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## QUEENSTOWN BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER.

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Welcome fellow bowlers (new & old ) to the 2014/15 bowling season ,and if you are like me you will be anxiously waiting to become involved at a club level on our greens and neighbouring greens!

Most of you will be aware of the tremendous work that has been done around the club house in the winter months.

New carpet throughout ,new chairs ,new folding doors ,new tiles laid in men's toilets, refurbishment and painting of the bowls office and locker room , My thanks to all and everyone concerned with these achievements, well done.

The attendances over the winter months have been excellent, mainly due to Eric and Ross organising Wednesday and Saturday mini tournaments with the progressive cards. This has enabled bowlers to keep active and provided an interesting mix of results.

Thanks also to Terry re coaching, don't forget that members that have been approached re dumping should avail themselves on Mondays 1pm, to practice with the clubs bowling arms, as you will all know all clubs now have a " NO DUMPING "policy ,and it is important for the Club to retain our valued bowlers with this tendency.

Hope you all have a great season bowling!

President. Colin C

**Cleaning roster is up for the next few weeks so please check if your name is on it. I did and found out it was my turn!!!**

**COACHING CORNER** Have you ever wondered what makes a bowler a great bowler? Do you ever wonder what it takes to win the big game or maybe just make it to the next level of competition? It's all about the fundamentals and more importantly, a consistent draw. Being able to draw well (and consistently) will win you more ends and more games than having any other shot in your arsenal. A good draw can help you turn 1 point into 2 points or could turn an opponent's score from a 3 to a 1 and in a tight game that's a huge advantage. Here's a quick drill to try out if you ever get out practicing. This is a very simple drill where you set up a green, but you will not use a jack. Start by rolling your first bowl along any given line with any weight you choose. The key to this drill is to get the rest of your bowls down the same line with the same weight so you land all four bowls within a 2 foot radius of each other. The reason this is called "The Caterpillar" is that a perfect end should end up looking like a caterpillar with all four bowls resting on each other in a line. This helps work on your line and weight and most importantly, your consistency. Being able to throw the same bowl over and over is the ultimate goal in bowls. To add a factor of discipline to the drill you may also want to try going up the green to retrieve any bowls you throw more than two feet short of the initial bowl and re-play them. This can help train your mind to never throw a short bowl, always be up to the head. Give this a try and see if it helps your game, any time you can improve your draw you are taking a huge step in the right direction.

EVERY MONDAY AT 1PM IS COACHING WITH TERRY. BUT IF YOU NEED ANY EXTRA COACHING OR YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THIS TIME THEN PLEASE APPROACH ANY OF THE COACHES – TERRY, THOMO OR MARGARET AND I AM SURE THEY CAN ASSIST YOU.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

JUST A REMINDER THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE \$140 PER YEAR IF YOU PAY BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER.

FOR OUR FIRST YEAR BOWLERS \$80.

YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD, CHEQUE, CASH OR DIRECT DEBIT TO ANZ 060996 0727727 00. PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME AS REFERENCE.

N.B SUBS MUST BE PAID BEFORE PLAYING PENNANTS/INTERCLUB.

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - 22 TEAMS PLAYED YESTERDAY IN THE LAZER PLUMBING FOURS TOURNAMENT. THE DAY WAS YET AGAIN A HUGE SUCCESS. SNOW WAS THREATENED BUT LUCKILY NEVER HAPPENED. WELL DONE THOMO, THE WONDERFUL KITCHEN AND BAR HELPERS AND OUR SPONSORS.

LET'S HOPE NEXT YEAR WE GET 2 FULL GREENS.

Sunday 28 September is another busy day. The club is hosting Central Otago men and Women v Southland. Play starts at 10am.

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Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all. One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages. However, he wrote:

1) It is perfect formula for the child. 2) It provides immunity against several diseases. 3) It is always the right temperature. 4) It is inexpensive. 5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa. 6) It is always available as needed. And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote: 7) It comes in two attractive containers and its high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it. He got an A !!!

GOOD BOWLING ALL 😊