

MERIMBULA-IMLAY LADIES BOWLING CLUB NEWS – 18/05/2017

District Fours:

Congratulations to our Merimbula-Imlay Ladies who were successful in winning the **District Open Fours** which were played at Bega on Thursday May 11th. The team consisted of **Cheryl Chase (Skip)**, **Joy Clarke (Third)**, **Kerrie Burns (Second)** and **Emma Pettit (Lead)**. The team will now play in Moruya in early June at the Regional Play-off. Good Luck Girls.

Congratulations also to the Runners-Up in the Senior Fours – the team of Alison Hof (Skip), Margaret Philistin (Third), Felicity White (Second) and Joy Scott (Lead) were defeated by the Tura team skipped by Pam Reynolds, but certainly made Tura work hard for their win. Well done girls.

Mavis Meadowcroft Bowl for Cancer Day:

This Annual Event was held on Wednesday May 3rd, with the greens coming alive with 78 bowlers, many wearing “something pink” in honour of this special day.

President Felicity welcomed the many visitors, both male and female, with some Interstate bowlers helping to swell the numbers. Our local ladies showed their cooking expertise, by providing numerous yummy cakes and slices, which formed part of the luncheon.

The game itself was a “Joe's Special” , where bowlers select a disc which directs them to their rink of play, and the color designates which team they are a member of.

The three prizewinners on the day each managed a score of 19 points, but on a countback decided by ends won, the winners were Ross Orsborn (Skip) from Tura Beach, Cathy Kane (Second) from Bombala and Geraldine Shea (Lead) from Merimbula-Imlay. Congratulation to these three players, whose name will be engraved on the Shield.

A big “Thank You” to all the ladies who provided gifts for the raffle table, and also to our Social Committee Ladies who, as always, worked tirelessly to provide the delicious morning tea and luncheon.

The ladies were successful in raising an amount of \$1,300 which will be donated to the Cancer Council. **Thank you to everyone who made this day such a success!**



L to R: Shield Winners - Ross Orsborn (Skip), Cathy Kane (Second) and Geraldine Shea (Lead) are congratulated by President Felicity White

2017 DOLPHIN PAIRS:

The first major Tournament has been conducted on our new carpet greens and under “The Dome”. 46 teams of Ladies from Victoria, NSW and our local ladies played 5 games of 16 ends, with the first fill consisting of 30 teams commencing play at 8:30am and the remaining 16 teams commencing their play at around 2 pm.

Friday April 30th saw a chilly morning progress into a fine sunny day, but by evening the players were certainly feeling the cold again. This did not deter the players, and spectators were treated to some very close contests. The following day was also fine, and not quite so cold in the evening.

As is usually the case in these Tournaments, the leader board was constantly changing. Some of our local teams had some very large winning margins in one or two of their games, only to find themselves losing a game by only one shot. After the completion of the 5 games, there remained only one undefeated team, with a second team having 4 wins and 1 draw. One of our local team of “newer” bowlers, did not lose a game, but could manage only to draw two of their games. Well done to Kirsty Woods and Mandy Miller. We are sure that you will be up in the prizewinners in the near future.

Winners of the Tournament, with 5 wins and a shot margin of 56 were Karen Chenney (Orbost) and her cousin Carol Hoffman (North Albury). Congratulations to these two ladies, who have been coming to this event for a number of year.

2nd place, with 4 wins and a draw, went to another pair of regular players and prizewinners, **Annabel Gammon (Tathra Beach) and Lyn McMahon (Adaminaby)** whose shot margin was 39.

3rd place was decided on percentages, with both teams having 4 wins, and a narrow loss. Our local team of **Alison Hof and Joy Scott** managed to scrape home from **4th** placed locals **Joy Clarke and Emma Pettit** by a percentage of 0.36, both having shot margins of 54.

5th place went to last years winners, again the local duo of **Cheryl Chase and Kerrie Burns**, who were leading after 4 games but suffered the narrowest of defeats in the final game, and ended with a shot margin of 40 points.

6th place saw a tie, even on percentages, between the teams led by Cherie Dean (Tura Beach) and Di Moody (Malua Bay), who both had shot margins of 39, and had 4 wins and 1 loss each.

A huge “THANK YOU!” must go to Michael Wilks, who ensured that this event ran smoothly Michael was at the Club from almost sunrise to well after sunset on Friday, Saturday and also Sunday.

Special “Thank Yous” also to **Ron Douglas and Don Pope**, who also spent their days watching the ladies bowl whilst carrying out Umpire duties as required. Also to the ladies who helped make the event so successful, providing early morning tea, and selling raffle tickets. Thank you everyone.



L to R: 1st Carol Hoffman and Karen Chenney, 2nd Annabel Gammon and Lyn McMahon, 3rd Ali Hof and Joy Scott

2017 Ladies Club Championship:

The **Semi-Finals of our Ladies Singles Championship** were played in the morning of Sunday April 23rd, with **Cheryl Chase playing Gerry Nott**, and **Joy Scott facing Alison Hof**.

What a great display of bowling these four ladies provided for the large group of spectators gathered on the viewing platform.

Cheryl and Gerry were the first to complete their game, with Gerry managing to stay ahead of Cheryl for the majority of the game. Despite Cheryl's best efforts, she was only able to narrow the score to a margin of two, before Gerry once again produced some match winning shots to take the game 25 shots to 16.

