# The Glen Eden Bowling club

# GAZETTE

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Dear all Club Members,

Before reading this shortened Gazette Notice: -

#### HAVE YOU STILL GOT YOUR 2005-6 HANDBOOKS?

And in some cases I would say not or you probably are not reading them, why you ask? And the reply is we have numbers of Sponsored Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Tournaments which we are sure many more of you would have entered had you read your books or friends had invited you to make up teams???

Example:- The Trumpeter had his name up on the board as a spare player for the last Wednesday Tournament and nobody asked me to join with them, (mind you who would?) however I grabbed my handbook, began at the 'As' got down only to B for Burgoyne's and both Pat & Doreen immediately agreed, this then made up a miserly 12 Teams (of which 4 were from other clubs) for that Tournament and for a Club our size with a playing membership of 186 deducting those who are working we could maybe have had 20 club teams participating thereby convincing our Sponsors of the worthiness of their sponsorships.

Now I only got down to the 'Bs' so how many other would have participated had you each read their books and rang their

friends?.

This is *Not a Grizzle*, but as many of you only frequent the club occasionally and do not see or read the Tournament Boards it is a friendly reminder that: -

#### YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU ALL

#### "MORE OFTEN"



Your Bowls Committee as listed in your Handbook, (which will be replaced if you have mislaid yours, see Cleve or Jim Grogan) will be only too happy to assist in making up teams for these events should you not know some players personally and the Trumpeter will also assist.

We draw your attention to the following dates of Tournaments taken from the handbook or additional days as follows.

This coming Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>., Peter Bell a Club Member through his firm Clarks Pipes, is handsomely Sponsoring a Club Members Day which is open to *ALL* Playing, Social, and Past members. This day begins at 10.00am and a board has been set up for Teams or individual names to enter and the prize list will be extensive as arranged with Paul Stier with the sanction of Peter, Roll up Players put your names in as well!!!

## Do come along, one and all for a great fun day.

On Sunday the day following, we have an Open Optional and/or Mixed Triples Tournament sponsored by Procure Bearings Ltd.

Hong Kong Optional Open Pairs Tournament sponsored by Lenco Sports Apparel is on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.

Twilight Open Optional Pairs Tournament Sponsored by Glendale Pre-School, we only need 16 Teams, I cannot understand why these are not filled and even with a waiting List??? As it is held on a Friday Evening with a Bar-B-Que and this date is March 17<sup>th</sup>. At 6.00pm.

#### Now this Tournament is a must: -

The "Kevin Hafford Memorial Tournament" Sponsored by the family of the late Kevin, who was a playing member of our club. Is to be held on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.00am and on this day a Bar-B-Que Lunch will be included in this sponsorship and as stated a must for our Members & Visitors, take a day off from work to enjoy the day.

The Easter Classic Three Day Invitation Tournament is being held from Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>. to Sunday16th. And whilst mainly by Invitation, should you be able to call together a suitable Fours Team to participate in all Disciplines of the Classic format, Telephone Paul Stier on 837-2188 discuss your team and he will advise on your acceptance. The Main Sponsor is The West Auckland Trust Services as always and is for \$10.000.00 in cash prizes.

As usual the **ANZAC DAY** seeded Triples begins at 9.30am on the 25<sup>th</sup>. after a short Anzac Day Service and is sponsored by our many friends of the Glen Eden RSA. Again a board will be put up for your Team or singular entries.

The following day being April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9.00am we have another Optional Mixed Triples Tournament sponsored by Hollings Pharmacy sponsors of our club for many years. Again get your teams together and support this fine sponsor.

The Last Tournament for the season is again the very popular Hong Kong Pairs sponsored by Paul Jones of Mt. Albert Retravision and we suggest you get your names in early as this event fills quickly, this is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. May again at 9.00am.



SOCIAL AND SPECIAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR VISITORS.

