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Memo to Club Secretaries

1. Bowls Canterbury Singles

Recently we had difficulty obtaining sufficient greens for our open singles. Some Clubs made their greens available on the condition that they did not provide markers, while some Clubs did not make their greens available at all.

For several years, finding markers has been an on-going problem for our Operations Committee and Bowls Canterbury will determine a strategy to deal with this issue. Could all Clubs please review this matter at an Executive level, so this matter can be discussed at the December delegates meeting. Bring your own marker was not a desirable situation for the participants.

2. Delegates meeting

The next delegates meeting will be held at the Burnside Bowling Club on Wednesday 7 December 2011 commencing at 7pm.

3. Handbook

We have a number of Centre Handbooks remaining and these are a must have. These can be purchased at the Centre Office for \$5.

4. Handbook- Junior pairs

The heading on page 133 of the Centre handbook should read JUNIOR PAIRS not JUNIOR MIXED PAIRS.

For the sake of clarity, pair's teams can be any combination.

5. International Technical Officials

World Bowls are seeking applications from suitably qualified umpires who wish to be accredited as International Technical Officials.

The Bowls NZ "Vision for Umpiring" outlines the pathway and this can be downloaded from the Bowls NZ website. With the World Bowls scheduled for Christchurch in 2016, there is a target of at least 40 ITOs to be accredited locally.

Application must complete the required application, International Technical Official Accredited Application form that is available from the BNZ website or from the office of Bowls Canterbury. Applications need to be received at Bowls New Zealand by Friday 9 December 2011.

6. Hyundai National Open Championships, Auckland

The close off date for entries has now been extended to Wednesday 9th November 2011.

7. Standard of dress – Bowls Canterbury events

Bowls Canterbury is concerned that the standard of dress for Centre events has slipped and we intend to implement the following clothing and footwear policy. We need to adhere to a reasonable standard of dress and propose to enforce the policy after a short grace period.

Players clothing and footwear and clothing must comply with the provisions of Bowls New Zealand Regulation 1 and the Laws of the Sport.

7.1 Player's footwear

Flat soled and heelless shoes or sandals may be worn when playing on a bowling green. Soles may be of a non-slip material with a slightly abrasive surface.

7.2 Players clothing

Players in singles, and members of teams or sides must wear garments of the same colour and design, and as determined by the Bowls Canterbury controlling body who may impose conditions relating to sponsors logos' to ensure there is no conflict with a tournament sponsor.

Bowling gloves may be worn at any time when playing bowls.

8. Representative fixture

Congratulations go to our women's representative teams in defeating Marlborough at Kaikoura last Wednesday for the Marjorie Gundry trophy.

9. Staff

Bowls Canterbury has appointed Jimmy Sinclair as Regional Development Officer following the resignation of Rebecca Maurice who is now employed by Canterbury Hockey. Jimmy started on Tuesday 25 October and he has a degree in Sports Coaching.

Jimmy will be involved with event management, coaching, talent development, umpires and greenkeepers and will have a Regional focus with the Southern Regional Centre.

10. Venues - Earthquake affected greens

Please note venues for interclub events where greens have been planed or are earthquake affected:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Belfast	Morrison Avenue	Burwood Park	Dallington
ChCH - Richmond	Bowls Woolston & Papanui Club	Edgware	Morrison Avenue
Kaiapoi Riverside	Rangiora	Linwood	Bowls Woolston
Mt Pleasant	Bowls Woolston	Parklands	St Albans-Merivale
Redcliffs	Bowls Woolston	Shirley	Bowls Papanui
Sumner	Bowls Woolston	Sydenham	Barrington United

The Bowls Canterbury green at Fendalton may be available to Clubs if required including casual play. Enquiries to 351 2070 business hours.

11. Water restrictions

Level 3 restrictions are in place for Christchurch due to the Christchurch City Councils water infrastructure systems being badly damaged in the earthquakes.

Council has indicated that they would like as many outdoor sports facilities as possible to be available for use this summer, but to align with the restrictions now in place. Council need the support of bowling clubs.

Council have asked if Clubs can water bowling greens at night between 10pm and 6am and reduce the normal watering cycle by 10 per cent.

12. Scorecards

Clubs are reminded that Bowls Canterbury has stocks of oriented score cards for sale. The cost to clubs is \$12.50 for 250 standard cards.

13. Special Meeting

A special meeting of Bowls Canterbury will be held at Burnside Bowling Club on 16 November commencing at 7pm. Club Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates are invited to attend. The business of the meeting is to receive an outline by Denis Mowbray on his report.

“A Strategic Review of the Status of Bowling Clubs and Identification of options for the Delivery of Bowls in the Christchurch Region.

14. Sports Canterbury Awards

We are pleased to report that Jo Edwards is a sports award finalist in the Sportswoman of the year to be held at the Canterbury CBS Arena on Friday 4 November. Jo is currently participation in the World Bowls Champion of Champion Singles in Hong Kong.

15. Youth Committee

We are seeking volunteers to assist us with the implementation and delivery of key services and the running of events associated with youth bowls. We need to recruit youth friendly coaches and volunteers. If you are interested and can help please contact our Regional Development Officer, Jimmy Sinclair.

16. Website

We are currently experiencing technical problems with our website. We apologise for this and regret any inconvenience caused. We expect to be back to normal early next week.

18. Club member communications

Please on send this circular to your members with email.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C P Reynolds', with a large, stylized flourish at the bottom.

C P Reynolds
Regional Chief Executive