



Milford Bowling Club
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

President's Message

Firstly I would like to thank every body for your kind words expressed when my mother passed away. This was much appreciated.

Thank you to those people who helped with the running of the fund-raising afternoon with the Executive Tour Company - we raised \$444.00 and a lot of fun was had by all.

A grant had been applied for the refund of our capitation fees to BNH, but unfortunately it was turned down.

Please watch the board as to which green you can use over Xmas because there will be some maintenance work done on the greens during this period.

Keep FRIDAY 21st free for a fun evening from 4.30pm onwards. A BBQ meal will be provided for a cost of \$5.

Finally your executive would like to wish everybody a Merry Xmas. Enjoy those family gatherings with the grand children.

Tony Rickerby – President

Congratulations!!!

Our men's team won the **Interclub Men's C Division**. The games were played over several weeks.

The team was:

Skip	Ted Davis	Ralph Aulick
	Bik Cheung (1 game)	John Harvey
	Albie Birss (1 game)	Sue Hing

At the **Dorchester Women's Centre Fours**, played on 27/28 October, our team was third equal. The team was:

Skip	Hilary Ross	Pat Drake
	Carolyn McCrystal	Heather Smale

Thank you to all who represented our Club at Interclub and the Centre Fours. We appreciate your taking part despite the challenges faced at some of the venues. Well done.

Congratulations are also due to **Hilary Ross** who was chosen to represent **Bowls North Harbour** as Skip of the Women's Pairs in the recent Regional competitions. We are proud of you Hilary.

Upcoming Tournaments

Now is the time to get your entries in for:

- Dec 5 Men's Open Triples (*Ham & Turkey*)
- Dec 8 Mixed 2 4 2 Pairs – single entry
- Dec 12 Women's 2 4 2 Pairs (*Ham & Turkey*)
- Dec 15 Mixed Tournament (*Ham – 9.00 am start*)
- Dec 22 Mixed 2 4 2 Jackpot Pairs
- Dec 31 Open Mixed Triples 10.00 am start
- Jan 5 Open Mixed 2 4 2 Pairs 9.15 am start
- Jan 9 Women's Open Triples 12.30 pm start
- Jan 16 Men's Open Triples
- Jan 19 **Champ Triples** – Women & Men
- Jan 20 Champ Triples **Finals**
- Jan 23 Women's Open Triples
- Jan 26 5 yr & under Pairs – Women & Men
- Jan 27 Finals 5yr & under Pairs (*any o/s matches*)
- Jan 28 Gala Day BBQ 1pm start – Mixed
- Jan 30 Men's Open Triples
- Feb 2 **Champ Pairs** – Women & Men
- Feb 3 Champ Pairs **Finals**
- Feb 6 **FOUNDERS CUP** – Mixed (*Waitangi Day*)

REMINDER: If you have entered a Championship event and cannot play, you must find a replacement and inform the Tournament Organiser.

SPICERS Open Draw tournaments are fun for everybody. Do come. Enter on the day. Next tournament December 6th.

A man was telling his neighbour "I just bought a hearing aid. It cost me \$4,000 but it's state of the art! It's perfect."
 "Really!" answered the neighbour. "What kind is it?"
 "Twelve thirty," came the reply.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . .

Dress Code – It is proposed that we submit a Remit to our next AGM as follows:
 "Whites to be worn for all Championship events and Centre events/visits. For all other bowling days, either mufti or whites to be acceptable." **Reason:** Bowls NZ is keen for Clubs to be more relaxed and not too regimented in their presentation of the game of bowls to new or prospective members.

TWILIGHT BOWLS on Friday evenings have started. Come after work - and stay for a meal. Refer Handbook for dates.

WANTED . . .

Volunteers to run a Social event for our Club. Do you have an idea? Share it with your fellow bowlers and it could be the start of "something special" ie: a Shipwreck party; Mad Hatters Tea party. *Please speak to Tony Rickerby, Lindsay Somerville or Barbara Davis*

Club Championship & other results

Champ 4s	WOMEN	MEN
Winners	Yvonne Preston Beth Hayter Sue Goudie Margaret Shelley	Bik Cheung Lindsay Somerville Rick Lydford Eric Moses
R/up	Dawn Harper Rosalie Horne Joyce Bongard Lorna Donald	Peter Clark Maurie Young John Harvey Sue Hing

Under 5 year Singles

Winner	Sheila Knox	Bert Coulter
R/up	Gay Hardy	Maurie Young

Men's Veteran Singles

Winner	Gordon Ross
R/up	Ray Prewett

Mixed Veteran Fours (Triples)

Winners	Audrey Harris, Maurie Young, Neil Lowe
R/up	Laurie Mason, Ralph Aulick, Betty Anderson

Women's Single Entry Graded Triples

Winners	Sue Goudie, Claire Mitchell, Sheila Knox
R/up	Hilary Ross, Heather Amos, Ann Moses

Centre Singles

You may like to support our players who have entered the Centre Singles on 8/9 December with a 8.30 am start time. They are:

Tony Rickerby	Warkworth
Maurie Young	Sunnybrae (5 yr & under)
Hilary Ross	Glenfield
Yvonne Preston	Mairangi Bay

We wish them well.



FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2007

from 4.30 pm

BBQ meal \$5

Let's get together to celebrate Christmas
and have 2-3 hours of FUN, FOOD & MUSIC.

Milford is hosting the **Men's Cadness Cup** on one
Green on **Friday 22 February 2008.**

Pete's Poem

Lovely Bowling Weather

It's raining hard, the wind doth blow
My dry towel's soaking wet.
The umbrella's up, it looks like snow
It's rough but I won't fret.

My handwarmer's not working now,
My hand's are blooming cold,
My chalk's gone soggy - what a blow -
To bowl you must be bold.

The waters running down my neck,
Oh how I love the rain,
My glasses are steamed up - oh heck -
It's bowling time again.

I've grassy bowls, and soggy shoes,
My waterproofs are useless,
My bowls bag's soaking, and I've the blues -
I'm feeling such a mess.

They really should call off the game,
This really isn't fun -
I can't see why I even came,
Oh, yes I can - WE WON!

Congratulations to Zelda Bridgens who won the
Rugby Sweep. Thanks to **Ray Prewett** who organised
both the Rugby and the Melbourne Cup Sweeps. **\$109 was
raised for Club Funds.**

Change of dates - a reminder

1st Year Singles	23 February - 4 December
Women's Triples	2 & 3 February - 19 & 20 January
Women's Pairs	1 & 8 March - 2 & 3 February



Watch for coverage of the WORLD BOWLS in
Christchurch on TV from 12 - 27 January 2008. You may
recognise someone in the audience as a number of Milford
bowlers will be there.