

# Lincoln Bowling Bulletin 2



Thanks for the positive feedback to the first newsletter. Wow what a night we had on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July! We had the well planned and organised prize giving which was mixed between the men and women with Lois and Bruce making sure it went smoothly. Thanks to our Patron John Stalker for presenting both men's and lady's trophies with our life member Jean Hewitt being unwell on the night and for taking the executive photographs for the website. Congratulations to all the trophy winners. The club's new executive had arranged for the members and their partners to enjoy, not only a Karaoke evening, but also a "Happy Hour" from 5-6pm which was really appreciated with most members arriving early to make the most of it! Thanks to Bar Manager Keith who made mulled wine to his secret recipe and that went down a treat! Everyone agreed that the pot luck dinner was delicious and remarked on how amazing it is that there is always such a great selection to choose from without any organisation among the contributors. The Karaoke host-Lance Kiwi-got everyone singing along. It began with one or two getting behind the microphone and before long groups were on their feet belting out old favourites. The words of the songs were put up on the big screen so easily seen by everyone in the room.



An impressive spontaneous choir

It not up to the Editor to name all the talent that was revealed but I must mention the young lady who was a daughter of one of the members, plus our club's secret singing member who had to be coerced into getting behind the microphone and who then sang like any pop artist. He kept his real name secret and used the alias of Charlie, Jack, and even Jill, so it is not the Editor's place, however tempting it might be, to reveal his real identity. Perhaps instead of a future raffle we could arrange for a guessing game of who he was? At say \$5.00 a guess, the prize could be three weeks on the Coast and second prize a month, travel not included. This arrangement has not yet been agreed to by the Executive. There were times when a chorus, to use a term, made up of several singers (to use another term) gathered spontaneously, almost like magic (see above). We had duets made up of the Impossible or Improbable TWO, a couple of Trio's made up of a Surprising THREE. Plus the ODD ONE'S who just happened to remember a song or two. One couple sang their wedding song, which could be a few years ago since their daughter sang as well! **Please note: None of the stage names have been used!** Some may be recognised in the above photograph. The question is could they all sing? The jury is out deciding the answer but in the meantime the Editor says NO COMMENT! Why spoil someone's dream of becoming a famous pop star?

Everyone who attended agreed it was a great night and went home buzzing. Plans are underway to organise a similar event for our Xmas celebration this year! It seems very likely that the club has a lot more talent yet to be revealed? New World sponsored one of the raffles with an \$80 gift card. It was won by Brian Williamson. The meat raffle had 6 prizes and then Pat Weeks auctioned a further four meat prizes which led to a lot of competition between Maggie, Jane A. and Pauline. Thanks to the members in the kitchen who arranged for the food to not only get to the club but to also spread it out on very well decorated tables and also to mention the ones, and there were many, who tidied it all up with the minimum of fuss or bother. All overseen by Evelyn our hard working kitchen convenor. Maurice called for volunteers for the dishes who are traditionally men but with assistance this time. Let's not forget to thank the Karaoke man- Lance Kiwi -or Keith who was the last to leave after the Karaoke had been packed up and the club house was once again tidy and locked up. Keith, Evelyn, Lynore and Dave K. were back at the club at 10am Sunday morning to rearrange the furniture and complete the clean up. It was a bit disappointing that only around 50 of our members took advantage of the great night but perhaps the cold weather put them off.

Congratulations to Lynore Weeks for obtaining her Bar Managers Certificate which has now been placed on the wall in the bar. Brian O'Connor has chosen not to renew his certificate after several years of bar duties but is still willing to help out when needed. Enjoy your (almost) retirement from the bar Brian and thanks for all those drinks served! At the recent end of season rugby celebration the bar takings were \$1,000 over a period of two hours. That kept Keith and Lynore flat out serving and restocking the fridge. Excellent for the club's income though so well worth it! At the recent AGM it was suggested that the bar duties should return to the old system of a roster where a number of people would take a turn at opening and serving behind the bar. Our local licensing inspector- Malcolm Johnston- has pointed out that under our club license whenever the bar is open a duty manager's name must be displayed and although he/she does not actually have to be there they must be made aware that the bar is open and if necessary be able to be there within 15 minutes. If the licensing inspector or the police call in to check that the terms of our club license are being kept and they are NOT the duty manager is liable for a \$10,000 fine and the club may lose it's license, albeit temporarily. This

includes things like serving already intoxicated people or not asking for ID and checking age when younger people want to buy alcohol, or even those who are involved in an accident (even if it is not their fault) after leaving the club, if they blow over the limit.

Dave Foskett, Keith Thompson and Noel Golan went off to town recently to look at the options available for lawn mowers and edgers and settled on a Ryobi battery edge cutter from Bunnings and a discounted Lawnmaster rotary mower from Mitre 10 with a bottle of oil and a petrol container added free. Dave F also reports that a visit by the Tiger Turf SI manager (Adam Cherrie) and bowls specialist (Ross Galloway) has been arranged for the 27<sup>th</sup> July to assess/discuss the issues associated with the artificial green and plan the best way forward. Dave, Lynton Withell and Neville Lancaster will attend the meeting. Further to Dave's request for helpers to roll the grass green with full training given he only received one offer of help so the request is repeated here. Please contact Dave F. if you can help in any way. Remember many hands make light work!!!

Dave Kelly has also swung into action around the club house. Plans are being made for a wall to be built outside the men's toilet. The notice board and the TV will be moved around to the side wall. He is collating all the sponsors and will have them circulating continuously on the TV above the noticeboard. Members have been adding to his list of the changes they would like to see completed and he's still smiling even though the list is a long one! He and Bill Wilson are in discussions about the club's IT infrastructure and how to update the systems. It is beyond the editor's capabilities to explain further about IT but I'm sure Dave will answer any queries members have.

Margaret McDrury-our centre delegate-attended the Bowls Canterbury AGM. She reported back that the motion put forward to delete clearance certificates was defeated by a secret ballot. A copy of the Bowls Canterbury Constitution is available for anyone interested by contacting the secretary who will email you a copy.

Our membership numbers have risen to 150 members with 7 new women and 10 men joining the club last season. There are already two membership forms filled in to go to the next executive meeting for approval. Membership forms

are available from the secretary or in a folder in the office if you have someone who wishes to be nominated. Soon it will be time to pay your membership fees for the 22-23 season. We wish Norma Read a speedy recovery having heard she has had a trip to hospital and congratulate Daniel Harris on his 30kg weight loss to improve his health.

The Editor



John Stalker-Club Patron