

The Beach Haven Bowler

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Beach Haven Bowling Club**
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THE FIRST BOWL.....

Morris Pita delivers the first Bowl for the season with impeccable style (and accuracy!) watched by anxious members. The well documented and much discussed problems and subsequent concerns with our green have been largely dispelled with the appearance of fresh new growth following a considerable amount of work by Morris and others over the past few months. All we need now is a bit of warm weather and with luck we should be ready for the Pennants programme starting early October.

A New Season Begins!!!!

The 2015/16 season opened for us on September 5th with a well attended ceremony with VIP guests Jonathan Coleman, Kay McIntyre, George Wood, Bill Plunkett (BLT), Emma Moyle (Ray White), John Morgan (President Bowls NH), Members of NH Delegates and visiting members from Birkenhead, Northcote and Glenfield Clubs. In addressing us, Jonathan, in his capacity as Minister for Sport, urged us to maintain our efforts to ensure the Club continues to play a part in Beach Haven Community activities. On-going support from the Kaipatiki Board was expressed by Kay both in terms of resources and in aiding and abetting the removal of the last of the gum trees by the Parks Department. (We continue to live in hope!) Recognition was made by all speakers of the contribution made by Morris Pita to the maintenance of the green under very, very trying circumstances.

As usual the catering was more suitable for feeding the 5,000 rather than our numbers and much was distributed among the members who remained for the social gathering following the meeting. Judging from

the general noise and laughter we are in for another fun-filled season in the fine traditions of the Mighty Haven.

Ray Anderson has "volunteered" to take up the Treasurer's role this year and our thanks go to John for his sterling work in past years.

Membership

In the long term the Club will succeed or fail based on its ability to attract new members. A new format for Club publicity has been created including Posters and a Pamphlet extolling the benefits of membership. Please ensure you obtain a few of these pamphlets on your next visit to the Club for handing out to prospective members. Our thanks go to Bernie and Alliance Print for their sponsorship of the Pamphlets. Membership Application forms and Handbooks are available from Maisie.

Nola (The Bowler) and Jean-Jeanie have already spent some time distributing Posters & Pamphlets to the shops and business houses in Birkdale, Beach Haven and along Beach Haven Road. Our thanks go to them both for this effort, sometimes in the most inclement conditions.

We also give a very warm welcome to Maisie in her new role as Secretary.

Ricky and his Match Convenor's team have set out our Tournament Schedule for the season that can be viewed in the new Silver/Grey Member's Handbooks along with contact details for the membership.

All other roles remain as for last year including House Manager (Don) and Bar Staffing (Badger and helpers). Our thanks go to all those concerned.

2015 Pennants Competition

In the true spirit of our mixed Lady's and Men's membership we are entering an Any Combination (A/C) team this year which basically means we can field a 9 player team comprising a mix from all Ladies or all Men to any combination of both. This is the same format as for the mid-week tournaments at Sunnybrae that has proved extremely successful.

Play is between 8.30 and midday and commences on Saturday 3rd October on a weekly basis (excluding 24th October – Labour Weekend) until 7th November. Finals day is Sunday 22nd November - should we make it!

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