**BARRINGTON UNITED BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017**

***Welcome to all members to the December newsletter from your club.***

This newsletter is to keep members up to date with the season happenings at Barrington United over the pre Christmas part of this season.

We must welcome all our new members from Spreydon this season – these along with Gavin Belcher ex St.Albans / Merivale, Ken Hennessy returning after several seasons and Andrew Hampton, ex Bowls Papanui sometime back have helped grow our club. As at our November board meeting our membership is now Full 57, Life 8, Honorary 3, Associate 1 and Social 37 = 106. This is only positive for Barrington United but we must strive further for new members

We do have three new members, Galen and Jack Bonner and Mike Martin all starting in the New Year from our very successful ***Have A Go Day*** that had forty or so people through the gate on our green in late October. A special thanks to all members who helped deliver advertising posters or on the day in various tasks, a big thank you.

We have some members that have suffered health problems recently, I won’t list these as a might miss someone. Hopefully we see you all back bowling soon.

It is with regret that I must mention the passing of Ted Tentori, husband of Joan. Both joined Barrington with the merger of United in 2010. Please accept our club sympathy.

Bel Miller, past Barrington Women section member, passed away recently also. Again to the family our sympathy.

We have had a ***resignation*** from our Vice President, Paul Rivers, and from all our club a big thank you for all your voluntary contribution around our club. One of Paul’s big efforts was on the renovation of our green over 2016 off season and with Brett Satterthwaite and Jayden Giles they completed all the work on plinth and back board around green, blue rubber and ditch work to have all completely complying to Bowls Laws. Paul was involved in many other projects and repair and maintenance around our club. The Geraldine district gain of Paul, you will be missed.

***Interclub events*** entered by Barrington United pre Xmas results include Mens Three Four Pennants section winners, well done to all involved. All results: Women Two Four pennants Division 4 / 3 points 5th – Rountree Fours 1 point / 6th – Fives Division 5 / 16 points / 5th with one round this Wednesday.

Men Three fours Division 3 / 18 points / 1st – Two Four pennants Division 4 / 9 points / 5th.

We have four teams in ***Tuesday Friendlies*** and John Chisholm convenor does a great job sorting teams each week. ***Women Bernie Big event Monday and Men Edwards Cup*** also Monday between Fendalton, Elmwood Park and Barrington United well managed by Pat McGarva and Gerard Moot. Members of mid week enjoy these competitions.

Brett Satterthwaite has again been selected for the ***Canterbury Development Squad*** and played as second in the four last weekend. Well done Brett and all the best for the rest of this season.

Spreydon club have donated a ***defibrillator unit*** and we purchased the AED response kit for this unit. Thanks Spreydon. Ten members took part in training for unit use in emergency and refresher courses will be completed yearly also. Hopefully we don’t have to use this but it is there for an emergency by our club alarm inside main lounge door.

United Bowling Club funds have been used for a new glass sterilizer for bar and new refrigerator / freezer for kitchen. The board are also progressing shade cloth in front of pavilion for sun protection.

***Casual bowls Xmas events*** are in full swing presently, November 10th PGG had 36 on green for their successful afternoon, Westpac Barrington 2nd December had 24 bowling and a good BBQ and social evening. Thanks to all members who helped in anyway on these days. These events are needed to help club financially.

We have two more events during the day on Wednesday 13th December from 10.30am till 3pm for 16 and Friday 15th December from 12 noon till 5pm for 25 bowlers. I am seeking help on green to help these non bowlers on either of these days, if available please contact Dave Thompson.

***Sponsors:***

Our club is dependent on our sponsors if we are to survive. They play a major part of our income from tournament sponsors or Charitable Trusts that cover various projects around the club. Please tell sponsors you are from Barrington United when supporting them.

***Our club Motto: We support our sponsors because they support us.***

***Tournament sponsors:***

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***Briggs Auto – Warrant of Fitness voucher for $35 from Adrian Oulaghan / Dave Thompson. This is a good deal. The club charging $35 for $40 job. I can recommend Briggs Auto Services Barrington Street.***

***Green***

Our green is in excellent condition and main issue this season was from dumping particular at South Island Womens Charter Clubs tournament in early October and some issues with our own members. We are in a very dry spill presently and the green is needing flooding or overhead water regularly. Thanks to all for help with shifting matches when we had to close for several days for maintenance of our surface.

Generally with the playing surface harder now dumping not such an issue but as per note in lounge notice board the coaches are working with several members to help their delivery and moving forward we will purchase some bowling arms. If the coaches contact you please listen to their advise as it is of benefit to all. We must protect our playing surface and get everyone enjoying their bowls.

***Championships and other Club Events***

Club Championships are well underway for Women and Men and please all members cooperate with the Match Committees. If any fours, triples or pairs require Substitute or Replacement please let Mens – Brett Satterthwaite and Women – Betsy Lawton know of these changes prior to the match for their approval. If approval not sort you could be defaulted.

***Green Etiquette***

If you are playing on visiting greens in any event players should refrain from either unsportmen or damaging comments to other club’s playing surfaces or members. Always remember you are representing Barrington United and also please read page 41 of our club handbook for these points.

***Xmas Social***

The social committee are planning a hangi on 16th December @ 6pm – Saturday – with names on list by Saturday 9th with payment of $20 per head. We had a hangi meal during off season and this type of meal was excellent – come and join all for Xmas party on Saturday 16th .

Dave Thompson