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MARCH 2010

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Well another season is just about put to bed. A season that will go down as a very special one in the history of the club.

Club of the Year is something only seven clubs have achieved and one we should all be very proud of. As we talk with prospective new members to the club this should be part of the selling points, which are many but this is something that so few other clubs in New Zealand can claim. We should make everyone aware of the positive features our club has to offer. All clubs have their ups and downs but it is by focusing on the positive aspects of our club that we can continue to improve and grow. To make this happen we need everyone to get behind those who are prepared to put their hand up and work for the club. Like any club in any sport you are never going to please everyone but remember if you have some strong feelings about the way the direction the club should go now is your chance to get a nomination in for the many positions that need to be filled to make Beckenham a club we are proud to be a member of. We look forward to the responses.

As this is the last Upshot for the season can I take this opportunity of thanking those who wrote member profiles, which I know so many enjoy and the regular correspondents who keep everyone up with the happenings around the club, even if some duck for cover with what is reported. Thank you all very much.

*The Editor*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



It seems that every time I write my report for the upshot, the most prominent item is the ongoing success of the Beckenham ladies. This time it was the Champion of Champion Pairs, Linda Boyd and Margie Bruhns won the Club pairs but unfortunately Linda was not able to play in the C of C, Verna Veint joined Margie and they were successful in securing the title for Beckenham. As an added bonus this now gives Margie her Gold Star. Brian Eatwell, Barry Chapman, Colin Doran & Mike Abel made the final of the men's C of C Fours but unfortunately got pipped at the post, a win in this event would have given Brian his Gold Star, which I am sure will not be long in coming.

With regard to Centre events such as the above, it is always gratifying to note the number of Beckenham members supporting their players, irrespective of the event, both men and women are there in numbers, far in excess of any other club. I am sure this contributes to the success of the club and on behalf of all the players I thank you all for promoting the Beckenham spirit.

To all our volunteers and club officials, too numerous to mention personally, I thank you all for your support and efforts during the season. With a few exceptions, the club is in good heart and all matters requiring attention will be dealt with by your Executive during the off season.

With only four weeks to go to the end of our playing season, let's make the best of the remaining daylight hours and I look forward to a good turnout on closing day. Please do not forget our Fabulous Fridays, last winter we averaged upwards of forty members continuing to socialize during the winter moths with lots of fun and good companionship.

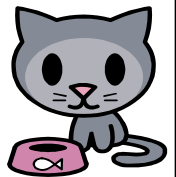
Finally, best wishes to our ladies Sevens in Palmerston North and those players representing the Club in C of C Triples.

*Gerry Hough  
President*



*The Bowl & Jack is now trading as Ciburb*

**Ciburb**  
Bar Grill & TAB  
Your cityside suburban bar.  
New menu now available



Hi guys,  
**Well it's almost time to pack the bowls gear away, where has the season gone!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO HAVE WON CLUB CHAMPS, CENTRE TITLES OR BEEN SELECTED TO REP. CANTERBURY OR N.Z.

The club has had another great year, not as many titles as last year, but there are still a few Champ of Champs up for grabs so good luck and maybe more titles for the club. To Verna & Marg, well done on your win which also gives Marg her Gold Star. We achieved the awards for best Club and best Administrator of the year, what more can we ask for!! WELL DONE.

These awards have only been achieved by the dedication, hard work & willingness of many members of this Club & for that many thanks.

Remember many hands make light work, if you feel you haven't contributed this season think about what you can do to make it easier for others next season.

Barry does a great job for this Club keeping us up to date and doing his duties PLUS it is easy to see how he was awarded administrator of the Year.

Behind every good man there is a good woman. CAROLE many thanks for your support to Barry and the work you do behind the scenes for the Club.

The newer members have been great for our Club, dedicated, hard working, keen & bringing new ideas & that's what we need to be the Club No.1

The Division Two Sevens team is off to Palmerston North 24-26 March to play in the Inter Club National Finals, wish us good luck, we will all be trying. (It will be a tough comp. but aren't they all)

Our juniors have done really well this year and for many it is their last season. I always believe that your years as a junior are your best time at bowls, so for you and all members next season will be something to look forward to.

