



Finally, One for the Juniors

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our recognised national body (NZTBC) was placed in liquidation by the High Court on May 14. As a result, we no longer have a unifying body that is able to raise the profile of our sport nationally, nor schedule and organise the high profile tournaments of the past.

A group of bowling centre proprietors have decided to join the ABPA (Australian Bowling Proprietors Association) in order to ensure that resources are available to grow our sport. They are acutely aware that if the sport does not expand in the future, then they will ultimately suffer the commercial consequences. One of the first decisions they collectively made as a group is to ensure that the high profile annual tournaments continue to run in the future.

Tony Boswell, proprietor of Bowland Porirua and Bowland Petone, volunteered to organise a tournament for the Juniors of New Zealand as he and other proprietors believe they have been neglected in recent years. Tony spent time devising a structure and budget that would be beneficial for all involved. In May, Tony approached the WCBA and asked whether the Association would be prepared to promote and run this tournament later in the year.

The WCBA Committee agreed that this was an event that needed to be run and as a result, on seeing the draft budgets, appropriate funding has been secured. Our thanks to Pub Charity for this support.

The proposal was accepted by members of the ABPA at its latest meeting and dates have been set for 20th September which is the first week of the September School Holidays. The event is to be hosted at Bowland Porirua.



Proprietors expect the full support of the Juniors around the country and are expecting approximately 15 teams of 4.

Wellington Centres have informed the WCBA that teams will be selected over the next 8 weeks for this grand event please so ensure that you keep informed on how you may be able to participate.

More details will be available in coming weeks at both Bowland Porirua and Bowland Petone.

Champs Start with a Roar

The Bowland Championships started with a hiss and a roar at the end of May and continued in June. Doubles Event had over 45 teams competing and the singles had great number as well.

Bowland Porirua is the traditional host of the Bowland Champs. This year, Management decided to change the routine of events from what They have done in the past. This year, the impressive Doubles Event began the competition,

followed by the Singles Event from 25 - 27 June, and lastly the Teams Event from 6 - 8 August.

Special Congratulations to Adam and Alan Poskitt who took out the Graded Division of the singles with a combined 1362 series (with handicap), and Chris Haynes and Allan Heald who took the Open Division with a combined 1266 series (scratch).

There was much high scoring throughout the weekend. Well done to all winners and participants

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Presidents Message

Hello again. Well, as you can see by the novel that Dion has put together for this months newsletter, things seem to be trucking along very nicely. We continue to receive fantastic support from Pub Charity and Unison Trust and we sincerely thank them for that. Your Committee has also been extremely busy. Special thanks to Marion Gunn for her endeavors at re-establishing our awards programme, To Dion Leslie for his work on the noticeboards and the newsletters and too all the other committee members for the small things that you all do that contribute to the big picture. Please remember our efforts are for our sport and you as our members. On another note, we also invite you to contact us if you have anything you would like published in the newsletter. Cheers, Danny.

Inter-Regional's 2005

As most bowlers are aware, the Inter-Regional Championships held over Easter each year is one of the largest team events in New Zealand This year the tournament was played at Garden City Bowl in Christchurch.

As per every year, I believe all had a ball yet again and the Wellington and Hutt teams performed very well. Easter 2005 isn't all that far away and again with the winding up of NZTBC, no one quite knows what's happening. Well, we hear that plans are afoot to run this prestigious tournament again and a little birdy says that it is coming to Wellington!

More information will be available as it comes to hand.

Where ?

Format ?

**KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AS
INFORMATION COME TO HAND**

Rolling High Games

During the WCBA's committee meeting at Bowland Porirua this month, interruptions by that blasted speaker in the party room continued, except the interruptions were of a positive nature. Announcements of Graeme Finns 280 game, and 720 3 game series sounded in the room. As with any good secretary, I made sure that I wrote it down so that it could be put into this issue of the Newsletter. Keep up the good bowling Graeme.

The other major game that has been brought to my attention is Dale Pfeiler's 278 prebowl for the Super Singles finishing with a 1356 series. Good effort that, 226 average is nothing to complain at.

Another bowler who seems to be pulling all the tricks out of the bag at the moment is Allan Heald. During the Bowland Champs Doubles Event he bowled 686 with his wife Ivena to earn 2nd, and 646 with Chris to win the Open division. That's a 222 average over his 6 games for the tournament. Good bowling Allan, keep it up.

