ladies 225+ Games Medal

Congrats and well done to you all.

Tournament bowls over senior fans

BY LUISA GIRAO

SENIORS from around the country descended on Invercargill last week to have a bowl and a ball.

About 60 people from as far as Auckland gathered for the 55+ National Tenpin Bowls Tournament, which was held at Superbowl.

The event ended on Saturday. Organiser Kerry Williams said the competition was last held in the city six years ago.

The tournament is run by the 55+ Tenpin Bowling Association of New Zealand and is held three times a year across the country.

"It is competitive at some levels, but it's pretty much a social event," Mr Williams said.

"Fifty-five is [an age where] people have retired or are getting close to retirement, so the idea is that it gives them an interest and they have more spare time to be part of the tournaments.

"Bowling is the reason we come together, but generally it is just to make sure everybody else is healthy," he said.

Superbowl owner Angela Caughy said it was an honour to host such an event.

"It is a sport for everyone. We have little kids coming at the weekends . . . and this proves that anyone, from any age, can bowl."

Rosemary Benseman is the perfect example of that.

She has been bowling for the past 25 years and at 90, was the tournament's oldest competitor.

"When my husband had retired, he decided that we might take up golf, but we weren't allowed to play on the same day — it was a ladies' day and a men's day.

"And then there was a write-up about tenpin bowling and he said 'well, let's go along and see what that's like."

After her husband died six years ago, she kept their passion for bowling alive.

"Nine times out of 10, when certain numbers come up on the board, I say 'Come on, Walter, help me out with this one.'

"I still feel it is something that we do together."



Having a ball: 55+ National Tenpin Bowling organiser Kerry Williams (right) pictured with Rosemary Benseman, who at 90 was the oldest competitor.

PHOTO: LUISA GIRAO

From the Delegates

Hastings

Ten Hastings Bowlers plus our Manager/driver/supporter ventured south to Invercargill. We had found a house across the road from Bill Richards Transport Museum to rent. It had lots of space including 4 bathrooms!!!

The tournament was a great success. Congratulations to Dawn and her team and the centre management. Our bowlers had good success, with one of our newbies, Ariel Watane, being our star bowler collecting 4 medals. Our medal haul was a pleasing 11 medals with 6 of our 10 bowlers bring home medals.

The dinner was a great night and thoroughly enjoyed by all our bowlers.

Having travelled all the way down south we took a few extra days to do a bit of sightseeing.

Our trip to the Bluff was highlighted by an enjoyable lunch at the restaurant there.

We also made a trip to the movies.... first time in quite a while for some of us....and unfortunately, we made a bad choice of movie...Beetle Juice...Not a good experience. In fact, it was horrible!!!!

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Tauranga.

Preston.



Tauranga

Thanks to Dawn and all the team from the centre for a well -run tournament and your southern hospitality. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone from down that way and to meet the new bowlers. Our prize giving and dinner at the club was a fabulous night and with plenty of delicious food, drink, dancing and laughs and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We got to do a bit of sightseeing while we were down there as well, thanks to Bennys navigational skills. For some reason it always took twice as long to get home(lol)

Thanks for doing most of the driving Benny.

We also got to check out a few cafes and restaurants which didn't disappoint.

Would definitely recommend the pies from *Fat Bastard Pies* and their cheese rolls were pretty good as well.



Congratulations to Peter Holmes our newest member and only his 2nd tournament who took out the Champion of Champions. Peter also won the Men`s C Grade Singles, Teams and the Men`s All Event Handicap. Well done to you Peter.

Other medals went to Marylee Cole 2nd Teams

Benny Benseman 2nd Open Singles

Judy Reed 2nd Ladies Mystery Pairs and 2nd Ladies Open Singles.

Well done to all our Tauranga Bowlers.

Have a great Christmas and New Year everyone and we look forward to seeing you in Tauranga in February.

Judy



Palmerston North

Well, another 55+ Tournament has come and gone and those attending enjoyed it.

Ten of us hearty souls travelled to the Deep South most coming home with coughs and colds!

Some of our ladies went and bought hot water bottles to nurse at night time.

The tournament went well and thank you to all the Invercargill people for all the hard work they did to make the tournament a success. It was good to meet up with bowlers that attended and lovely to meet some new bowlers.

Congratulations to our medal winners. We scored 7 medals so did well.

We look forward to catching up again in February at Tauranga.

One of our bowlers enjoyed her flight home

“Slept with an Otago Rugby Player”

He even got her bag off the carousel. We will have to watch her in the future. Thought we were going to be the only people on the plane, then, all the Otago Rugby team arrived and filled the plane.

Merry Christmas to all and hope the New Year treats you all well.

Kay & Shirley



North City

Only 3 of us travelled to Invercargill arriving on a beautiful sunny morning which quickly turned into a cold, wet, windy afternoon. Despite the weather we had a great week catching up with old and new bowlers. I even brought a medal home (first one for a while) thanks to my mixed doubles partner Andrew for his fantastic bowling. I was surprised by my granddaughter who is at Otago University in Dunedin, visited for a couple of days.



We found the “Pie Shop” that everyone was raving about and we were not disappointed. Thanks to Diane and Gillian for their company and the million laughs that we had.
Alma Jamieson



Petone

What a well - run tournament. Everything seemed to run smoothly. The dinner was enjoyable and music was great. Weather wasn't as bad as I thought it would be but we did wake up one morning with snow on the roof of the car. Did some sightseeing as hadn't been down that way for years.

I would like to congratulate Beverly for coming first in the B grade Ladies Singles and third in Mystery Pairs. Also, Rosemary, Janine, Beverly and Peter for coming 1st in Teams.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Tauranga.

Lesley



Waitakere.

As I didn't attend the tournament in Invercargill I hear it all went very well despite the extremely cold weather. I believe all had a great time at the dinner. We had three new members join for this tournament. Cushla Burns, Stephen Penney & Fred Housham. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves plus won medals. A big congratulations to Ljubica Nola who got 1st in mixed doubles with Fred Housham. 2nd in teams. 1st in handicap division. Well done Ljubica. Hope to see you all in Tauranga in February for a catchup. Best wishes for a wonderful Xmas & New Year. Regards Del Edwards



It sounds like everybody who attended the Invercargill Tournament had a great time.



The next time that we all meet is
Tauranga February 2025.

Until then wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and New Year. Stay safe and good health to all.
Cheers!



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