

SNIPPETS

GLENDOWIE BOWLING CLUB

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Snippets of 2022.

Murray has decided to hang up his pen after a number of fine seasons eloquently delivering Glendowie Bowlers the regular newsletter that has kept everyone solidly in the loop. We all salute you Murray.

But the show must go on!

Open Triples

At last, the first Open Triples of summer is this week (Thursday 13th) immediately followed by another next week! (February dates will be covered in the next newsletter, or consult handbook).

As usual, entries to Mike Hughes: 021 0859 1112 or spike.hughes20@gmail.com

A quick reminder about Open Triples sponsorship. Sponsorship is becoming increasingly difficult to acquire and retain (covid has not helped). If a sponsor is at prize giving, it would be good form for as many players as possible to attend. Sponsors need to see value for their \$, and we need them to come back! (Also, if anyone has a solid sponsor lead, email John B: john.glendowiebowls@gmail.com).

St Andrew's Village Classic

Just a little heads-up - it's not all that far off! 2nd & 3rd March and entries are now open. Contact Mike or Murray.

St Andrew's Village Have a Go Day

Tues 25th January 1.30 - 3.30pm (after Tues Aggregate). If you happen to be around, please make our St Andrew's guests feel extra special as some of them may be checking out bowls (and the club) for the first time.

Club Championships

In case you missed the results of the Men's and Women's Fours in the pre-Christmas Snippets edition, the winners were:

Peter Wagner, Bruce Anderson, Colin O'Brien and Mike Armstrong.

Jeanette Macdonald, Nola Gardner, Diane Ley and Jean Krelle.

Congratulations to all!

Club championships coming up over the next 6 weeks:

Anniversary weekend: Men's and Women's Triples. Qualifying on Sat 29th January. Finals on Sunday.

Waitangi weekend: Junior 1-5yr Pairs. Qualifying on Sat 5th February. Finals on Sunday (Waitangi Day).

Weds 16th February: Veteran Singles.

For further details consult the handbook. Entry forms will be available in the Hub.

Social Bowls

Launching on Monday Feb 14th (could it be the perfect valentines date?) and thereafter every Monday evening up to and including March 28. Practice from 5, play from 6, dine from 7.

Social Bowls is a brilliant platform to get new faces into the club. Many of you reading this will be (or have been) social bowlers and know first-hand what a great night it is and what an excellent introduction to both bowls and the club. If we want the club to grow, it starts with Monday evening bowls. Let's all get behind it and invite someone this year!

Contact Bill 528 8384 or Murray 021 0813 0110. (Volunteers would also be greatly appreciated).

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Taranaki Open Fours

All the best to David Nightingale, Peter Wagner, Ted Morris and Mike Armstrong as they venture forth, holding the Glendowie flag high, to this week-long event starting 17th January.

Last year, the team made it to the last 8 before eventually losing to the winners (No pressure gents...!)

- 158 teams from all over the country. 2 x 25 end games (no time limit) each day.
- Began in 1906 - it's being going for 116 years!
- The tournament is played at 9 bowling clubs around the Taranaki district
- Results can be found at taranakibowls.co.nz or [facebook.com\taranakibowls](https://facebook.com/taranakibowls)

Property

John's tireless work continues to ensure that we have arguably the best playing surface in Auckland, Richard's superb patio area is proving very popular, and Ken's painting of the clubhouse is looking great and nearing completion - with a mystery tone to be added to the lower section...

A big thank you to Diane and Val who have installed curtains to give the ladies locker room a bit of privacy, and also to Neville and team who took on the painful job (on a number of levels) of weeding the roses with magnificent results!

New signage is largely complete, but unfortunately one of the signs on the far fence of A green came down in a gale a couple of nights after installation. A new sign is currently being produced which will be installed differently this time - with its neighbour to be also re-installed more solidly.

Venue Hire

Like everything else, covid policy also shut down venue hire (and its income) up until December. Lorraine has done a great job under trying circumstances with December bookings and the new administration headache they represented.

Sponsorship

As you can imagine, some of our sponsors and advertisers have done it tough over a very challenging latter 2022. Please consult the handbook and where possible support the companies who get behind this club and help keep it going. We greatly value the relationships we have with our sponsors and advertisers and we'd like to keep them on board.

A little reminder on Glendowie Bowling Club COVID policy...

In the interests of keeping members and visitors as safe as possible, Glendowie Bowling Club currently requires anyone over the age of 12 who is wanting to enter the club premises, to present their "My Vaccine Pass" as a condition of entry. Please note that there is register kept in the Match Room that records sighting of Member's Passes so that they only need to be verified once.

And a little reminder to give the combination lock-box a spin or two when you replace the keys. You never know, you might hit the jackpot...!

That's it for this month. If there are any notable omissions, please reply to the email this came with. The theme for this year is Word of Mouth - if you think Glendowie Bowling Club is an amazing place, introduce it to someone you know!

Wishing everybody a healthy and happy 2022.

Glendowie Bowls.

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.