There has also been some good high consistent bowling at Bowland Petone lately. Feedback from bowlers is all positive at the moment as bowlers enjoy the new oil condition on the lanes.

Ian from the Happy League at Petone informed me that the league experienced 10 magical 200 games on Thursday 3rd June, a normal night of 200 games would be 4 for the Happy League, so its great to see he increase across the board. They really were a Happy League! Thanks Ian.

Farewell Bobbie McKenzie

We were greeted with the sad news a while back that one of our members, Bobbie McKenzie, had passed away suddenly. Bobbie was a lady who was always happy, always cheerful and always bringing joy to he centres.

Bobbie has been an active member of the Sunday Socialites league at Porirua (formerly Sunday Horrors at Petone), and was always a willing fundraiser for her league with her Cadbury Chocolate. Bobbie often entertained bowlers with her antics, and though they were sometimes caused by her balance and illness difficulties, she was always a barrel of laughs.

The WCBA and all bowlers wish to extend our sincerest condolences to Keith and the family for their loss. Bobbie will be sorely missed and definitely won't be forgotten.

Award Achievements

Alison Hunt, Thursday Juniors, Porirua, Turkey
Jason Chin, TND's, Porirua, Turkey
Peter Stern, Happy League, Petone, 150 game and a 450 Series
Stephanie George, Thursday Juniors, Porirua, 200 Game
Stu Cunningham, Happy League, Petone, 225 Game, 6 Bagger, 75 Over Avg Game, 550 Series, 600 Series

Canterbury Open

We have recently secured funding from Pub Charity to send a team to the Canterbury Open at Garden City Bowl in Christchurch in November. The WCBA uses the Bowland Champs as a qualifying event for selecting the team to the Cant Open. Please note that in order to qualify for a trip, you must be a current WCBA member and bowl in All Events for the Bowland Champs. We thank Pub C for their continued support.

Learn to Bowl Better

Thanks to Unison Trust, we have managed to secure funding for a series of Learn to Bowl Better classes. Lesson plans and formats are in the process of being finalized. Three classes are planned - Drills, Spares and Perfect Strike, and they are targeted at the 120 to 160 average bowler.. Each class will be approx 6 hours in duration and will cost participants \$30 each. Please keep an eye on the noticeboards for more details.

Events Planner for June, July and August

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
July			
18th	Tui Second Chance Mangatainoka Tournament	18+	Petone
August			
1st	Ranfurley Pin Challenge	Invitation	Porirua
6th & 8th	Bowland Championships Trios Event	All	Porirua
8th	Jim Beam Tournament	18+	Petone
21st	WCBA Open Day	Public	Porirua & Petone
29th	Bowland Championships Masters Event	Top Qualifiers	Porirua
20th - 22nd	Hawkes Bay Championships	All	Hastings
September			
4th - 5th	Travel League	T/L Members	Hastings
5th	Under 150 Average Tournament	Invitation	Porirua
10th - 12th	55+ Association Tournament	55+	Porirua
20th - 22nd	WCBA Junior National Tournament	-18	Porirua
	Birthday Bash	All	Petone
13th - 30th	Triplex Qualifying	All	Porirua

(these events are subject to change , please keep informed through bowling centres and notice boards for possible changes in dates and/or events)

Awards Programme Up and Running

With thanks to Marion Gunn, the WCBA Awards Programme is finally up and running again. It has taken some time but Marion is on the ball as always.

At the beginning of the year, (after the AGM) Marion kindly volunteered to take over the position of Awards Officer as part of her role as a Committee Member. It was appreciated by all that she had taken it on, however, it seemed that we didn't quite fill her in on all the complications of the role as well as we could have.

Danny and I thought there wouldn't be too much to worry about

as she can find her feet a lot faster than everyone else on the committee, as she is a lot closer to them. (her feet that is!)

After sorting out an efficient method for processing the awards, and taking a detailed inventory of our award stocks, she's away laughing.

APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT EITHER RECEPTION OR HANGING FROM THE WCBA NOTICE BOARDS

Volunteers Required for School Holidays

As per every school holidays, Bowland and the WCBA runs a Junior Booth at both centres to entice kids to join the Junior Leagues and enjoy the sport of Tenpin Bowling.

The kids are encouraged to register for a FREE Learn to Bowl Class, that is run following the school holidays. Once they have completed the Learn to Bowl (LTB) Class, they are encouraged to keep up their bowling by joining the league that suits them.