It was discussed at our recent Monthly Meeting about visitors to our Club, and make mention here that they are *all welcome* but stress that even Social Members may bring friends along but in every case, must be signed in by that member and that they must be in the club throughout the stay of those persons.

There is no stipulation as to how often they may attend, but the committee suggests that should they wish to visit regularly, to join as a Social Member and enjoy the privileges at their own convenience. It is the intention of the Trumpeter to look into the Membership Charges for Social Members at our next AGM to bring them in line with similar Clubs.

Gail Hatton who has been chair of the Social Committee has unfortunately forgo that position, so Jim Close has taken over and many thanks to Les Dunn to once, more offer his services to Jim to assist, however whenever more help is required would request that members step into the breach and help Jim and Les.



#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Bearing in mind that we have been an Amalgamated Club for some time now, too often some words of distaste are heard by members of both sexes which by now we all should have curbed.

At our last meeting a couple of notices were sent to members asking them to think first of the words they are using, refrain and remind others around the Pavilion that there are other words that can be used that will not offend, Executive Members were asked to approach any person on our premises not abiding by this sensible code of conduct and remind them of certain obligations towards their fellow members.

# NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES FOR 2006-2007

My how the time goes by was it yesterday we were asking members to put them names forward to stand in various positions in the club for the previous year???

Well now is your chance once again to offer your services to your club! The nomination papers will be going up on the boards for these nominations as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2006 and will close on March 31<sup>st</sup>. 2006 and with a club as large as ours, and with the work in running a club of this size is quite humungous and needs steady hands on the various rudders. Should you be approached by members who know of your qualifications to fill any position, please think seriously about it and allow your name to go forward as this is a club for us all and whilst it never happens? we should all be aware of our obligations to the immediate future and beyond to strengthen the many facets of our summer and winter activities.



#### WELFARE

Our Greens Keeper Peter Walker has an ailment as of now which will hinder his ability to look after the greens in we hope the short while, and trust he gets back to good health as soon as some rest and necessary treatment is taken.

President Pat and Martin Cornall will by now have control of the situation and with assistance from other members will tender our greens meanwhile. Thanks to Peter Harding for mowing them for Interclub last Friday and the first day of the Championship Triples on Sunday.

Jimmy Leith has had a rough time back and forth from North Shore Hospital for a broken hip which had to be operated on twice and is now back in Waitakere Hospital, Neale Mills & Laurie Mathews visited him on Friday.

Laurie himself now has home help and we see him at the club from time to time as members bring him along for a drink of Gods Gift to the working class.



#### **GREENS MAINTENANCE**

The work to be done prior to winter was discussed at our meeting, and after discussions between Peter and Martin decisions will be made on requirements to keep them up to their high standard for next season and will be presented to your committee for official decision.



#### PRESIDENT PAT KIRKHAM

Pat has his time taken up for the next week or so caring for his aged mother until her care giver returns, however is in touch with all concerned regarding the day to day running of the club and will be back shortly and assures us we are not rudder-less.

His main request in this epistle that all our members of whatever type of membership remember we do have a social side to our club, and are open daily from 3.00pm for you to come along a little more often to have an orange drink or whatever with your friends and assist the club with such visits and just not only on Tournament, Roll ups and Championship days.



With the pleasure comes the pain, how about these???

#### The Irish!!

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey".

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

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Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven? O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father.

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

O'Toole worked in the lumber yard for twenty years and all that time he'd been stealing the wood and selling it. At last his conscience began to bother him and he went to confession to repent.

"Father, it's 15 years since my last confession, and I've been stealing wood from the lumber yard all those years," he told the priest.

"I understand my son," says the priest. "Can you make a Novena?" O'Toole said, "Father, if you have the plans, I've got the lumber."

Paddy was in New York He was patiently waiting, and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay pedestrians". Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

New addition to the Club Premises for the Trumpeter, probably to drown him in it???

We look forward to one and all next Saturday, in the club more often, more entries in Club Championships and as mentioned Tournaments.

Regards from,

### The Club Trumpeter.



