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No April Fools

Traditionally today is a day to be wary, well it is up to midday, but this year the fun of the 1st of April has certainly been ripped out of the day as we prepare to enter week two of lockdown. We sit it out at home, moving our way through the various streaming platforms utilising the free trials the internet offers. Searching for both valuable information and a bit of comic relief to keep our spirits up. This enforced time also gives us all time to reflect on the past. The Club has been doing this, posting daily a photo of times gone past on facebook and viewing numbers are impressive. The Club and greens may be closed but members are still able to interact via the internet and they are certainly doing that as some of the photos in this issue show.



Feeding the duck (Warren Lush)



Ensuring the kids are safe.



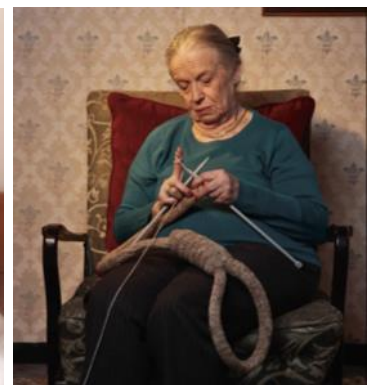
A bear or beer in the window (Richard Te Paa)



"Don't worry kids. I was cleaning out cupboard, and I found the family fortune".



Home made face mask, hope they are clean! (Daymon Pierson)



Knitting during lockdown. (Emmie Swart)

Facebook Updates

The Club will continue to utilise electronic means to update members. Facebook is the most timely means to update (<https://www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead/>). The regular Wednesday Bee Express will continue as long as we can.

Congratulations Ann Lepper
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Daylight Saving Ends Sunday

New Zealand daylight saving ends this coming Sunday, 5th April 2020. When you turn your clocks back, you may enjoy an extra hour of sleep. A little more shut-eye (and the threat of being an hour early cooking the wife some breakfast) isn't the only thing daylight saving time can signal. You'll also have an opportunity to **change the batteries in your smoke detectors**. You've probably heard this before, but it's worth repeating – take the time to make sure your smoke alarms are in working order and have fresh batteries. It's a fact, smoke alarms save lives.

You're Not Alone

We are aware we have a number of members out there on their own, please feel free to contact any member of the Board if you have any questions or just want a chat. If you would like a member to contact you on a regular bases during these times of uncertainty, just to say "hi" and check-up how you're going email secretary@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz or phone/txt 027 6661618 and we will pop you on the scheduled phone call list. The Club is here to assist all members were possible.

At Last!

After almost two months of inaction and numerous phone calls by both the Club and the primary school, not to mention the countless members of the public phoning to tell us about the leak in the entranceway. Work finally started on Monday to fix it. Just as well the leak is on the Watercare side of the meter so for once it is not the Club's cash flowing down the street, so much for water shortages.



World Championships Rescheduled

Reproduced from World Bowls 30 March 2020
 TODAY'S announcement of the rescheduled date of the previously postponed 2020 World Bowls Championships has been a great fillip for the bowls community. World Bowls is delighted to provide the new dates for the event, which has now been rescheduled for 2021 as agreed with the Host National Authority Bowls Australia, following their consultation with all major stakeholders.
The new dates for the event are as follows:
Practice days: Saturday 22 May – Monday 24 May 2021
Play Days: Tuesday 25 May – Sunday 6 June 2021
Rest Day: Monday 31 May 2021

Over the forthcoming months all those Member National Authorities who had previously confirmed their participation in the disciplines in the finalised field for these Championships will be requested to re-confirm their participation in the relevant disciplines and advise of any changes to their previously selected player(s) and playing positions. It is currently anticipated that deadlines for submission in these respects will follow similar timelines as before.

World Bowls take this opportunity to thank Bowls Australia, key stakeholders and all concerned parties for all their efforts and cooperation to reach agreement to the revised dates during what has been and continues to be a very difficult and concerning time for us all.

