The ROLL UP!

Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowling Club

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PRESIDENT AMY'S REPORT

I hope you all have managed to find things to do to help pass the time in your bubble. It's amazing how many things I have been putting off for so long that have now been finished.

The Club's AGM will be at the end of June, by then we hope all restrictions will be sufficiently minor to allow full participation by club members.

As advised, we need members to make themselves available to help run the Club. We have a great base of experienced workers, but we need others to learn and help ease the load. In particular we need a Secretary, Treasurer, Green superintendent , Caterer and Board members.

The announcement that Bowling clubs could open under level 3 raised our hopes until we received the conditions. No mats No jacks, No club bowls No club room/toilet, singles or pairs only from your bubble. Email booking in advance, these restrictions make it very difficult to have the green open, Level 2 looks ok so hang in there.

As soon as possible all coaching will be reinstated.

The centre is planning to hold the postponed Champion of Champion under 5 years and the finals weekend at the beginning of next season.

The association dinner and prize giving has been cancelled for this year.

Amy

THE GARDEN CLUB BOYS

We can easily take the gardens round the greens for granted but we need to recognise the hard work and dedication of the Garden Club Boys.

It is made up of life members Maurie Morgan, Peter Midgely, John Laidlaw and Peter Hyland. Not only do they keep the gardens up to shape during the year, but they also personally pay for the plants, fertilisers and other bits and pieces associated with the gardens.

Maurie keeps a schedule of all purchases and seems to be the coordinator. They do a great job with little fuss or hassle.

Thanks and well done.

Dave Abernathy

FROM BOWLS CANTERBURY (24th APRIL)

I hope you, your members and their families are all doing well in the current environment that we all see ourselves in. Thank you all for adapting so well and being accepting of the changes that our sport has had to make.

As you are likely aware, we are shifting to Alert Level 3 at the end of this long weekend, which will allow slightly more interaction among your bubble - I am sure this will be welcomed. Bowls New Zealand have just released their guidelines for Bowling Clubs and Centres on how to operate at each Alert Level. I have attached the guidelines for your information now. Bowls Canterbury recommend that all clubs remain fully closed until Alert Level 2 - with the exception of your Greenkeepers being able to access the greens for maintenance.

I will also take this opportunity to advise you of Bowls Canterbury's plan for the remaining 20/21 season and the beginning of our new season. Please read all updates below:

Club and Bowls Canterbury Office Update

Like a lot of you, the Bowls Canterbury staff are working from home and will continue to do so during Alert Level 3. All staff can be contacted via email on cellphone - contact details are on our website. We hope to be back in the office and to have the shop open as soon as we are at Alert Level 2. Currently the staff and Board of Bowls Canterbury are working hard to adapt to changes that we are presented with now and in the future. We applied and received the government wage subsidy and I encourage our clubs that have paid employees (administrators, bar staff etc.) to do the same if you have not already. All three current staff have had their hours and pay reduced by 20%, just like many other businesses. This will be re-accessed at the end of the 12 week subsidy.

If your club is needing any assistance or guidance moving forward through the current climate, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out to Bowls Canterbury for any assistance you may need

2019/2020 Events:

We have put a considerable amount of time and discussions around moving forward with the remaining 2019/2020 season events and can update you now on those events below:

Champion of Champions Finals Weekend

We are aiming to still run this event and are looking to allocate a weekend at the beginning of next season, which we hope the majority of players are available for. There will be dispensation from players who may have moved clubs for the 2020/2021 season, those players will still be able to compete for the club they had qualified for in CoC events. There will also be dispensation on substitute/replacement players, and these will be considered on a case by case basis.

Champion of Champions Under 5's Singles

Like the Finals Weekend, we are aiming to run this event at the beginning of next season. Once a date has been confirmed we will ask clubs/players who are in the draw to confirm if their players are still available to compete, this may result in a redraw. Again, there will be dispensation for players who in the 2020/2021 season have entered into their sixth year of bowls, they will still be eligible to play in the event if they were previously entered.

Interclub Playoffs

Again, we are looking to set a date at the beginning of next season to run playoffs which were postponed. The only exception to this is the Bowls3Five playoffs, which will need to be played earlier, due to the Bowls NZ National playoffs scheduled for August 1st & 2nd 2020

Prize-giving

Due to the financial cost associated with running prize-giving, for both the Centre, we have decided to cancel the event for the 2019/2020 season. We hope this alleviates some financial strain on clubs and their members, and that that money can be put towards other essential costs. The Bowls Canterbury Board and staff will endeavour to get around as many Open Days as possible to present certificates from the 2019/2020 Interclub and Centre Winners.

2020/2021 Season

As you will likely be aware, Katie has sent out details calling for submissions for the upcoming season and reviewing the previous season. The survey and submission process close on 30th April 2020. Please follow this link for all information of how you can have your say: http://bowlscanterbury.co.nz/news/review-of-the-2019-20-season/

In regard to the **Bowls Canterbury Annual General meeting** depending Alert Levels, we hope to hold this, as normal, on the second Sunday in July; Sunday 12th July at the Christchurch Bowling Club. (Venue TBC). Please note - formal papers will come out closer to the time. If you or some one you know is interested in becoming a Bowls Canterbury board member; please get in touch - applications are due by 30th April 2020

It is also that time of year we were are calling for **Applications for Representative** staff for the 2020/2021 season. Interested parties should visit the Bowls Canterbury website here for applications; http://bowlscanterbury.co.nz/news/2020-2021-representative-staff/

Emily has also sent out information regarding **Coaching Courses** for Foundation and Update courses. These are still scheduled to be held on Sunday 3 May however will now be online via Zoom. Please contact Emily Robbins at development@bowlscanterbury.co.nz to register or visit our website link for further information: http://bowlscanterbury.co.nz/news/bowls-nz-coaching-course-update/

Lastly, enjoy your long weekend; lest we forget our ANZAC's. Please keep safe in your bubbles. I wish and your families good health and hope to see you around very soon.