**THE HARDEST JOBS IN THE CLUB SELECTORS AND MATCH COMMITTEE.**

These guys do the job voluntarily & do what they think is best for the Club and Members, you can't please everybody all of the time, so please give them your support.

Congratulations to Lorraine, Dawn & Liz for winning the Molly Wilkinson Trophy. That's all folks *Kitty ( Bev)*

# Clubhouse News!

## CLOSING DAY

SATURDAY 17 APRIL  
Come along and finish the season  
with all your mates.  
10.30am start  
3 games of bowls  
Lunch supplied  
Presentation of trophies  
Cost \$5 per person

## SMOLENSKI TROPHY

We are currently calling for  
nominations of members you  
consider worthy of receiving  
this valued trophy for this  
season.  
Nominations to the Blue Box  
or Email by 31 March



Please remember we are a  
no smoking club.  
Please observe our policy  
and be a tidy member and  
make sure you empty the  
ash trays at the end of  
each day—thanks.

**Do you have a  
trophy at home ?**

**Please return all  
these to the club  
by 10 April.**

Coaching

Club Bowls

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These are for all members

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## The Mid Week Male

Well here we are at the end of another Season and for the Men its been a successful one, with a win in Division one in the Three fours before Xmas and a win in the Division one Tens after Xmas Don't know if this has happened before. We had a few MWM members in both. Terry Williams, Barney Turnbull, Alan Hawes and Myself.



Beckenham also featured in the runner-up position in the Champ of Champ 4s with two wannabee Mid Weekers in Colin Doran and Barry Chapman in the team, Oh, I better mention the other two, or they will get all testy, Brain Eatwell and Mike Abel. Well done you guys.

The Singles champ is young Mike Abel who beat MWM Terry Williams in a close game with some excellent bowls being played. Unfortunately Mike leaves us for Canterbury next Season. All the best Mike.

Now the Pairs Championship was won by Alan Hawes and Myself. The 147 years of experience was too much for that other Wannabee MWM, Grant Templeton and Nick Prattley who only had about 87 years to fall back on. In the Champ of Champs we got down to the last 16. We are happy chappies.

But in the ladies pairs Marg Bruhns and Verna went right thru, they used all their 137 years of experience, to good effect. Good on ya girls & Gold Star for Marg The triples are ongoing between Terry, Barney and Chris Terry verse Brian Eatwells team with Grant and Mike..

The MWM congratulate the ladies sevens team in reaching the finals in Palmerston North..

Also congrats to Vicky Sheard who won the Women's singles. Along the way she beat Jan (twice) and Adele. Well done. What's this got to do the Mid week male, you ask, well Ken Sheard is taking all the credit as the Mentor and inspiration to his daughter Victoria. And well done Kenny.

## COMPETITIONS

The Thomas Trophy was retained on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> when we beat our nearest competitor, Woolson Park, by 2 ½ to 1/2. Jim McFie played for W.P. and he was in good verbal form as usual. His bowls were ok too, as were Rex's.

The Chegwin Trophy (triples) was won by Ken Lipscomb, Tom McGill and Clive McCall well done to you guys.

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## The Mid Week Male—cont.

The Cotton Trophy is still ongoing as is the Wilkinson (over 65) Trophy.

We have 4 teams in the MidWeek friendly and against St Martins we are well ahead.

Welcome to Derek Gane, Brendon Peoples and Les Drury who have joined our ranks. Colin Doran is making up his mind about mid week status, sort of reached puberty and about to join the men.

Farewell, again, to Graeme and Rosie Jamieson who return to the Shetlands soon.. Safe journey and look forward to your return next year. You two are like the Godwits.

Bill and Shirley Prentice were shifting to Dunedin but have decided to remain in CHCH. Dunedin's loss. Our gain.

