

## **Bowls New Zealand Announcement**

**Friday 20 March 2020 1:00pm**

### **Coronavirus / COVID-19**

**Update as of Friday 20 March, Bowls New Zealand strongly recommends that (until further notice) all bowling clubs throughout the country be closed for all organised bowls events and activities.**

**This effectively means that all organised bowls events and activities throughout New Zealand are either postponed or cancelled for the rest of the summer 2019 -2020 season.**

### **Coming Events**

- **Roll ups will resume as soon as we are allowed to restart**
- **The Match Committee will decide what and when other events may be able to be played.**

### **Business House Bowls**

**Organizer Brian Cooper reports that the 28<sup>th</sup> season was a great success with 32 teams taking part, the greatest takings on raffles ever, and more volunteer helpers than ever before. Fortunately the final night was held just before lockdown.**

**Many thanks to our sponsors Levin New World and Cobb & Co. Restaurant and to all of our volunteers.**

### **Horowhenua Cup**

**This year's event was won by our Levin team of *Brian Cooper (s), Murray Griffin, Bob Whitelaw and Phil Stirrat.***

### **How Our Club Is Affected**

- **There will be no bowls until at least the end of April**
- **Kitchen renovations are on hold and likely to be considerably delayed**
- **The Club AGM will likely be delayed. The Covid-19 virus lockdown has created a situation which may make the dates specified in our Constitution unworkable. Accounts cannot be finalised or audited during lockdown.**
- **A government decision on when work on greens can resume is expected this week.**

### **On the National Level**

- **The world championships have been postponed till next year**
- **A new schedule for National events in 2020-21 will be sent to clubs in about three weeks**
- **Bowls NZ will be contacting clubs over the next 6-8 weeks about the 2019 Census.**



**What a shame - a recent view of the abandoned cotula green at Raumati South.**

**Club Jackets** The new jackets have arrived and are stored at the club. There are a few extras available at \$ 55.

## ***Arohanui Hospice Gala***

The club held its **4<sup>th</sup> Arohanui Hospice Charity Gala** on Saturday 7 March. The Hospice set up a clinic in Levin to meet the needs of about one third of its clients who live in the Horowhenua district. The club sees this gala as an opportunity to extend the role that the club plays in the local community through its work with the *Business House Bowls* programme which it has run every summer for the past 28 years.

Tournament organizer **Neville Turnbull** said **over 80 local businesses and individuals had made donations of money and/or goods for the auction or to be used as prizes.** A total of 26 teams of fours from Palmerston North to Paekakariki played, but mostly local teams filled the field.

**John McBeth** was Guest Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the players. During the lunch break auctioneer **Arne Jansson** auctioned off a range of goods and services donated by local businesses which were eagerly snapped up by the players.

At the end of play Horowhenua District Mayor **Bernie Wanden** presented the prizes and **Mary Timms**, Arohanui Hospice, Levin Area Representative presented the Arohanui Hospice Trophy to the winning team.

Levin Bowls acknowledges the work done by **John McBeth** of the Raumati Bowling Club and our own members **Arne Jansson, Ralda Adams, Brian Cooper, Greg Hutchings, Phil Stirrat, Murray Griffin, Kerry Geertson, Bill Clelland, Dave Hemsley, Robert Evans, Liz Galloway, Dianne Short, Hillary Evans, Edy Connolly, Anne Williams, Kaye Lahman and Diana McGill** in contributing to the success of the day.

**As a result of this event the Levin Bowling Club will be able to hand over a cheque for approximately \$ 11,000 to the Hospice, bringing the total funds raised for the Hospice over the four events to approximately \$ 45,000.**



***The winning fours team (back) Les and Liz Galloway and (front) Carol and Trevor Turnbull.***



***The 'best dressed' team ( to R) Denise McKavanaugh, Mary Timms, Madison Leong (mascot), Louise Leong, Frank Leong and Mayor Bernie Wanden.***

***Keep safe in your bubbles  
until bowls can resume***

***Ken Hayward - Editor***