Ngā mihi

Mel Tukapua
Chief Executive Officer

HELP NEEDED FROM MEMBERS

With our winter programme due to commence under level 2 restrictions we require a number of members to make themselves available as a duty person for two-hour sessions to ensure that the strict conditions outlined above are adhered to by all bowlers. This is not an onerous task but extremely essential for us to operate under (hopefully) level 2 conditions only.

This request relates to general rollups only, not organized bowls and tournaments

This is to ensure that the ongoing good health & safety of all bowlers is maintained

Please respond by email to the club and advise when you can assist, we will contact you back with more detail and advise further.

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE LOCK-UP?

😊 NEW SKILLS by Amy

Early in lockdown I was showing David something on my phone, next thing my family were appearing on my phone 3 girls, son and granddaughter all laughing and talking. I had NO idea what I had done ,eventually found out I had unintentionally activated video calling we all had a good laugh and I learnt a new skill.

Other than that, my lockdown has been a great opportunity to do lots of sanding and re varnishing woodwork.

EMERGENCY MEASURES by Mick Hannifin

About three Sunday mornings ago at 8.10am three firemen from the Woolston Depot burst through the door looking for the person who was having the heart attack. Followed closely by ambulance personnel. We live in a small lane by then crowded with fire trucks, ambulance and St. John's car. They took some convincing it was the wrong address. It was meant to go to number three. We are four. Impressive service though. Lucky I was up watching tv at the time.

The Fire Emergency Department brought their latest domestic fire hose with them

REFLECTIONS by Sue

As pre covid-19 I normally worked away from the neighbourhood, with Life is always busy, busy - Lock-down has meant I have run into and conversed - at the required distance of course, with people I normally never have a chance to. One early morning sunrise walk on beach I ran into a parent/ friend that had lost touch with from my children school days, in a different part of town. we had 15 years of catch-up to talk about. Plus my apartment block for the first time ever , had regular Sunday 5pm carport drinks. Meaning I got to meet and talk to my neighbours There is definitely a silver lining to lots of things.

Discovering the absolute Joy and excitement of getting out to collect the mail and go food shopping. Who would have thought that could bring joy and be the highlight of the day?

GARDENING by your editor

My home office usually keeps me busy but with the factory shut down I had been forced into blissful idleness but it did give me a chance to use the chainsaw I bought a couple months ago and over the course of a few weeks the trees got shorter and the waste pile got bigger. In a sudden fit of madness and spurred on my success at getting some light into the garden I bought a flatpack glasshouse that was Chinese in origin. Like a giant jigsaw with instructions in a strange version of English. Annabel and I eventually had it assembled. Now all I have to do is to maintain my energy levels and keep working to clear the pile of leaves and branches. Be glad to get to level 2 and go back to work for a rest!

GENERAL PLAYING GUIDELINES – LEVEL 2 COVID-19

All bowls will be under supervision and bowlers must adhere to the following conditions. Please respect the needs of others also when necessary

- If you are unwell or feel unwell, please stay at home
- Please consider any local and regional travel restrictions in place at the time
- Play will be allowed on each of 8 rinks, 3.9 metres wide. This will allow for adequate player separation of 1 metre. Please respect the hazard tape markings
- To ensure adequate player separation only one player in the mat area for each bowl
- Saturday tournament play will be from the clubrooms to BP, all rollups & coaching, the other way
- Rollups for members & others permitted each day 10am – midday & 1pm – 3pm
- All names to be registered on the daily register with duty person - up to 6 players per rink
- Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, organized team rollups, 1pm – 3pm with all names recorded on the daily register with the duty person for these events (Margaret Bunce or other)
- Coaching Sessions – All names to be registered with the duty coach
- Tuesday 9am – 10am (3 years and up) 10.30am – 11.30am (beginners and 1-2 year)
- Sunday 9.30am – 10.30am
- Do not shake hands with others before or after a game
- Ensure only the skip handles the scorecards at all times when necessary
- Please do not drink directly from the water fountain, use the bottle refill option only
- Do not pick up other players bowls
- Mats and jacks need to be sanitized before and after play
- Spray sanitizers available for use during play
- Club Bowls and Carriers are to be sanitized before and after use
- Chalk boards only to be used, no number flippers
- Green Fees of $5 per player apply to non-members
- The duty person of each session will ensure that the above conditions are adhered to

For any further information or clarification please contact

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HUMOUR IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Day 18 of lock down. Filled the dog with helium.

THE GALLERY

A bit of nostalgia from Ted

The 'Iron Maidens' Top Team!

RMPBC promotion on the Redcliffs walkway

Successful team at Kaiapoi

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DUE TO THE COVID-19 LOCK DOWN THE CLUB IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Don't forget to support the many great sponsors of the Club. Some of these businesses that give so generously have been hard hit by the lockdown. Shop local where you can.

OUR SPONSORS

It's always good to acknowledge the businesses and individuals who sponsor the Club. This month we recognise:

JOHN RHIND, TONY GARING tony.garing@johnrhind.co.nz

RAYWHITE, FERRYMEAD, CRAIG PRIOR craig.prior@raywhite.com

LOCKUP PICS FROM OUR ROVING REPORTER

...finishing off a bottle of wine accompanied by her new dog Ruby.

Jude having a wine or three

Our gentleman Ted

Mary and Peter with Ruby

Phil is coping …

Greg is all smiles

Bill keeping Speights turning over

Sue was wondering whether to go to weight watchers or AA

The Conelly Cookes out biking