Alan Wales. Hips are buggered and his bowls and movements limited. Bright as a button and any visits welcomed.

Peter Woodham, great work with collecting teams for the Monthly Mixed Fours . Thanks Peter.

Well friends, old and not so old, a couple of quips before I sign off. What do you call a woman who knows where her husband is every night. A widow.

What's the difference between a boyfriend and a husband. . About 45 minutes.

How do you find a blind man in a nudist colony. It's not hard.

*Cheers and winter well, Garth*



## The Aussie Pairs

This is coming up on the last weekend of March.

This tournament has been the high profile tournament of our club for many years and the last few years has been very generously sponsored thanks to Barry Sweeney's contacts with Taylor Preston and C.R. Grace.



This year will be the last under this sponsorship and on behalf of the club and all the players over the years we sincerely thank Barry for his contribution to this tournament.

As an owner I have been lucky enough to have had a couple of smart horses with Auckland Cup winner "Happy Asset" and dual Inter Dominion winner "Take a Moment" being the best. There have too, I must say, been some very slow ones – "Tauber" our current pride and joy, is not in that category.



I am often asked, "why Beckenham"? Way back in 1974 I was painting window frames when a police car came down the drive at the side of our house. Out stepped – can I say it – a tall, dark swarthy individual who announced he was moving in next door. His name Garth Hames. Thus developed a friendship that has stood the test of time, despite broken windows, dented sides in a much loved caravan, floods etc. Yes you can blame it all on Garth. Beckenham is a great club. Jeanette and I enjoy the camaraderie and the mid week team is just the best.

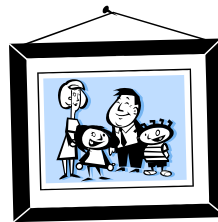
That's surely enough of me. I've been very fortunate and could not have achieved in life without the marvellous support of Jeanette and the family. For that I will ever be grateful

## Grant's Corner to Corner

This has been a great competition over 12 weeks within the club and a fitting finale was last Friday when our club hosted the regional final. A crowd of over 150 turned up to support the 14 participants. A big thank you to Jack O'Donnell for a wonderful job as MC and John Drake as green adjudicator. Thanks must also go to Bryan Turnbull for running the twelve weeks at the club. We thank Grant's for their generous support of this competition and our sport.



## Member Profile- cont.



Thus we have just celebrated a very joyous golden wedding attended by our 6 children, 13 grandchildren, relations and friends.

1960 was to prove notable. Not only were we married but in September came a transfer to manage the Public Trust Office in Carterton, and in December our oldest child was born. We were to live in the Wairarapa for 5 years. We knew no one when we arrived but soon established a base of good friends, many of whom we are in contact with today.

All good things came to an end and in 1965, rather than accept a transfer to Rotorua, I resigned from the Public Trust Office and returned to Greymouth as a partner in E.V. Arthur & Son, Real Estate Agents, Auctioneers, Valuers and Purveyors of the finest second-hand furniture. This too had the benefit of my being able to continue to wear my other hat as a broadcaster. It turned out to be a great move.. The business was developed over the years, shifted its base to a large garage premises that we totally renovated, and was simply a success story. My role was primarily in the real estate, auctioneering and valuing fields and a book could be written on my experiences.

The family grew and interests developed included involvement in St Patrick's Parish, the Marist Rugby Club as an administrator and coach, the West Coast Theatre Trust and one dear to the heart, the Trust responsible for the establishment and running of Dixon House, a quality non profit home for the aged.

Subsequent to terminating my race calling activities in 1983 my interest in racing continued. I had a hands on involvement with the Greymouth Jockey Club from 1965 to 2001 being President for 7 of those years. That led to my representing the West Coast District on the executive of the New Zealand Racing Conference from 1988-1999. That was special.

## The Club Centennial

That's right ,our club is reaching a milestone of 100 years.

