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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Welcome to the 2005 Bowling Season; may you all enjoy a great summer of bowling and all the games, tournaments and social events that our Games team and Executive have planned for you. It promises to be an exciting year.

This past six months the presidency of your Club has afforded some joyful moments, a busy schedule and some frustration. It has become evident that many members apparently do not read the mailings that are sent out. This has made it very difficult for the Executive to conduct the Club's business. In particular, in the last mailing, two extremely important forms were included for all members to return with their membership fees:

- 1) The information release form and
- 2) Your volunteer form. I regret to say that a great number of members have neglected to return either of these forms.

The first deals with the *Personal Information Privacy Act*, with which we must comply. I am sure that in most cases it is an oversight, but those of you who have forgotten to return the release form giving permission to publish your phone number in the Bowls South Island Directory give us no alternative but to assume that your answer is "NO". This in turn will make it difficult for your fellow members to contact you regarding bowling information, arranging games and tournaments, and the phoning committee will not be able to advise you of the upcoming social events at our Club for the year.

Please, please be sure that you really wanted to say "NO"!!! Forms are available in Anderson House, but we **MUST HAVE THEM IN BY THE MAY 1, 2005 DEADLINE, or your phone number will not be listed.**

The second issue is volunteering. I cannot believe that so many expect so few to do all the work, and again I am convinced that it was an oversight in not returning this form. If we have to resort to hiring people to do the jobs that historically have been filled by willing volunteers, our membership fees will rise considerably. I am sure that none of us want to see that happen. Again forms are available in Anderson House. On behalf of the Executive, many thanks for your attention to these two vital matters.

Mickey

Prim Wood just returned from a 3 week vacation in Australia. While in Perth prim AND Son Allen managed to get in a couple of days of Lawn Bowling.

Prim brought home a couple of jokes and the following Poem, which was written, on a tea towel:
(The Aussies call the "Jack" Kitty)

Bowls

My husband took up bowling
And he bragged upon the phone
About some wench called Kitty
Whom he couldn't leave alone
He played with Kitty
He stayed with Kitty
He picked her up without a hitch
He missed Kitty

He kissed Kitty
He even lay beside her in the ditch

So I took up bowling to
Win my hubby back
And found what he could
Do with Kitty
I could do with Jack

AGE WILL NOT WEARY THEM

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement village were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turned to the other and said 'Slim', I'm 83 years of age and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel? Slim" replied, "I feel just like a new born baby." Really? Like a new born baby?
Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants"

Beware the Silent Ones

Mildred, the church gossip, and self appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old utility parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told George and several others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend or deny. He said nothing. Later that evening, George quietly parked his utility in front of Mildred's house, walked home and left it there all night.

SHORT MAT - 2004/05

The second session of Short Mat went well. Harnam Grewal and Joan Firkins won the Pairs and Murray Robertson won the Singles. Harnam and Joan, having won the Pairs in the first session, were automatically the Trophy winners. In a play-off for the Singles Harnam beat Murray for the Trophy.

I would like to thank all those who participated and who helped to make the tournament a success, with a special thank you to Murray Robertson, who kept the mat vacuumed and aligned throughout the Season, to Ted Todd who was responsible for the Score Charts, and to Pat Metcalfe who was always available with a helping hand when required.

Marion Woiblet

Daily Draws

Jon Magwood presented a large calendar, which will be displayed in Anderson House, and on which members may sign up for the dates that they are willing to volunteer as draw master.

QUANTAS GRIPE SHEET

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems,

document their repairs on the form, & then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots & the solutions recorded by maintenance

engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P= the problem logged by the pilot.)

(S= the solution and action taken by mechanics.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, & be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget

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