

FITZROY BOWLING CLUB

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MAINLAND SPOILS

Congratulations to the 4 Fitzroy bowlers who were to the fore in the annual Bacardi Cup tournament played in Nelson this week. The team of Noel Probyn (Skip), Nigel Newton (Lead), Mike (Walsh (2) and Tony Walsh (3) won the final against a team that included another Fitzroy member, Graeme Blackford (aka Chalkie). The trophy has been contested over the past 58 years by present and former publicans from across the country who have owned a pub for more than seven years or been involved in the industry for that time. Well done, guys, I'm guessing there were a few sore heads the next day.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW: Shanan Dick as a full playing 3rd year member

RESIGNATION: Barry Cashmore

GREENS

All the work on the greens during the off season and recently is paying off with both the No and No 2 greens running very well. There are still one or two bare patches on the No 2, but our greenkeeper is confident these will soon be covered.

MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

Six rounds of the Saturday Pelorus Series have now been completed, with only one Saturday being washed out on 19th October. Due to an emergency (a wedding that was being held elsewhere had the venue cancelled at the last moment so the club accommodated them on Saturday 5th October), both the Pelorus and AON were held on the Sunday. A total of 52 players have taken part in the competition to date.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

The annual Classic Fours was held on 11th November involving 16 teams. Val Keightly's Paritutu team were the winners with Nellie Hewson (Fitzroy) runner up and Ann Brophy (New Plymouth) in third. Special thanks to those that gave their time to mark the singles and run the tournament in the absence of Convenor, Pauline Christie.

MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

Wayne Manning, Men's Match Committee Convenor, reports that the men's championship triples are scheduled for Saturday/Sunday 7th & 8th December. The entry form is on the notice board.

COACHES

Contact has been made with new club members and several sessions have been held to assist them with the basics of the game. All have appreciated this and are more comfortable in preparing themselves to play. In addition, on the first night of Business House Bowls this season, some club coaches will be available to cover the basics of the game as well as "do's and don'ts" on the green.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All points highlighted in last month's report have been addressed, including the building fire evacuation. All portable electrical appliances/equipment have also been re-certified. The monthly building checks have been completed.

One matter highlighted was the seat outside the greenkeeper's shed. A couple of people have fallen from it as the seat tips up when sitting on one end. Our greenkeeper Tony, McAlevey has undertaken to repair this so please take care until this is fixed.

SOCIAL AND WELFARE

A sympathy card was sent to life member, George Toft's family following his recent death. George joined the East End club in early 1950s and was an active and supportive member for more than 52 years. He was East End President in 1959 and a regular winner of club championships including 3 pairs and fours titles.

We wish Board member Colin Christie a speedy recovery from recent surgery and we hope see him back on the greens soon.

BUSINESS HOUSE BOWLS

This popular event gets underway with the first night scheduled for Monday Nov 25th following a rain-out the precious week, with a bumper turnout of 30 teams are listed. Event Convenor, Derek Moles has plenty of helpers and arranged for Moe Kelly to come along on the first night with another coach and to help on the greens.

PAVILION/HIREAGE

Revenue for October was \$5,558.25 with 403 people coming through the club at these functions.

Again, thanks for your patience and understanding over the coming few weeks leading up to Christmas, and for generously sharing our great venue with the many groups we have coming through.

SISTER CLUB?

This month Mary and I enjoyed a visit to the Fitzroy Victoria Bowls and Sports Club in Melbourne. Barefoot Bowls was in full swing on the day we visited and there was plenty of action on the greens and in the bar. Of note, most participants were under 30 yr old millennials which shows the sport is in good heart for the future.



See you on the greens

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