Alison and Joy were there for the long haul. Joy started off the better of the two, and had a handy lead early in the game, but Alison managed to produce some of her winning shots and soon managed to lead 12 shots to 11. Joy found her draw, and the ladies traded winning shots for a number of ends with Alison just keeping her head in front as the score reached the low twenties. Joy was not to be outdone, and picked up three shots to lead Alison 24 to 23. The final end saw Alison obtain the necessary two shots that were needed for her to claim the match, winning 25 shots to 24. What a game!!!!

The **Final between Gerry Nott and Alison Hof** was played in the afternoon, and proved to be just as gripping.

Alison started the game drawing shots extremely well, and it looked as though she might have a runaway victory, leading 13 to 3 at one point. Gerry however, is not one to give up, and got her draw game flowing better, along with the odd "jack in the ditch", to apply the pressure.

Excitement grew as the score reached 20 shots each. Alison scored one on the next end, but Gerry managed 2 on the following end. Another shot on the next end to Gerry, and Alison found herself match down on the following end with Gerry holding 2 shots, but Alison managed to take out one of these with her last bowl. The final end played saw some nervous initial bowls, but Gerry steadied and drew a good shot bowl, which Alison was unable to beat. The Final score was Gerry 25 to Alison 21.



Congratulations Gerry Nott – Our 2017 Club Champion!

60th ANNIVERSARY OF MIWBC:

What a celebration of this special occasion! Combined with President's Day for Felicity White, and with many of the Club's Past Presidents in attendance, everyone who was lucky enough to be present on this day would agree that it was a very memorable event.

The Ladies Management Committee must be commended for their efforts. Everything, from the floral arrangements, to the table decorations, the program and gift for each member, the Anniversary Cake (which was made at Club Sapphire), not forgetting the main meal, the video display, and the magnificent banners – what a wonderful presentation.

Congratulations to all who had in any way contributed to make this day such a wonderful success.

After a chat over morning tea, the ladies gathered on our new carpet green for a photo with the magnificent banner, created by Anne Lavender, with the names of current members and many past Presidents embroidered thereon.



64 bowlers, including the Regional Representative, Lorraine Mitchell from Narooma, and former member Julie Smith, who now resides in Wagga, then played a game of Fours until the bell, following which everyone gathered in the Auditorium for a celebratory drink before sitting down at the beautifully decorated tables for lunch.

The emcee for the afternoon was our Secretary, Margaret Philistin, who ably led the proceedings. President Felicity, assisted by former President Beth Wilson, cut the magnificent Anniversary Cake, which was then enjoyed as dessert. Vice-President Jeanette Shimeld told us of the evolvement of the Merimbula-Imlay Ladies Club through its sixty year history.



President Felicity and Life Member Margaret King chat with Club Members



President Felicity and Past President Beth Wilson cut the Anniversary Cake



The beautifully decorated tables



Members and Guests enjoy the Luncheon

R: The Banner showing History of the Club which was prepared by Jeanette Shimeld



Past Women's Club Presidents:

L to R: Beth Wilson, Gwen Douglas, Joan Clements, Margaret Beglen, Gwen Mackenzie, Margaret King and Susie Foote

LADIES CLUB TRIPLES FINAL:

What an exciting Final! Played on Sunday March 12th, it was not until the last bowl was played that the Winners were decided.

The team of **Emma Pettit (Skip)**, **Tina Croker (Second)** and **Karen Wilks (Lead)** got off to a great start, picking up 4 shots early in the game, to lead 7 to 1 after 4 ends. However, the team of **Sue Finn (Skip)**, **Viv Croker (Second)** and **Lorraine Symington (Lead)** settled down, and after 7 ends the score stood at 7 apiece. Each team won one of the next two ends, then Sue's team played some great bowls to find themselves in the lead by 6 shots with 5 ends to play.

Emma's team also regrouped, and played some good bowls, winning three of the next four ends. After the 17th end, Sue's team were ahead by 4 shots. What a finish on the 18th end, with Emma's team drawing so that when the Skips went to the head, they were holding at least 3 shots in the head. Emma played three great bowls, adding to the number they were holding. No pressure Sue!! With her last bowl Sue cut out 5 of the bowls in the head, leading her team to victory by 3 shots. **Well played to all the ladies!!!**



2017 LADIES TRIPLES CHAMPIONS

Lead Lorraine Symington, Second Viv Croker and Skip Sue Finn



2017 LADIES TRIPLES RUNNERS-UP

Skip Emma Pettit, Second Tina Croker and Lead Karen Wilks

REGIONAL TRIPLES AND PAIRS PLAY-OFF:

This event was conducted at Jindabyne on March 13th and 14th.

How proud we are of our **Merimbula-Imlay Triples team, Cheryl Chase (skip), Joy Clarke (second) and Kerrie Burns (lead)** who were successful in capturing the title of **Regional Winners**, and will now compete in the **State Finals** in October at Taren Point.

Congratulations also to the Tura Beach duo of Pam Reynolds (Skip) and Jan Duncombe (Lead) who are the Regional Open Pairs Winners, and who will also contest the State Play-offs.

Well done Bega-Imlay District!

2017 LADES CLUB FOURS CHAMPIONS DECIDED:

The Final of this event was played on Wednesday February 1st, and spectators were treated to a great evening of bowling. There can only be one winner, and to decide who would be the 2017 Ladies Fours Champions, it was necessary to play an extra end.

What a great Final. Congratulation to all who participated.



2017 FOURS CHAMPIONS:

Lead Tina Croker, Second Leanne Swingler, Third Kirsty Woods and Skip Gerry Not



2017 FOURS RUNNERS-UP

Lead Maureen McArdle, Second Felicity White, Third Joy Scott and Skip Alison Hof

Coming Events:

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday July 19th.