The season that opens in September 2016 will be one to celebrate. It is not all that far away. Just think how quick this season has gone. I have been given the task to chair a sub committee to organize this celebration and you will be hearing more in the time to come. In coming Upshot editions we may take a look at some bits of history that has got us to where we are today. For this edition let's take a general look back...*Barry*.

### **WE WAS BRUNG UP PROPER!!**

Congratulations to all of you who were born in the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's.....

First, we survived being born to mothers who drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.....then after that trauma our baby cots were covered with bright lead-based paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking!!

As children we would ride in cars with no seatbelts or airbags. We drank water from the garden hose and NOT a bottle. Takeaway food was limited to fish and chips, NO pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, or Subway. Even though the shops closed at 6pm and didn't open on weekends somehow we didn't starve to death. We shared soft drink from one bottle. We could collect bottles and cash them in at the local dairy for toffees, gobstoppers, bubble-gum and some bangers to blow frogs up with! We ate white bread and REAL butter and fizzy drinks with real sugar. We didn't get fat because we were always outside playing. We would spend hours building go-carts from old prams and race down hills with no brakes, we built tree houses and dens and played in riverbeds with matchbox cards. We didn't have play station, Nintendo, x-boxes, video games, no DVD or video. No mobiles phones, computers, internet chat rooms...WE HAD FRIENDS to play with.

We fell out of trees, got cuts, broken bones and teeth. We ate worms and mud pies. We could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot X Buns at Easter. We played with air guns and catapults. Mum didn't have to work to help dad make ends meet. Our teachers would cane us and bullies ruled the playground. Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids, line "Kiora", "Blade", "Ridge" and "Vanilla". We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility and learned how to deal with it all and you are one of them!



**Are you a new car or an old car?**

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus, my traction is not as graceful as it once was, it takes me hours to reach my maximum speed and my fuel burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it ..... almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!



**Have you seen the self charging flashlight, radio, alarm, cell phone charger ?**

This item is recommended by Civil Defense for emergencies and having used one over a couple of weeks find it very good. A display model is in the bar and these can be purchased through the club for \$30 with \$5 going to the club. Place your order at the bar or send a Email.

How many days till we open?

Answer 146 from closing day



To those who have assisted with School Bowls, both this month and prior to Christmas a very big thank you. This helps the club when we apply for funding in being able to put these figures in our application as youth carries a lot of weight in these applications.

Added to the thank you list are those who have helped in the number of Event Bowls throughout the season and Crack A Jack, as the income earned from these are now a very important part of our budget.

**Member Profile—Jack O'Donnell**

1936 just had to be a great year for New Zealand. It saw the arrival into the world of Colin Meads, Bob Charles and my self. The shame is that I could not reach the heights of either, whether on the rugby field or golf course.

Most would appreciate that I'm a Coaster, born in Greymouth where dad was the manager of Westland Breweries, the original brewers of Monteiths finest. School days were spent at Dean Carew College run by the Marist Brothers. They were happy days and it is ever a pleasure to meet up with other old boys on assorted greens around Christchurch.

On leaving school at the end of 1953, chance saw me accept a position with the Public Trust Office in Greymouth. It proved a thoroughly interesting place to work and I never regretted my association with the Department.

Here I digress. My father, and as a consequence myself, had always had a great interest in the sport of Kings. Dad had acted as a judge at various meetings including Riccarton and Addington during the war years, was a galloping handicapper and a race caller. Late in 1954 I went to the Westland races with him and on arrival he handed me his binoculars and told me to call the races. I coped, was complimented for my efforts and so began a secondary career as a race caller that was to span 28 years and saw me work on courses on the West Coast, Nelson, Marlborough and in the lower North Island. Along the way I also called both rugby and rugby league matches with the odd swim carnival, athletic meet and radio sports show thrown in for a bit of variety.

Now back to basics. 1958 saw me transferred from Greymouth to manage the Public Trust Office in Hokitika. Here at a barn dance I was to meet Jeanette, the girl of my dreams. She sure had the best legs on the dance floor. We became engaged in December 1958 and were married in January 1960.