

Matua Bowling Club



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Hello Fellow Bowlers and families

2020 will go down as the year we did not know just what to expect around the corner and it truly delivered in that regard. Obviously Covid whacked us for a start and from the Bowling perspective it trimmed back the end of our summer season and took a dent out of winter bowls.

On the personal level I would like to thank you all for the expressions of good wishes and my speedy recovery and I hope to be able to see you back at bowls sooner rather than later but probably not on the greens for some time. As with Covid these bolts from left field can hit with force and surprise.

The Club at least has weathered the storm well and we can be pleased to have had the amount of bowls and other activities that we have achieved. Considering the state of the rest of the world they must be very envious of us in the sunshine and on the greens.

On behalf of myself and the Board a big thank you to all of the volunteers who have stepped up to make this year the success that it has been. A lot of hard work has once again seen Matua as a lead club in both the BOP and across the country. Something to be proud of.

Over this holiday break enjoy time with your family and friends, take care of yourself with a little but not too much indulgence , enjoy the festive spirit Xmas has to offer and if travelling to care on the roads and be weary of what may be coming around the corner.

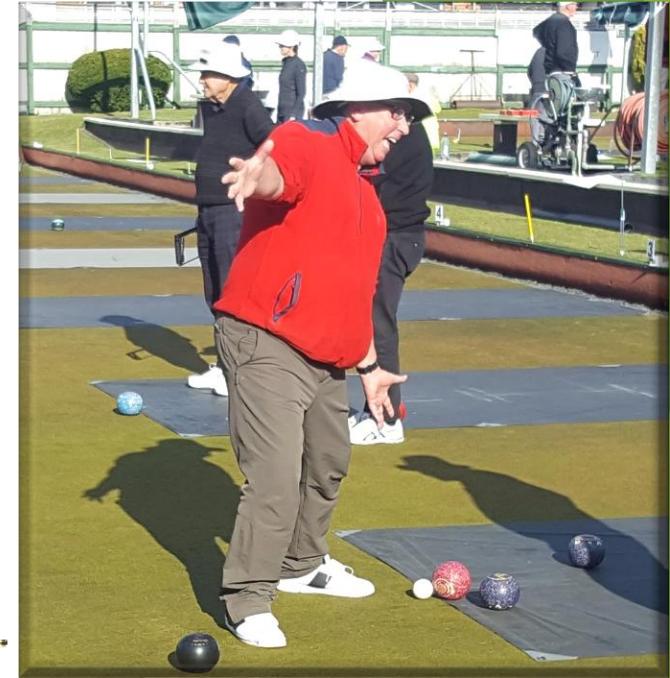
See you in 2021 Cliff

Drafted by Cliff's little elves on his behalf.

Thank you

A big thank you all our volunteers, the giving of your time is greatly appreciated.

There are so many members that help in the kitchen, bar, greens, gardening and other jobs around the club. Without our volunteers we would not have a club. So, thank you for giving your time so generously



News and Views From President Cliff



From The Board

To all members and their families



Have a fun filled **Merry Xmas** and take care of each other.

Celebrate **New Year** in style and we look forward to seeing you all
on the greens or in the Clubrooms in 2021



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Coming Up

- ▶ Tournaments and Events on the horizon:
- ▶ Jan 2-8 National singles/pairs
- ▶ Jan 9th - 10th Championship Pairs
- ▶ Jan 11th Eves Twilight recommences
- ▶ Jan 12th-13th Combined Clubs Womens tournament
- ▶ Jan 16th-17th Championship Singles
- ▶ Jan 27th Open Optional Triples supported by Stash It Self Storage
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An Open Letter to the Club



Hi everyone, a letter from Roger Dudfield

I joined Bowls Matua one Monday morning in July 2012. Don Sewell (Men's Club Captain at the time.) He took me out the back, we played a few ends and then he said to me I had the potential to be one of the world's great bowlers, I knew then he was a liar. The same afternoon Don rang me and purring like a used car salesman, said did he have a deal for me. A former member had just bought in a set of bowls complete with accessories, apparently they had only been used for one season. Next morning, quite excited, I went to pick up my new purchase. The bag and clubs looked like they were Sir Francis Drake's last set that he had used. I thought it could only get better so I tried on the Raincoat and found that one arm was completely missing. I thought then this is the club for me. From the very first I played in Noelene and Paul Schmidt's team in the Friday triples competition, I continued to play in their team for three years. Noelene does not like team mates playing short bowls, which I did more often than not. On those occasions I would be a total coward and not walk down the rink but skirt around the edge of the green and wave to Noelene from the other end.

It was people like Don Sewell, Paul & Noelene, Jean & Barry Sheary and many others that drew me into the fabric of the club. The club has a fantastic culture, money can buy new greens etc, but money can't buy culture, it is the club's most precious asset, don't lose it.

It has been a privilege to serve as Men's Club Captain for three years, and work alongside Win Hood a lovely lady and equally it has been a privilege to have been a member of this wonderful club for the past 8 years.

Happy Christmas to you all & take it easy,

Roger

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Twilight bowls

Each Monday up to 24 teams of four show Twilight is as popular as ever.

There is a range of experience from very new, to regular twilighters and “retired” bowlers enjoying the relaxed form of the game. If you know anyone seeking a social bit of exercise send them along.



We start again 11th January

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Events in November and December



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A man moved into a retirement home...

An elderly man decided it was time to move on. He packed his stuff and moved into a retirement home. On his first day there, as he was unpacking his stuff into his room, he could help but notice that the woman in the room across the hall was staring at him. He thought it was odd but decided not to let it bother him. Later that night, he went to the cafeteria to get dinner. He sat down at his table and, lo and behold, the woman from the hallway was sitting at the table next to him! There was no food on her table. She just sat there staring at him with fixed eyes. The man grew increasingly annoyed but didn't say anything. After a scrumptious meal, he went to the lounge to play nightly bingo. He was enjoying the game until he noticed the woman again, staring at him. He had had enough. He went up to her and said, "Ma'am, I couldn't help noticing that you have been staring at me ever since I arrived. Could you please stop, it is a bit bothersome." She replied, "I am sorry, it is just that you look so much like my third husband!" The man felt bad. "I'm sorry. If you don't mind me asking, how many husbands have you had?" "Two." Was the woman's reply.



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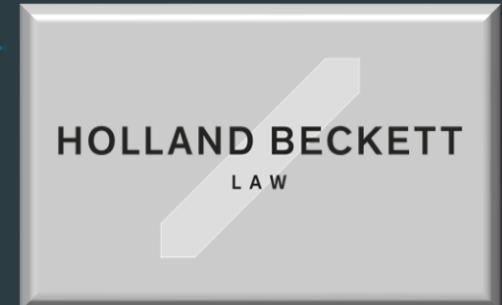
 

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