Volunteers are required to resource the School Holiday table, hand out information, and register the children for the LTB classes. Each child will be given a special gift on registration..

The Juniors are essential to the growth of the sport and this is

your way that you can actively help the sport to grow.

If you are available for either Bowland Porirua or Bowland Petone, please contact Tony Boswell at Petone (ph 568-3168, email tony@bowland.co.nz) or Chris and Ally Haynes at Porirua (237-4428, email chris@bowland.co.nz).

The bowling centres have offered three [3] free games of practice to anybody resourcing the tables. The tables will operate from approx 10:00 to 4:00pm daily during the school holidays. Please note the the free games can only be used for practice and not for tournament and / or league play.

No doubt you have all seen the advertisements on TV to "Push Play". So what's it all about?



It is quite clear that New Zealanders need to start doing more exercise as the National Average Weight continues to get heavier.

The Push Play campaign is run and organised by SPARC. (Sport and Recreation New Zealand). SPARC's job is to ensure New Zealand remains a thriving, healthy, dynamic country that can compete with the best in the world and promote itself with confidence.

SPARC works with schools, community clubs, sports organisations, iwi, regional sports trusts and local authorities to create opportunities for all New Zealanders to be active and reach their potential in their chosen sports. They need to ensure New Zealand is healthy and thriving in the sporting arena and able to compete with the best in the world.

SPARC does this in many ways through their regional sporting trusts and the programmes that they run. It has been recognised that Tenpin Bowling is an Event which falls very well into the "Push Play" campaign and is even part of the Sport Taranaki's King of the Corporate Competition which is designed for businesses to get involved with the "Push Play" campaign.

With organisations like SPARC and the "Push Play" campaign we can create a better New Zealand by bettering ourselves.

If you know anyone who needs to take advantage of the "Push Play" campaign, make sure they visit www.pushplay.org.nz and take up the challenge. Get them to give Tenpin a go as part of their 30 minutes a day routine.

SPARC also aims to help our most talented sports people get to the top in international competition. Top level sport is becoming more and more intense and competitive, so SPARC gives our sports people every support they need to beat the world.



On my travels I also managed to find a great website for the kids too, visit www.hyperzine.co.nz and let the kids have fun, its educational and another fantastic programme run and produced by SPARC.

WCBA Rankings

At the moment, we are in the process of developing a WCBA Ranking List for all the WCBA supported/sponsored and local tournaments. This is going to take a little bit of time but it is underway and is expected to be out in early July.

The Ranking List is being developed for no other reason but some interesting reading at this stage, and it will give you the opportunity to see how you compare with the rest of the field.

It will be ranked on average alone and will include games from qualifying events as well as any masters events that bowlers have competed in.

COMING SOON TO WCBA NOTICE BOARDS

"Have a Ball" Tourney

Yes, that's right, the WCBA "Have a Ball" Tournament is back, at this stage it is scheduled for October and again we are aiming at over \$2,000 worth of bowling equipment to give away.

Entry forms will be out soon for all WCBA Members to register. Non-members will be required to pay the appropriate membership fee in order to play.

Last year, we had winners from all age groups (juniors, adults and seniors) and a reasonable even spread across both centres. Remember that this event is in 4 grades so you will compete against people of a similar ability and average. Keep your eyes out for entry forms soon and get in fast as spots are limited.

COMING SOON

Sport Wellington Helps with Coaching Tenpin

Recently, a group of WCBA members attended a Coaching NZ Level 1 course at Sport Wellington Region. This course is endorsed by SPARC and is a pre-requisite in order to qualify as an internationally affiliated (Tenpin Bowling Australia) Level 1 Tenpin Bowling Coach. The course was well attended by people from a variety of sports, including swimming, netball, volleyball, rugby, rugby league and judo. We even had a former professional rugby league player present that provided some interesting insights into coaching methods and such like. It was also heartening to know that all sports, whether minority or not, experience the same constraints as ours does but there are always people

prepared to put a little (or a lot!) extra in to overcome these. Topics covered in the course included teaching skills, injury and accident prevention, preparing for the "game", nutrition and others, and all found it extremely worthwhile.

The WCBA attendees of the course will be invited to complete their TBA Level 1 Coaching qualification in the near future. It will be great to have further coaching resources available to assist our members. The WCBA is grateful to Pub Charity for providing a grant to fund our attendance at this course.